

REGULAR MEETING
CYPRESS CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 22, 2024
3:30 P.M. – Workshop/Closed Session
5:00 P.M. – General Session
6:00 P.M. – Public Hearing

A regular meeting of the Cypress City Council was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Mayor Minikus in the Executive Board Room, 5275 Orange Avenue, Cypress, California.

ROLL CALL

Cypress City Council, also acting as the Ex-Officio Governing Board of Directors of the Cypress Recreation and Park District

Mayor Scott Minikus
Mayor Pro Tem Bonnie Peat
Council Member David Burke
Council Member Anne Mallari
Council Member Frances Marquez – arrived at 3:31 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Peter Grant
City Attorney Fred Galante
Director of Recreation and Community Services Jeff Draper
Public Works Director Doug Dancs
Chief of Police Mark Lauderback
City Clerk Alisha Farnell

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON WORKSHOP/ CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None.

WORKSHOP SESSION

Options to Increase Capacity for High Demand Summer Programs

The Director of Recreation and Community Services provided a report on this item.

City Council discussion ensued.

No action was taken.

Update Park Regulations

The Director of Recreation and Community Services provided a report on this item.

City Council discussion ensued.

No action was taken.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Attorney stated that the City Council would convene in Closed Session to discuss the following items:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Fortis LLP v. Frances Marquez, City of Cypress

Case No. 30-2022-01277792-CU-WM-CJC

Orange County Superior Court

THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Consultation with: Cypress Police Department, Chief of Police

Mayor Minikus recessed the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

RECONVENE

Mayor Minikus reconvened the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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STAFF PRESENT

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City Attorney Fred Galante

Director of Finance and Administrative Services Matt Burton

Director of Public Works Doug Dancs

Director of Recreation and Community Services Jeff Draper

Chief of Police Mark Lauderback

Planning Director Alicia Velasco

City Clerk Alisha Farnell

City Engineer Nick Mangkalakiri

Information Technology Manager Adrian Smith
Network Administrator Rheza Sanusi
Police Lieutenant Scott Ausmus

INVOCATION Pastor Trevor Cooper, First Baptist Church of Cypress, led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Council Member Burke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION / WORKSHOP

The City Attorney reported that the City Council held a Workshop Session regarding the Options to Increase Capacity for High Demand Summer Programs and received an update on Park Regulations. He further stated the City Council met in Closed Session regarding the first item listed on the agenda, namely Conference with Legal Counsel – existing litigation, the matter of Fortis LLP v. Frances Marquez. The City Attorney stated Council Member Marquez recused herself from the item and exited the room. The remaining Council received an update and no further reportable action was taken.

Regarding the second Closed Session item, namely Threat to Public Services or Facilities, the City Attorney stated the City Council will reschedule the item to a future meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND REMARKS

Mayor Minikus spoke regarding the January 10, 2024 City Council meeting and invited his colleagues to speak.

Council Member Burke responded to comments made by Mayor Minikus at the January 10 City Council meeting.

Council Member Marquez responded to comments made by Mayor Minikus at the January 10 City Council meeting.

Council Member Mallari spoke regarding the January 10 City Council meeting and recommended an admonishment of Mayor Minikus be added to the next City Council meeting agenda.

City Council discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Peat spoke regarding the January 10 City Council meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Wanda Youngsma, Cypress, spoke regarding Agenda Item No. 1.

Bob Youngsma, Cypress, spoke regarding Agenda Item No. 8.

Ed Kraemer, Cypress, spoke regarding January 10 City Council meeting interactions.

Glenn Button, Cypress, spoke regarding Agenda item No. 8 and January 10 City Council meeting interactions.

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.

Item No. 8: Conduct a Public Hearing to Take Testimony Regarding the Composition of Potential City Council Election Districts

Mayor Minikus opened the Public Hearing.

The City's consultant, National Demographics Corporation, provided a presentation on this item.

City Council asked questions of the consultant.

Mayor Minikus invited members of the public to speak on this item.

Ed Kraemer, Cypress, expressed concerns regarding citizen input and consideration of property owners near Lexington Park.

Bob Youngsma, Cypress, spoke regarding City Council input on district map boundaries.

Helen Le, Cypress, spoke regarding inclusion of all resident ideas for maps and timeline for map submissions.

No further public comments were made.

Mayor Minikus closed the Public Hearing.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are to be approved with one motion unless a Council Member requests separate action on a specific item.

