
CITY OF YORBA LINDA



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CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY JOINT MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2009

**CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY JOINT MEETING
CONVENING AT 5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency convened at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 4845 Casa Loma Avenue, Yorba Linda.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agency Members: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing, Winder

Staff Members: Kelly, Raymond

CLOSED SESSION

CITY COUNCIL

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative: Interim City Manager Kelly

Employee Organizations: Yorba Linda Mid-Management Association; Yorba Linda Chapter of the Orange County Employees Association; and Department Heads

RECESS

**CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY JOINT MEETING
RECONVENING AT 6:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency reconvened at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 4845 Casa Loma Avenue, Yorba Linda.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agency Members: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing, Winder

Staff Members: Conklin, Harris, Hartman, Kelly, Leto, Mendoza, Raymond, Steep, Stowell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Schwing

MOMENT OF SILENCE - IN MEMORY OF FOUR POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN OAKLAND SHOOTINGS

INVOCATION - Bishop Kevin Clayton, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Raymond stated that there was no reportable action.

INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS

"MAKING EVERY DAY POSSIBLE" VIDEO FROM ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

A brief video from the Orange County Sanitation District was shown.

PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION TO ROCKY MURATA LANDSCAPING, INC FOR DONATION OF SERVICES DURING WILDFIRE FLOOD CLEANUP, ROBERT MURATA WILL ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY

Public Works Director Mark Stowell spoke about Rocky Murata Landscaping and their donation of services after the wildfires. Mayor Schwing presented a Proclamation to Rocky Murata Landscaping, Inc.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR OR ITEMS NOT ON THE REMAINDER OF THE AGENDA

Anita Hynds, resident, spoke to Council about building a skate park.

The following members of the audience spoke in support of a skate park in the City:

Martin Stanley, Mark Eon, Ryan Ervin, Shawn McGuinness, Bradley McQuinn, Tony Mactoto, Andre Enmar

Mayor Schwing gave a history of the city's past attempt to build a skate park on school district property behind city hall. He suggested to the skateboarding audience that Council would discuss the subject again with the school district.

It was **MOVED/SECONDED - ANDERSON/RIKEL** - to direct staff to make inquires of the Placentia-Yorba Linda School District regarding the property behind city hall and add to a future agenda for discussion. **MOTION CARRIED** by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing, Winder
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

John Haupt, resident, was told by Community Preservation that he could not park his personal commercial work truck in his driveway. He read from a section of the City Municipal Code book that says that any vehicle weighing more than 6,000 lbs. cannot be parked in a residential zone. Mr. Haupt stated that every vehicle in the city that is a 2,500 or 3,500 pickup truck is over 6,000 lbs. and is considered a commercial vehicle, why is he being singled out. Mayor Schwing asked him to leave his name and phone number and staff would be in touch with him.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson suggested that staff investigate whether that section of the Code is antiquated as most people drive 2,500, 3,500 or F-250 vehicles nowadays.

Michael Marien, resident, spoke about the TEA Party event. He thought the best applicant was not appointed for the Traffic Commission position and he encouraged everyone to attend the May 3rd Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial dedication.

Charles Murray, resident, said he was told by the police department to move his trailer which is parked on the street. He referenced a letter he had received from the Brea Police Department in 2003 which stated he could park his trailer on the street as long as it was moved every 72 hours. Captain Conklin agreed to speak with him to seek a resolution.

Greg Gillaspy, resident, said he is in favor of a skate park. He asked Council to plan ahead when scheduling Town Hall meetings to avoid interruptions or rescheduling due to holidays.

Lee Day, resident, said the Friends High School field is full of weeds and after 5 years the construction project is still not completed. She praised the Planning Commission for their Minute format.

Gabriella Rollins, Director of the Yorba Linda Arts Alliance said her presentation was postponed due to a heavy agenda but she would return in the near future.

It was **MOVED/SECONDED - SCHWING/HORTON** - to allow the Yorba Linda Arts Alliance to make a 15 minute presentation at the May 5th City Council meeting under Presentations. **MOTION CARRIED** by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing, Winder
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Shawn McGuinness, resident, said he was cited last year by the Community Preservation Department for building a 192 square foot shed without a permit. He has since obtained a permit but has been receiving notices from the City asking when the project will be completed. He said staff is aware of his injury and that it is impossible to complete by the date specified. Mayor Schwing said that staff would contact him to resolve the issue.

