CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 25, 2024
City Hall Council Chambers,
6360 Fountain Square Dr., Citrus Heights, CA

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Karpinski-Costa.

1. The flag salute led by Council Member Schaefer.

2. Roll Call:

Council Members present:	Middleton, Schaefer, Lopez-Taff, Karpinski-Costa
Council Members absent:	None
Staff Members present:	Blomquist, Cave, Feeney, Jones, Kempenaar, Van and department directors.

3. The video statement was read by City Clerk Van.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Schaefer requested to move the Consent Calendar after Public Comment.

City Manager Feeney stated staff is requesting to continue Item 11 to a future meeting.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Middleton, the City Council approved the agenda as amended.

AYES:	Middleton, Schaefer, Lopez-Taff, Karpinski-Costa
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

PRESENTATIONS

4. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Proclaiming September 28 – October 4, 2024 as "Good Neighbor Week"

Council Member Schaefer read and presented the proclamation to Natalee Price, President of the Resident Empowerment Association of Citrus Heights (REACH).

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Warren spoke on Item 6 and requested the City Council set forth a set of parameters for the Police Department to apply discretion it is setting up the City for some very significant issues.

Margaret Cleek spoke on Item 6 and expressed her opposition to the inclusion of car-sleeping in the proposed camping ordinance.

Gigi gave a report of the Citrus Heights Arts ArtBeat event and shared a video slideshow of the event.

Al Fox spoke in support of San Juan Unified School District Measure P which will be on the November 5, 2024 ballot. He asked the City Council to support Measure P, intended to fund various classroom repairs.

Deborah Bueti, on behalf of the Heritage Manor Townhouse Community, expressed safety concerns relating to nearby businesses. She stated trash is being thrown over the concrete dividing wall, people are camping overnight in storage units and parking lots, and there is loud music, screaming, fighting and partying all night long.

Trent Puskas, Area Manager with TNT Fireworks, spoke on combating illegal fireworks in California and supporting Senate Bill 839 which allows local jurisdiction to impose administrative fines for illegal fireworks use and possession. Their latest initiative would have the State Fire Marshall present a white paper to Governor Gavin Newsom to begin the process of creating an interstate task force made up of fire and law enforcement agencies of Nevada and California to collaboratively address illegal fireworks and negotiate an interstate compact to better control the flow of illegal fireworks from Nevada into California. He requested the City Council write a letter of support for the initiative.

Alfred Sanchez stated he did not steal muffins during the Mondays with the Mayor office hours.

Bill Shirley, President of Citrus Heights Areas 7, 8, and 9 (CHASEN), responded to remarks made at the last City Council meeting opposing the combining of Neighborhood Areas within the City. He stated by combining the areas, they are more strong, active and involved in their community and believe it should be up to the residents who live in those boundaries to determine whether they want to combine or not combine.

Alfred Sanchez spoke regarding Item 6 and requested the City Council reconsider and table the proposed camping ordinance and set strong guidelines for the ordinance relating to people sleeping in their vehicle.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Minutes
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of September 11, 2024

6. Pulled for discussion.

7. **SUBJECT:** Zoning Code Updates Second Reading
STAFF REPORT: C. Kempenaar / A. Bermudez / S. Lui
RECOMMENDATION: Ordinance No. 2024-006 an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights Amending Various Sections of Chapter 106 of the Citrus Heights Municipal Code (Zoning Code Section)

8. **SUBJECT:** Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Update
STAFF REPORT: A. Van
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-091 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Adopting an Amended Conflict of Interest Code and a List of Designated Positions

9. **SUBJECT:** Update to On-Call Professional Engineering Services Including Federal Aid Projects, Approval of Amendment to Professional Engineering Service Agreements
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / L. Blomquist
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-092 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendments to Agreements with Coastland Civil Engineering, Inc., Ghirardelli & Associates, Inc. and UNICO Engineering, Inc. to Provide On-Call Professional Engineering Services Including Federal Aid Projects

10. Pulled for discussion.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Middleton, the City Council adopted Consent Calendar Items 5, 7, 8, and 9.

AYES:	Middleton, Schaefer, Lopez-Taff, Karpinski-Costa
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

6. **SUBJECT:** Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Citrus Heights Code Chapter 50 – Nuisances, Article III. – Camping, Sections 50-500 to 50-508
STAFF REPORT: K. Frey / W. Herman / R. Jones
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Ordinance No. 2024-005 an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California Amending Chapter 50, Article III of the Citrus Heights Municipal Code Relating to Camping

Council Member Scheafer pulled Consent Calendar Item 6 for comment.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez-Taff, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2024-005 an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California Amending Chapter 50, Article III of the Citrus Heights Municipal Code Relating to Camping.

AYES:	Middleton, Schaefer, Lopez-Taff, Karpinski-Costa
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

10. **SUBJECT:** 2024 Bridge Maintenance Project – Authorization of Additional Work – City Project 21-09
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / L. Blomquist / D. Kehrer
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-093 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Change Orders up to 46% of the Contract Amount with Coastline Water Resources, Inc. for the 2024 Bridge Maintenance Project and Increasing the Total Authorized Construction Budget to $1,087,345

Council Member Schaefer pulled Consent Calendar Item 10 for discussion.