Mayor Minikus stated that Agenda Item No. 7, the Warrant Register, includes electronic fund transfer No. 14009 for \$294.34 and electronic fund transfer No. 14161 for \$294.34 as reimbursement for medical coverage he is entitled to receive as a CalPERS annuitant. He indicated that in voting for any motion to approve the Warrants Register, he would not be voting on electronic fund transfers No. 14009 and No. 14161 for the reason disclosed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peat, and seconded by Council Member Mallari, to approve Consent Calendar items No. 1 through 7.

The motion was unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Burke, Mallari, Marquez, Peat and Minikus
NOES: 0 COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: 0 COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

Item No. 1: Receive and File Public Comments Submitted for the January 22, 2024 City Council Meeting

Recommendation: Receive and file submitted public comments.

Item No. 2: Introduce and/or Adopt All Ordinances and Resolutions Presented for Consideration by Title Only and to Waive Further Reading

Item No. 3: Approve Plans and Specifications for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at City Facilities, Project 321

Recommendation: Approve plans and specifications for electric vehicle charging stations at City facilities, Project 321.

Item No. 4: Approve the Purchase of Replacement Computers and Software

Recommendation:

1. Approve a purchase 156 replacement computers form Fell Marketing LP for \$183,930.31
2. Approve a three-year Microsoft Office 365 Subscription with Dell Marketing LP for \$142,683.

Item No. 5: Receive an Update on the Strategic Plan Six-Month Objectives

Recommendation: Receive an update on the Strategic Plan six-month objectives.

Item No. 6: Receive and File the Investment Report for the Month Ended December 31, 2023

Recommendation: Receive and file the attached investment report.

Item No. 7: Receive and File Register of Warrants, Transfers, and Wires Issued for the Period of October 7, 2023 through January 5, 2024.

Recommendation: Receive and file the attached payment register summarized below for the period of October 7, 2023 through January 5, 2024:

- Electronic Funds Transfers 13877 through 14380
- Warrants 63670 through 64334

- Payroll Transfers W1513 through W1519

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Carolyn Balagot, Cypress, spoke regarding civility policy and Mayor and Council Member comments during the January 10 meeting.

Marilyn Reames, Cypress, spoke regarding destructive and negative comments made at City Council meetings.

Ed Kraemer, Cypress, spoke regarding policing-style leadership, Lexington Park design and outreach process.

Leo Medrano, Cypress, spoke in support of City Council's decision to settle CVRA lawsuit.

David Festa, Cypress, spoke in opposition to CVRA and by-district elections and thanked Mayor Minikus for voting no on settlement lawsuit.

Pearl Boelter, Cypress, spoke regarding CVRA and the safe and well-maintained nature of Cypress.

Beth Culver, Cypress, spoke regarding CVRA and thanked Mayor Minikus.

Harumi Lucak, Cypress, spoke regarding CVRA lawsuit and January 10 meeting.

Bob Youngsma, Cypress, spoke regarding Mayor's comments at the January 10 meeting.

Clare Chu, Cypress, spoke in support of Mayor Minikus.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS FROM CITY-AFFILIATED BOARDS AND COMMITTEES AND REMARKS**Council Member Burke:**

Attended Cal Cities Environmental Quality policy committee meeting and will provide an update at a future meeting.

Council Member Marquez:

Spoke regarding fire incident that occurred at the Cypress Monterey condominiums.

Council Member Mallari:

Thanked OCFA Chief Dohman and his staff for their response to fire that occurred at the Cypress Monterey condominiums.

Mayor Minikus:

No report.

COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Council Member Burke requested an item to consider sanctions of Mayor Minikus for statements at the January 10 City Council meeting. Council Member Marquez supported this item.

Council Member Mallari requested an item to admonish Mayor Minikus for statements at the January 10 City Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Peat and Mayor Minikus supported this item.

Council Member Marquez requested an item to consider Reorganization of the City Council to appoint a new Mayor. Council Member Burke supported this item.

The City Attorney stated that per the City Council's policy for adding items to an agenda, those items receiving support from one additional Council Member would be brought forward to the next meeting as a discussion item and those items receiving support from two or more additional Council Members would be brought forward to the next meeting for action.

CITY MANAGER REMARKS

Reminded City Council that a Special Meeting will occur on January 29, 2024.

The City Attorney spoke regarding Oral Communications.

Council Member Mallari asked questions of the City Attorney regarding communication with the community regarding the map drawing process.

ADJOURNMENT – IN MEMORY OF LONGTIME CYPRESS RESIDENTS JANET SPURGEON AND GLORIA LIVINGSTON

By motion of Mayor Pro Tem Peat, and seconded by Council Member Mallari, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. inside the Executive Board Room.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CYPRESS

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CYPRESS