Andrea Falts, representing the Yorba Linda Spotlight Theater, asked Council to consider letting her speak at a future Council meeting regarding cultural arts.

It was **MOVED/SECONDED - SCHWING/ANDERSON** - to allow Yorba Linda Spotlight Theater about 15 minutes to speak at the 2nd Council meeting in May. **MOTION CARRIED** by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing, Winder
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Louie Scull, resident, spoke in favor of a skate park. He said he would like to speak on Item 8, Planning Commission Recap, Item 15, Approval of Professional Services Agreement with RRM Design Group for Preparation of the Town Center Specific Plan and Supporting Environmental Documentation and Item 18, Library Strategic Plan.

Pat Nelson, resident, said she would be participating in the arts presentation at the May 5th City Council meeting. She would also like to speak on Item 15, Approval of Professional Services Agreement with RRM Design Group for Preparation of the Town Center Specific Plan and Supporting Environmental Documentation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Schwing pulled Item 4 from the Consent Calendar.

It was **MOVED/SECONDED - WINDER/HORTON** - to approve the Consent Calendar with the removal of Item 4. **MOTION CARRIED** by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing, Winder
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

1. WAIVE READING IN FULL OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency waived reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda and declared that said titles which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

2. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT LISTS

The City Council/RDA approved the Accounts Payable Warrant Lists.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2009 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council/RDA approved the minutes of the April 7, 2009 joint meeting.

4. Removed

5. AMENDMENT NO. 1-THE VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE THE GOLD STAR WALK OF HONOR

The City Council approved Amendment No. 1 to the Veterans Memorial Monument Agreement to include the Gold Star Walk of Honor and authorized the Mayor to sign, and City Clerk to attest said Amendment.

6. CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITH GEORGE SALINAS TREE PRESERVATION

The City Council approved the one (1) year Contract Extension with no unit price increase for Tree Maintenance Services between the City and George Salinas Tree Preservation.

7. COUNTY OF ORANGE CITY AID PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/10

The City Council approved the attached agreement as required by the County of Orange for participation in Proposition 42 City Aid Program (CAP) funding for Fiscal Year 2009/2010.

End of Consent Calendar

ITEM 4

APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECS, AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR PARKING LOT PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE, INSTALLATION OF ADA AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AT THE THOMAS LASORDA JR. FIELD HOUSE, CITY HALL, AND THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Schwing asked for a definition of “temporary” for the trailer behind city hall and if the trailer would be removed in the near future to allow use of the parking spaces.

Interim City Manager Bill Kelly responded that next year’s budget will include plans for a revised city hall floor plan to allow additional space for staff. The trailer should be removed in a couple of years.

It was **MOVED/SECONDED - SCHWING/ANDERSON** - to approve the Plans and Specifications prepared by Harris and Associates, Inc. and authorize staff to administer the process for the acceptance of formal competitive bids for the Parking Lot Pavement Maintenance and Installation of American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Trail Improvements Project at the Thomas Lasorda Jr. Field House, City Hall, and the Yorba Linda Community Center. **MOTION CARRIED** by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing, Winder

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CITY MANAGER QUALIFICATIONS

Claudine Lynch, resident, said she would like to see a City Manager who is extremely responsive to the citizens and well qualified with experience in a similar city.

Pat Nelson, resident, would like a City Manager who has core moral values. She hopes the Council will negotiate smarter.

Greg Shultz, resident, urged Council to act independently and responsibly without promoting personal agendas, as they choose a new City Manager.

Rick Nelson, resident, is interested in a candidate who is knowledgeable with experience in the state of California.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schwing attended the TEA Party along with Scott Baugh, Chairman of the Republican Party of Orange County on April 15th. He said there were approximately 1,200 participants and everyone was very well-behaved.

Captain Conklin said the TEA Party event went extremely well, the participants were very respectful and orderly.

Mayor Schwing reminded everyone that the dedication of the Yorba Linda Veterans Memorial is Sunday, May 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Winder said that he would be leaving the council meeting at 10:20 p.m. to attend a commitment as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for St. Jude Hospital.

Councilwoman Horton announced today is her daughter Julie's birthday and wished her a very happy birthday.

Councilwoman Horton asked about the Wall of Fame recipient for this year and asked if Council could recognize the winner at a future council meeting.

Director of Parks and Recreation Sue Leto said the parents of the recipient wished to wait until next year so that their daughter can be inducted with a larger class.

