

**CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS  
CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting of Thursday, November 9, 2023  
City Hall Council Chambers  
6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA**

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**CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

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

1. The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Lopez-Taff.
2. Roll Call: Council Members present: Karpinski-Costa, Lopez-Taff, Middleton, Daniels, Schaefer  
Council Members absent: None  
Staff present: Feeney, Herman, Jones, Stockbridge, Turcotte, Wells, Van and department directors.
3. The video statement was read by City Clerk Van.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Schaefer requested to move Item 5 to be presented before Item 4.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Council Member Middleton, seconded by Council Member Lopez-Taff, the City Council approved the agenda as amended.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Andreas Kazos spoke regarding concerns with the condition of the sidewalks in his neighborhood near Halifax and Westbrook Dr.

The City Clerk read the following written comment submitted by Rick Hodgkins, "Back on August 10th of this year, if you recall, I submitted public comment on matters/not/on the agenda, not knowing how to comment on any other item on the agenda. As we continue to discuss sidewalk and street improvements, not only do we need more lighting on residential streets, as other residents have stated, but that we also need to make our stop lights accessible for the blind. For example, instead of using beeps or chirps, the best way to make it even more accessible, is to implement a talking signal that can say something like, "Wait to cross Sunrise Boulevard at Antelope Rd." I can no longer see oncoming or parallel traffic."

The City Clerk read the following written comment submitted by Rick Hodgkins regarding Item 9, "This is not a ghetto. Please whatever you do, please prevent intrusive panhandling?"

**PRESENTATIONS**

5. Presentation by REACH – Recognition of Good Neighbor Day Award Recipient

REACH President Natalee Price presented the following Citrus Heights residents with a Good Neighbor Day Award Certificate: Ruth Fox, Donna Stephens and Lotte Reed.

Mayor Schaefer presented Lotte Reed with the Good Neighbor of the Year Certificate.

4. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Honoring the Mesa Verde High School Girls Flag Football Team

Vice Mayor Daniels read and presented the proclamation to Mesa Verde High School Athletics Director Travis Miller. The City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the Girls Flag Football Team as follows: Mikaylah Chimara, Janiyah Alexander, Adriadna Tellez, Jaiden Alexander, Mekiya Nichols, Aleny Aceves, Jay Flucker, Alicia Chimara, Valarie Medina, Skyla Pennucci, Eliece Pennucci, Lizzie Garza, Joie McGuire, Heidi Martinez, Emma Casaucau, Darren Smith and Katie Garza.

6. Proclamation of the City of Citrus Heights Recognizing November 14, 2023 as "National Police Records and Support Personnel Appreciation Day"

Mayor Schaefer read and presented the proclamation to Police Services Supervisor Dan Stockbridge.

#### **COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES**

Council Member Karpinski-Costa attended the "Octubafest" hosted by the Citrus Heights Community Marching Band. She provided a report from the Sacramento Area Sewer District Board meeting. She provided an update from the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District. She announced a "Tubafest" event on December 2, 1:00 p.m. at the Rusch Park Auditorium.

Council Member Middleton attended the California Housing Partnership Board meeting. On November 11<sup>th</sup> she was a judge for a Miss California event hosted by the Slavic Chamber and Russian American Media. On November 6<sup>th</sup> she was a panelist on the California System Innovators Network.

Council Member Lopez-Taff spoke on youth leadership at the Trinity Home School group. She attended the Sunrise MarketPlace Board meeting. She announced a Veterans Day event to be held at the Sylvan Cemetery at 10:45 a.m.