City Engineer Blomquist provided background on the item. As part of a statewide safety program, Caltrans inspects all bridges in California that are listed on the National Bridge Inventory, including 31 bridges in Citrus Heights that the City owns and maintains. The City received a large quantity of Caltrans reports in 2021 which instigated the project. At the time, the plans were developed for the prescribed maintenance required by Caltrans, including work in the creek which requires obtaining regulatory permits from state and federal agencies. Construction began in 2023 and since the project commenced, the bridges have had additional debris accumulate and the City has received an additional bridge report from Caltrans. In order to utilize the existing permits for this project and take advantage of the mobilization prices already built in, Staff is recommending to add the additional work now which would authorize an additional 31% contingency.

City Council questions and comments followed.

City Engineer Blomquist responded to questions.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Vice Mayor Lopez-Taff, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-093 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Change Orders up to 46% of the Contract Amount with Coastline Water Resources, Inc. for the 2024 Bridge Maintenance Project and Increasing the Total Authorized Construction Budget to $1,087,345

AYES:	Middleton, Schaefer, Lopez-Taff, Karpinski-Costa
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES

Council Member Schaefer attended the Battle of the Bands & BBQ event hosted by American Legion Post 637. He attended a Sacramento Area Council of Governments meeting. He had a meeting with Kathy Morris discussing combining the Neighborhood Associations. He provided an update from the Sacramento Regional Transit board meeting. He was appointed to the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority.

Vice Mayor Lopez-Taff attended the Battle of the Bands & BBQ event hosted by American Legion Post 637. She attended the Best of Citrus Heights event. She attended Sunday Funday. She attended the Sacramento Steps Forward policy meeting.

Council Member Middleton attended a community event hosted by Mehr. She attended the Battle of the Bands & BBQ event hosted by American Legion Post 637. She attended a Citrus Heights Chamber Luncheon. She attended the Best of Citrus Heights event. She went to the Fair Oaks Chicken Festival. She attended the Habitat for Humanity Hard Hats and Heels Gala. She attended Sunday Funday.

Mayor Karpinski-Costa attended a Sacramento Transportation Authority meeting. She attended the Battle of the Bands & BBQ event hosted by American Legion Post 637. She hosted Monday with the Mayor. She provided an update from the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito & Vector Control District board meeting. She went to a Neighborhood Area 11 meeting. She attended the funeral of Ruben Hernadez, Senior Animal Services Officer. She attended Sunday Funday. She went to a Neighborhood Area 10 meeting. She attended the Citrus Heights Police Department's Oath of Office Ceremony and Awards Presentation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. **SUBJECT:** Zoning Code Update – Recycling Center (Small Collection Facilities Update)
STAFF REPORT: C. Kempenaar / A. Turcotte / A. Bermudez
RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the following:

    a. Move to determine the proposed amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines; and

    b. Move to introduce for first reading, read by title only and waive the full reading of Ordinance No. 2024-___ An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, Amending Sections 106.26.030 and 106.42.1090 of the Citrus Heights Municipal Code Related to Small Recycling Centers

    Item 11 was continued to a future meeting.

REGULAR CALENDAR

12. **SUBJECT:** Gateway Activation Project – PLPB-5475(051) – Award Professional Services Agreement
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / L. Blomquist
RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-094 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Professional Services with Dokken Engineering for the Gateway Activation Project

Community Development Director Kempenaar stated the City received a $700,000 appropriation from the State General Fund. In 2023 the City entered into an agreement with Caltrans on expectations of how and when the money will be spent. He gave an overview of the project objectives that will connect various trails within the city and regionally along the city limits with Roseville. The project consists of outreach/engagement, collaboration with agency partners, preliminary engineering, and environmental review. He detailed the various project locations and trail connection points. Staff is recommending awarding the engineering contract to Dokken Engineering.

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Middleton, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-094 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Professional Services with Dokken Engineering for the Gateway Activation Project.

AYES:	Middleton, Schaefer, Lopez-Taff, Karpinski-Costa
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

13. **SUBJECT:** Beautification Crew Program – Efforts and Outcomes
STAFF REPORT: A. Turcotte / R. Cave
RECOMMENDATION: This report is for informational purposes only with no recommended action

General Services Director Cave provided an overview of the growing blight concerns that led to the development of the Beautification Program. The purpose of the program is to provide resources to address blight, track progress of the program and provide transparency to the community, coordinate efforts between departments for increased resources, and partner with external agencies on jurisdictional boundaries to increase attention and maintenance efforts. She shared successes of the program since its launch in late 2022. She provided metrics on service requests assigned to the Beautification Crew and those generated through the See-Click-Fix tool in comparison to pre-Beautification Crew implementation. She also shared metrics on Police Department activity reported in conjunction with the Beautification Program. She highlighted the regional partnerships and staff that have contributed to the success of the program.

City Council comments followed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Feeney highlighted the Citrus Heights Police Department's Oath of Office Ceremony and Awards Presentation. He reflected on the activities at Sunday Funday. He gave a reminder of the Fall Chip-In Day volunteer event on October 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 12: 30 p.m. He announced the Citrus Heights HART annual Spaghetti Fest fundraiser on October 18 at the Citrus Heights Community Center.

ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Karpinski-Costa requested a future agenda item to consider sending a letter of support to Governor Newsom related to public comments from Trent Puskas with TNT Fireworks Council Member Schaefer supported the request.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Karpinski-Costa adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Van, City Clerk