Councilwoman Horton spoke about the bids received for refurbishing the homes on Lakeview Avenue and School Street. She said the homes are not in great shape and she feels it is a waste of money. She would like council to reconsider moving forward with the project at this time.

It was **MOVED/SECONDED – HORTON/WINDER** – to add to a future agenda a discussion on holding back the process of refurbishing the homes in the downtown area. **MOTION CARRIED** by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Winder
NOES: Schwing
ABSENT: None

Councilwoman Horton stated that since Council was not having a Town Hall meeting this month, she wanted to invite everyone to the Community Center Game Room on Thursday, April 30th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss any item they wish.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson said he is unavailable for the Community Center meeting. He invited everyone to attend the Veterans Memorial Dedication on May 3rd. He also announced a Victim's March honoring victims of crime on Monday, April 27th from the District Attorney's office to the Old Orange County Courthouse.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson said he had asked the Orange County Sanitation District to provide the "Making Every Day Possible" video so that residents could see what the District does. He also stated he was glad to see the skateboarders attending the Council meeting and acting in such a respectful manner.

Councilwoman Rikel thanked the skateboarders for coming to the Council meeting. She said she would not be able to attend the Community Center meeting because she has a

CERT meeting on the same night. She thanked the Anaheim Fire Extinguisher company for providing the fire extinguishers for the CERT training. She also attended the TEA Party and thanked Villa Park Councilwoman Deborah Pauly, member of the Republican Central Committee of Orange County, and the Yorba Linda confederate soldier ghost from the past.

Councilwoman Rikel said she had received several comments from residents concerned about the appearance of the Habitat for Humanity homes on Yorba Linda Boulevard, some feel that they look out of place and are concerned with the manner the lot was graded. She suggested that after the historical survey findings the Council adopt design standards and a design review process for historic buildings and construction adjacent to historic buildings. She felt it was especially important before proceeding with any development in the Park Place neighborhood and the Town Center.

Councilwoman Rikel said a special meeting of the Orange County Fire Authority would be held Thursday evening regarding the After Action report. The report will then be presented on May 12th at the Community Center.

Councilwoman Rikel gave an overview of the Yorba Linda Water District proceedings including approval of environmental compliance services for the Highland Reservoir Replacement Project, approval of geotechnical engineering services for the Hidden Hills Reservoir and labor negotiations with Richard Kreisler of Liebert, Cassidy & Whitmore. The Citizens Advisory Board will be discussing a new ordinance affecting all residents and she encouraged everyone to attend a meeting on May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the District offices on Richfield Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson received calls from concerned parents about lane closures on Yorba Linda Boulevard causing traffic congestion. He asked staff about the lane closures.

Director of Public Works Stowell said that Southern California Edison is putting in conduits and upgrading their system. Two lane closures are needed for safety reasons but they are restricted on times, especially during rush hour traffic. The work is expected to continue through May.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson said the houses in the Town Center have been identified as potentially historical. He voted to have the item placed on the Agenda because he would like it to go to bid and he is fully supportive of refurbishing the properties.

Councilwoman Rikel also explained her vote and said she agreed with Mayor Pro Tem Anderson's comments and is very supportive of refurbishing the properties.

RECESS:

Mayor Schwing called a recess at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8. REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS FROM THEIR LAST MEETING/APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS

Community Development Director Steven Harris gave an overview of the Planning Commission actions from the last meeting.

Louie Scull, resident, spoke in support of Planning Commission actions 1 and 2 on the Proposed Modifications to the Planning Commission Meeting Materials. He is not in support of changing from verbatim to action minutes however, and cited, as an example, Minutes from a 1976 Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Scull said he suggested an alternative solution to the Commission to videotape the meetings. He asked for Council's support.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson asked the City Attorney if Council can direct the Planning Commission on this subject.

City Attorney Raymond responded that the Planning Commission serves as an advisory body to the council and Council could certainly dictate their preference on the subject.

Councilmember Winder said the technology exists to record digital audio meetings. If the commission changed to Action Minutes, it would be possible to go directly to the item in question for further clarification. He inquired about the audio recording from staff.

City Clerk Kathie Mendoza responded that all commission meetings would be digitally audio taped beginning within the next two to three months.

Councilmember Winder agrees the subject needs further consideration but it is premature to decide at this time.

