

**CITY OF SELMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 20, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Selma City Council was called to order at 7:15 p.m. in the Council chambers. Council members answering roll call were: Avalos, Derr, Niswander, Mayor Pro Tem Lujan, and Mayor Tow.

Also present were City Manager Heusser, Police Chief Whiteside, Fire Chief Kestly, Public Works Director Weaver, Recreation & Community Services Director Kirchner, Finance Director Bier, the press, and interested citizens.

The agenda for this meeting was duly posted in a location visible at all times by the general public seventy-two hours prior to this meeting.

PRESENTATION OF DONATION BY CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE

COMPANY: Mr. Scott Bailey, Manager of Selma's California Water Service Branch, stepped forward and presented a \$500 donation to the park shelter re-roofing fund. The Council thanked him and California Water Service Co. for the donation.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Louis Franco, 1064 Mill Street, stepped forward to point out that the ratio of Police officers to citizens goes down in the daytime when Selma's population increases due to the influx of shoppers. He also reported that the intersection at Floral and Orange Avenue needs repair.

CONSENT CALENDAR: City Manager Heusser reported that agenda item 1.d. is being pulled from the agenda to allow time for additional modification.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar was made by Council member Niswander and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Niswander, Lujan, Avalos, Derr, Tow

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- a. Minutes of the February 27, 2006 special Council meeting approved as written.
- b. Minutes of the March 6, 2006 workshop/pre-Council meeting approved as written.
- c. Minutes of the March 6, 2006 regular Council meeting approved as written.

- d. Resolution approving and adopting the 2004/2005 Housing Element Annual Report pulled for consideration at a later date.
- e. Notice of Completion for off-site improvements for Tract No. 5156 – Blossom Estates approved by standard motion.
- f. RESOLUTION NO. 2006-22R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN “THE BIG READ” PROGRAM approved by standard motion.
- g. RESOLUTION NO. 2006-23R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA AUTHORIZING THE CALL FOR BIDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON FIRST STREET FROM MCCALL AVENUE TO WHITSON STREET; HIGH STREET FROM FIRST STREET TO ARRANTS STREET; AND NORTH STREET FROM GRANT STREET TO WHITSON STREET. Resolution adopted by standard motion.
- h. Agreement with Pauline Ferro for concessionaire services at Shafer Park approved by standard motion.
- i. Check register dated March 15, 2006 approved by standard motion.

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 8.1 TO TITLE IX OF THE SELMA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SKATEBOARDS – DECLARE URGENT AND ADOPT: Recreation and Community Services Director Kirchner reported that the new skateboard park will soon open and that the City needs to put in place regulations for its use.

City Attorney Hargrove then clarified various details of the Ordinance and the areas where skateboarding will be prohibited.

Council member Niswander questioned the lighting in the park and hours of operation.

Council member Derr questioned the age limitations.

After further discussion, motion declaring the item urgent and adopting ORDINANCE NO. 2006-3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA ADDING CHAPTER 8.1 TO TITLE IX OF THE SELMA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SKATEBOARDS was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan and seconded by Council member Avalos. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lujan, Avalos, Derr, Niswander, Tow
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: City Manager Heusser reminded the Council of the Selma Court Grand Opening on April 5, 2006, the Chamber Banquet on March 24, 2006, and the League General Membership Meeting on April 12, 2006 in Dinuba. He also reported that the Hurricane Katrina Relief items will be shipped out on April 6, and are scheduled to arrive in Louisiana on April 10, 2006.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Council member Avalos thanked Police Chief Whiteside for the presentation made at the workshop/pre-council meeting.

Council member Derr reported on a pothole needing repair at Hicks & Wright Streets. He also asked staff to look into an Ordinance stipulating the removal of garbage cans from the front of residences after the trash is picked up. He also asked the status of the Northeast Area Specific Plan EIR? It was reported that the EIR is on time and should come before Council for consideration at the end of May or first part of June.

Council member Niswander asked staff to research subscription services for Alzheimer's and/or dementia patient's bracelets. She also asked staff to look into installing ceiling fans in the Council chambers.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan also reported on receiving complaints regarding garbage cans. He also reported on receiving positive feedback on the soon to be completed skateboard park. He also questioned the amounts charged by tow truck operators. It was reported that the amounts are set by the CHP and that we have no control over them.

Mayor Tow reported on the Sacramento "One Voice" trip and stated that it had been very productive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:09 p.m. Mayor Tow recessed the meeting into Executive Session to discuss the City Manager's annual evaluation. The meeting reconvened at 10:20 p.m. with no action to be declared in the open session of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Carter, CMC
City Clerk

Don Tow
Mayor of the City of Selma

Ordinance No: 2006-3
Resolution Nos: 2006-22R, 2006-23R