

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
UPLAND CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 25, 2019**

OPENING

The regular meeting of the Upland City Council was called to order by Mayor Debbie Stone at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Upland City Hall.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Debbie Stone, Council Members Janice Elliott, Ricky Felix, Bill Velto, and Rudy Zuniga

Staff: City Manager Jeannette Vagnozzi, City Attorney James L. Markman, and City Clerk Keri Johnson

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA None

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Karen May, expressed support for city employees and offered assistance to facilitate a labor agreement.

4. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:03 p.m. Mayor Stone announced the City Council would recess to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section

A. GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency designated representatives: Legal Counsel Edward Zappia and City Manager Jeannette Vagnozzi

Employee organizations: Upland Mid-Management Association, Upland City Employees Association, Upland Police Officers Association, and Upland Police Management Association

The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:06 p.m.

5. INVOCATION Bishop Hal Evans, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Councilmember Velto

7. PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief Goodman presented Officer Kyle Cunnings with his badge.

Dr. Ariane Marie-Mitchell accepted a proclamation on behalf of Children's Network, declaring April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

One Legacy Ambassador Daniel Luevanos accepted a proclamation declaring April 2019 as DMV/Donate Life California Month.

8. CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Markman announced there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

James Breitling, urged the Council to implement a food waste collection program in the downtown and to educate businesses on recycling.

The following individuals spoke in support of the Friends of the Upland Animal shelter continuing to provide pet adoption services for the City. They expressed the importance of community partnerships, increased adoption rates, positive pet adoption experiences, foster programs, dedicated volunteers, successful fundraising, and the importance of stability and longevity in order to sustain the operations:

Jack Hermann, Upland
Steve Bierbaum, Upland
Claus Helsted, Rancho Cucamonga
Jennifer Ashley, Upland
Sherrie Darrow, Claremont
Faith S. Weinberg Levine
Andy Peterson

Shelley Foglesong, Upland
Ann Davis, Upland
Brenda R. Seager, Alta Loma
Karen Hermann, Upland
Judy Lovering, Upland
David Wade
Osvaldo Leonard Diaz, Upland

10. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmembers announced various activities throughout the community, including providing an update on the meetings they attended.

11. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Elliott to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Velto, and carried unanimously.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2019 and the Special Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2019.

B. TREASURER'S REPORTS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2019

Receive and file the January and February 2019 Treasurer's Reports.

C. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT, CITY PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF CAMPUS AVENUE NORTH OF THE I-10 (APN 1047-221-48)

Approved a Right of Way Contract with San Bernardino County Transportation Authority for a temporary construction easement on City owned property to facilitate construction of the I-10 Freeway Improvements; accepted the offer of \$15,900 as just compensation and an additional \$3,180 as an incentive to enter into the agreement timely, for a total amount \$19,080.

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

13. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 12, 2019

Public Works Director Hoerning provided a recap of the meeting, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office. This was for information only and no action was required.

14. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. RECONSIDERATION OF ANIMAL SHELTER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS APPROVED MARCH 11, 2019

City Manager Vagnozzi presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

There was discussion on the importance of transparency, the City's purchasing policy, and the current operation of animal adoptions by the Friends of the Upland Animal Shelter.

There being no motion to reconsider the request for proposal process, staff was instructed to move forward with the process as previously approved.

B. HISTORIC DOWNTOWN UPLAND AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

City Manager Vagnozzi presented the staff report, which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

City Attorney Markman stated that Mayor Stone and Councilmember Zuniga could participate in this decision, although they own businesses in the downtown area.

Motion by Councilmember Zuniga to appoint Jason Gaudy, Raymond Podesta, Carlos Velastegui, Oscar Quiroz, and Helen L. Bouquet to the Historic Downtown Upland (HDU) Ad Hoc Committee, seconded by Councilmember Velto, and carried unanimously.

15. ORAL COMMUNICATION (items not on the agenda)

Allen Nicely, Upland, thanked Chief Goodman for his leadership and further stated dissatisfaction with the Mayor's leadership.

Oswaldo Leonard Diaz, Upland, commented on Asperger syndrome, mental health, and a documentary on cannabis.

Moe Duran, expressed gratitude to the citizens who came out to support City employees.

Rick LeBlanc, Upland Employee Association Board Member, spoke about the importance of employee retention.

Rene Hernandez, Upland, spoke about street maintenance issues in his neighborhood and requested that staff contact him to resolve the issues.

Natasha Walton, Upland, encouraged the community to attend an upcoming court hearing regarding Memorial Park land.

Lois Sicking, Upland, apologized to the City Manager regarding her comments at the previous City Council meeting and spoke in opposition of a proposed cell tower in McCarthy Park.

David Wade, thanked community groups for their efforts and felt their activities encourage others to get involved.

April McCormick, thanked city employees and Chief Goodman for their efforts and urged the Council to appoint a department head as Interim City Manager.

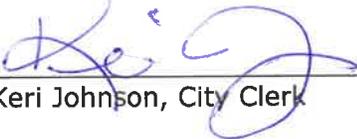
16. CITY MANAGER

City Manager Vagnozzi announced the next Open Government Workshop.

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Stone adjourned in memory of Eric Kent, local business owner and operator of a local Farmers Market. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, April 8, 2019.

SUBMITTED BY



Keri Johnson, City Clerk

APPROVED

April 8, 2019