Ed Rakochy, resident, agreed the technology exists however Mr. Scull is correct that it is helpful to have verbatim minutes. He suggested comparing the cost of transcribing the meeting to the cost of videotaping because he believes a video record is better than an audio record. He added that due to the two week delay for the Planning Commission minutes to be completed, it would be more efficient to at least have an audio file as it can be accessed immediately the next day.

Councilwoman Rikel agrees with Mr. Rakochy's points. She hopes the digital audio recording will operate like the City Council video and allow fast forwarding to a specific agenda item, as well as the ability to download the entire file without having to watch the whole video.

City Clerk Mendoza affirmed the digital audio recorder has those capabilities.

It was **MOVED/SECONDED – ANDERSON/HORTON** – to bring back for Council consideration of the Planning Commission Minutes format. **MOTION CARRIED** by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing
NOES: Winder
ABSENT: None

Mayor Schwing asked about the Planning Commission decision to adopt Resolution 4702 determining General Plan Conformity to State Government Code Section 65402 for proposed real property acquisition of property identified as Lucia Kust Park for public park purposes.

Interim City Manager Kelly said the item would be on the City Council agenda for the second meeting in May.

Mayor Schwing asked that staff be prepared to give a history of the park at the May 19th City Council meeting.

Lee Day asked if the item was being appealed and Mayor Schwing responded that it was not.

It was **MOVED/SECONDED – ANDERSON/HORTON** – to advance items 13 and 16 in the Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED** by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing, Winder
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

“ITEM NO’S. 13 AND 16” WERE TAKEN AT THIS TIME BUT ARE REPORTED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON THE AGENDA.

9. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2009-929 RE: COUNCILMEMBER DISCLOSURE OF INTENT TO SEEK APPOINTMENT OR SERVE ON A COMMITTEE, BOARD OR COMMISSION AND TO OBTAIN COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR RELATED EXPENSES - Continued
10. BARKING DOG ORDINANCE REVIEW - Continued
11. NO PARKING RESTRICTION ON THE WEST SIDE OF GRANDVIEW BETWEEN BUENA VISTA AVENUE AND LINDA VERDE STREET, RESOLUTION NO. 2009-3991 - Continued
12. COYOTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE - Continued
13. 2008-2014 DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT

Housing and Redevelopment Specialist Pamela Stoker presented the staff report and responded to questions from Council.

Pat Nelson, resident, is concerned about the proposed Yorba Linda/Prospect site at 30 units per acre because the traffic is already quite heavy in that area. She said that buildings with five or six stories are not acceptable anywhere in Yorba

Linda. She thinks three stories might be okay for Savi Ranch but not Prospect Street. Mrs. Nelson suggested units of 500 - 700 square feet instead of 1,000 square feet to allow for more units without having to build higher stories. She also suggested building a duplex at the corner of Imperial Highway and Casa Loma and perhaps a four-plex further down Imperial at the half-acre lot near the kennel.

Rob Johnson, resident, said that his family came to Yorba Linda for the quality of life on the west side. He asked why the proposed multi-family housing units are predominantly in the west part of the City. The numbers should have been incorporated with all the development of the east side. A fundamental change in character is taking place in the west and he urged Council to reconsider the site allocations.

Becky Allen, resident, said she is concerned with the impact on schools. The children would be unfairly burdened with new dense development.

Claudine Lynch, resident, urged the Council to think in terms of smaller square footage. She liked the idea of building higher stories at Savi Ranch to match the existing buildings. She encouraged purchasing units at Archstone Apartments and developing on the Imperial Highway at Casa Loma Avenue site.

Tom Lynch, resident, said that in the past 25 years the City has failed to direct developers to meet the RHNA numbers. He suggested that staff research how many tract maps are not vested and do minor zone changes, talk to Kaiser and the owner of the former Ralphs Grocery store for possible new sites and also to look at sites that are at economic stress levels.

Gabriella Rollins, resident, said her neighborhood is already very impacted by the apartments on the corner of Yorba Linda Boulevard and Prospect Avenue. The addition of 122 units would increase the traffic and parking through a quiet neighborhood. She said the proposed site is out of character for the neighborhood.

Rosemarie Sauer, resident, said the Savi Ranch area is like a graveyard. She said there are many opportunities to purchase property for multi-family development, including the property at 23303 E. La Palma Avenue which is next to a condominium development. She and her neighbors are concerned about certain commercial uses coming into their neighborhood because in the past, property owners requested CUP's and then decided to build something else, and the City did not enforce it. They are tired of the fighting. She begged the council to use discretion with future owners.