Vice Mayor Daniels attended the Sunrise MarketPlace Board meeting. He attended a four agency meeting that included members of the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Board, the Regional Transit Board, SMUD and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. He provided a report from the Sacramento Transportation Authority Board meeting. He announced a Veterans Day event to be held at the Sylvan Cemetery at 10:45 a.m. and an event at the Veterans Community Center at 12:00 p.m. He announced the next Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce lunch will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup>. He announced Supervisor Sue Frost is holding a Community Meeting on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Schaefer spoke at a Neighborhood Watch group meeting. He attended the Citrus Heights Community Marching Band's "Octubafest" event.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 7. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Minutes  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of October 26, 2023
- 8. Pulled for discussion.
- 9. **SUBJECT:** Second Reading – Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights Repealing Citrus Heights Municipal Code Chapter 78, Article III. - Prohibition Against Intrusive and Unsafe Panhandling, Sections 78-50 to 78-54  
**STAFF REPORT:** R. Jones / A. Turcotte  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Ordinance No. 2023-005, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Repealing Citrus Heights Municipal Code Chapter 78, Article III. - Prohibition Against Intrusive and Unsafe Panhandling, Sections 78-50 to 78-54
- 10. **SUBJECT:** FY 2023 COPS Technology and Equipment Program Funding  
**STAFF REPORT:** A. Turcotte / C. Kinnan  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2023-100 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting FY 2023 COPS Technology and Equipment Program Grant Funds
- 11. Pulled for discussion.
- 12. **SUBJECT:** Sunrise Tomorrow Specific Plan – On-Call Civil Engineering Services  
**STAFF REPORT:** C. Kempenaar / R. Cave / L. Blomquist  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution 2023-103 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an On-Call Service Agreement with MacKay & Soms Engineers, Inc. for On-Call Civil Engineering Services

**ACTION:** On a motion by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, seconded by Council Member Middleton, the City Council adopted Consent Calendar Items 7, 9, 10 and 12.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

- 8. **SUBJECT:** Appointment to Sacramento Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District Board  
**STAFF REPORT:** A. Van  
**RECOMMENDATION:** The options for filling appointment are as follows:
  - a. Reappoint Council Member Jayna Karpinski-Costa for a term of two or four years; or
  - b. Direct staff to advertise the vacancy and accept applications for appointment

Mayor Schaefer pulled Item 8 for separate action.

City Clerk Van presented the staff report.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Vice Mayor Daniels, seconded by Council Member Lopez-Taff, the City Council reappointed Council Member Jayna Karpinski-Costa to the Sacramento Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District Board for a term of four years.

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

11. **SUBJECT:** FY 2023 Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program Funding Acceptance

**STAFF REPORT:** A. Turcotte / W. Herman / C. Kinnan

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-101 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting FY 2023 Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program Funds; and
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-102 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the Addition of One Full-Time Position Funded by the Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program

Council Member Karpinski-Costa pulled Item 11 for discussion.

Lieutenant Herman reported the Police Department was awarded an Organized Retail Theft Grant in the amount of \$2,752,138 that will be used to detect, prevent and solve theft-related crimes.

City Council questions and comments followed.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Vice Mayor Daniels, seconded by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-101 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting FY 2023 Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program Funds.

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

**ACTION:** On a motion by Vice Mayor Daniels, seconded by Council Member Middleton, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-102 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Authorizing the Addition of One Full-Time Position Funded by the Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

13. **SUBJECT:** 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding  
**STAFF REPORT:** A. Turcotte / K. Frey / C. Kinnan  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2023-104 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in Accordance with State Requirements

Commander Frey reported each year the Bureau of Justice Assistance partners with the Bureau of Justice Statistics to allocate funding for each state. Under this program cities and counties receive federal funds to augment public safety expenditures.

Mayor Schaefer opened the public hearing, seeing no speakers he closed the public hearing.

**ACTION:** On a motion by Council Member Middleton, seconded by Vice Mayor Daniels, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-104 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in Accordance with State Requirements.

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

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

14. **SUBJECT:** Red Light Camera Program  
**STAFF REPORT:** A. Turcotte / K. Frey / M. Wells  
**RECOMMENDATION:** This is an informational report and no action is requested

Lieutenant Wells presented an overview of the City's red light camera program.

City Council questions and comments followed.

**Public Comment**

Kathy Morris asked if there were cameras at the intersection of Old Auburn and Fair Oaks Boulevard.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

**CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

City Manager Feeney announced Veterans Day events taking place at the Sylvan Cemetery and the Veterans Community Center. He stated the City has some fee waivers that are available to veterans for business license fees and building permits fees. He introduced new employees Brandon Panell, Facilities and Fleet Supervisor and Jessica Andrews, Events and Community Center Supervisor. He stated the City received a Certificate of Appreciation for support of the 2023 Sacramento Valley Association of Building Officials Community Outreach

Program. He announced the November 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting is cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday. He announced the annual Holiday Tree Lighting event will be held on December 6, at 6:00 p.m. He said the Citrus Heights Police Department will be participating in the Shop with a Cop event on December 7.

**ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Schaefer adjourned the regular meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Amy Van, City Clerk