Larry Booth, resident, is concerned about the Richfield Road property and would like it permanently removed from the potential site list.

Walter Cruz, resident, is concerned about water, sewer and police services if the site at Richfield Road is re-zoned for multi-family use.

Julie Johnson, resident, stated Savi Ranch is a good solution, the businesses in the area would appreciate the customers. She spoke against building low-income housing at the Nixon Archives site because it has a large drainage that would make it difficult to build on. Also, the property is down in the valley and noise travels upward to her home where she will be able to hear everything.

Ed Rakochy, resident, does not like that the legislature in Sacramento is able to tell the City how to zone its property and the number of multi-family units they must have. In addition, the re-zoning will affect the city's infrastructure and yet the City does not receive any funding from the State or Federal government to meet these demands. He recommended that staff send the Draft Housing Element to the State. He also submitted into the record a power point presentation of prospective sites in the east side of the City.

Jim Burke, resident, said it is not appropriate for Sacramento to tell the City what it can or cannot do with their property. However, the City has a responsibility and he warned that there have been attorneys as well as a member of the Kennedy Commission in attendance at recent council meetings. He also cautioned against too many large developments in one area but suggested instead that the numbers be spread around. He feels that low-income children would benefit from positive role models living next door. He supports the City's efforts to meet RHNA numbers and thanked the Council for their hard work.

It was **MOVED/SECONDED - ANDERSON/RIKEL** – to approve giving clear direction to not ever identify the Richfield Road property as part of the RHNA numbers.

Councilmember Winder asked the City Attorney if future council's were bound by the action that Council was voting on today.

City Attorney Raymond responded that this council could not bind future City Councils.

MOTION CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing
NOES: Winder
ABSENT: None

It was **MOVED/SECONDED - ANDERSON/HORTON** – to send the Draft Housing Element to the State Department of Housing and Community Development for their review and comment on the Yorba Linda 2008-2014 Draft Housing Element. **MOTION CARRIED** by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing, Winder
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

14. BUDGET UPDATE - Continued

15. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RRM DESIGN GROUP FOR PREPARATION OF THE TOWN CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN AND SUPPORTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Interim City Manager Kelly gave a brief overview of the staff report and responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Schwing prefers a shorter project schedule, 12 months instead of 18. He would like to see a minimum of 2 conceptual specific plans with one including a cultural arts facility and then present the plans to the public to receive input.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson concurs with Mayor Schwing's comments. He said the process can be done quickly if the consultant uses the previously completed studies as a basis for various concepts.

Councilwoman Horton agrees with the concept but said the Council should establish guidelines for density and design ideas and give direction to the consultant.

Councilwoman Rikel does not support high density affordable housing in the downtown. She said planning is needed for future retail space and said the downtown area is a gathering place. She would like to see the space next to Main Street restaurant as a facility for different events with direct access to a parking area below.

Mayor Schwing commented on the placement of a cultural arts facility as a large site with need for adequate parking. He brought up two other items that should be considered as part of a specific plan; the fire station should be rebuilt and either a new and improved future Brea Police Department substation or a facility for a possible future Yorba Linda police department. Mayor Schwing defined the Town Center area as Eureka to Yorba Linda Boulevard and Lakeview Avenue west to Imperial Highway.

Pat Nelson, resident, said she hoped the consultant's plan will include a site for a cultural arts center. She is concerned about the scope of the project and new urbanism which doesn't fit with Yorba Linda's character.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson mentioned he had previously made a motion for a feasibility study for a cultural arts center.

Tom Lynch, resident, spoke about shortening the project schedule, looking at different options for users and tenants, and doing a program-level EIR. He also said the future of the historic homes should be addressed.

Ed Rakochy, resident, spoke about all the studies and public input already available. The consultant should be able to compile the data in a year or less and present a proposal for review.

Gabriella Rollins, resident, spoke about the community wanting a gathering place that's aesthetically pleasing and that studies have shown the arts are still thriving in the current economy.

Louie Scull, resident, read from a handout he presented to Council about avoiding conflicts of interest with consultants.

Councilwoman Rikel said she supports a cultural arts center downtown. She hopes to begin making general repairs downtown such as adding lights on trees to prevent dark areas and shadows at night. She also suggested placing fencing around some of the unattractive back areas.

Councilwoman Horton asked staff about doing zoning and planning simultaneously.

Director of Community Development Harris responded that a specific plan is a more focused planning and zoning effort for a particular subject area. He said Council will develop their own zoning regulations and land uses within the town center project area, along with design guidelines and standards that will respect the neighborhood and area.

Councilwoman Horton asked if the consultant fee is just for zoning or will there be a plan to market and develop the town center. She would like the community to understand the process step by step and not give them false promises.

Director of Community Development Harris replied that the end product will be a document that will have zoning regulations and the community's input on land uses, hardscape and landscape as well as a set of guidelines. The process will include public outreach and education.

Erik Justesen, RRM Design Group, spoke about his company, assured everyone the objective is to enable the community to develop the town center in the way that is most meaningful to the residents and to take the firm's experience together with the community's vision to make it uniquely Yorba Linda.

Mayor Schwing stated he will direct staff to write into the contract with RRM Design Group to not seek community input first but to take the answers that have been received over the past decade and factor that in the plan. He said it is the Council's will not to start the public process all over again, upfront.

It was **MOVED/SECONDED - ANDERSON/RIKEL** –to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a professional services agreement with RRM Design Group for the preparation of the Town Center Specific Plan and supporting environmental documentation at a not to exceed cost of \$534,476, without prior written authorization and to appropriate \$534,476 from the RDA Project Fund Balance to support these contract expenditures and to shorten the project schedule from 18 months to 12 months.

Councilwoman Horton stated she did not want to negate the importance of including the community. If the consultant needs to go to the community to get

better input she would like them to have the latitude to do so, even if it takes a little longer to complete the project, as long as it is done right.

Interim City Manager Kelly said that within the contract scope of work is a suggestion of joint meetings throughout the process between the Planning Commission and Council to allow Council to see the process in segments and make adjustments accordingly.

Councilmember Horton said she is more concerned about community buy-in and would like the community to be involved in the process.

Interim City Manager Kelly said there would be opportunity for public input at the joint meetings to allow for the community's involvement.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson said he does not wish to give the impression that some council members do not want community input. He is asking the consultant to develop ideas based on years of what residents and the Blue Ribbon Committee have already said and then to obtain community input.

MOTION CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing

NOES: None

ABSENT: Winder

16. GOLF COURSE PRO FORMA ANALYSIS, AGRONOMIC PLAN UPDATE, AND THE FIVE YEAR BUDGET PROJECTIONS

Councilmember Winder said he has given a lot of thought to the Golf Course analysis, read all the reports and spoke with golf course staff. He said that before committing to the recommendations on the staff report, the Council should be prepared to make the needed improvements now. He suggested closing the golf course for a year or two while there is a downturn in the economic environment. He also spoke to Interim City Manager Kelly and suggested keeping 9 holes open as well as the restaurant and essential staff. He doesn't like investing the reserves in this way at this time but he does not believe there is a choice.

Councilmember Winder left the dais at 10:08 p.m.

17. CONSIDERATION OF MODIFYING THE PROCESS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DEMOLITION PERMITS – Continued

18. LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN (CITY COUNCIL LIAISON)

Interim City Manager gave a brief overview of the staff report.

It was **MOVED/SECONDED - SCHWING/ANDERSON** – to nominate Councilwoman Rikel to serve on the Community Planning Committee for the

Library's strategic planning project. **MOTION CARRIED** by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing
NOES: None
ABSENT: Winder

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS AND REFERRALS

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

ORANGE COUNTY DIVISION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES

FOOTHILL/EASTERN TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR/TRANSPORTATION
CORRIDOR SYSTEM

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

ORANGE COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL

OTHER BUSINESS

19. CITY COUNCIL COST CUTTING MEASURES (ANDERSON) - continued
20. POLICY REGARDING NAMING OF PUBLIC FACILITIES IN RECOGNITION OF 30-YEAR VETERAN COUNCILMEMBER HANK WEDAA (HORTON) - continued
21. LETTER OF SUPPORT - ORANGE COUNTY FAIR EQUESTRIAN CENTER (RIKEL) - continued
22. DOG PLAY LOTS (HORTON) - continued

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schwing adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m. in memory of Mark Dunakin, one of the fallen police officers whose parents live in Yorba Linda. The meeting will be adjourned to a Special Meeting on April 29, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. for a Closed Session to discuss the Appointment of a City Manager.

The next regularly scheduled City Council/Redevelopment Agency Joint Meeting is May 5, 2009.

Kathie M. Mendoza, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL/RDA:
