

**CITY OF SELMA
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Selma City Council was called to order at 7:08 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, City Attorney Hargrove, Police Chief Whiteside, Fire Chief Kestly, Public Works Director Weaver, Recreation and Community Services Director Kirchner, Finance Director Bier, Administrative Services Manager Hull, 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 PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 14-20, 2006

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK: Council member Niswander read and presented Fire Chief Jeff Kestly with a proclamation declaring May 14-20, 2006 Emergency Medical Services Week. He thanked the Council for the proclamation.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 14-20, 2006 PEACE

OFFICER'S MEMORIAL WEEK: Council member Derr read and presented Police Chief Tom Whiteside with a proclamation declaring May 14-20, 2006 Peace Officer's Memorial Week. He thanked the Council for the Proclamation.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW FIREFIGHTER AND FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC:

Fire Chief Jeff Kestly then introduced the Fire Department's newest firefighter and firefighter/paramedic. Mr. Matt Begines and Mr. James Turnage were welcomed by the Council.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Nathan Williams, 2722 McCall Avenue, stepped to the podium to thank the Police Department for their swift help when his wife needed help.

Ms. Cathleen Miller, representing Child Protective Services, stepped forward to report that May is Foster Parent Month. She also asked for a proclamation honoring the men and women who serve as Foster Parents. It was reported that a proclamation could be presented at a future Council meeting.

Mr. Louis Franco, 1064 Mill Street, stepped forward to ask the status of the public safety community survey. It was reported that Council is still in the process of gathering information as to the feasibility of the study and it will be four to six months before the process is finished.

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

AYES: Lujan, Niswander, Avalos, Derr, Tow

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

- a. Minutes of the April 17, 2006 workshop/pre-council meeting approved as written.
- b. Minutes of the April 17, 2006 regular Council meeting approved as written.
- c. Check register dated April 27, 2006 approved by standard motion.

DRAWING TO FILL VACANCY FOR ONE FIREWORKS STAND VENDOR: City Clerk Carter then conducted a drawing for one fireworks stand vendor. Of the three groups submitting interest cards, Mr. James Pace, who was in the audience, pulled the Selma Firefighters Association.

PRESENTATION OF 2004/2005 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT: Finance Director Bier presented City Auditor Steve Yribarren who stepped forward and presented the 2004/2005 fiscal year audit. He reported that the City is continuing to retire debt while increasing revenues. The Council thanked staff for their continuing efforts and Mr. Yribarren for the report.

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSURE OF ALLEY TO PUBLIC USE BETWEEN MILL AND PEACH AND LOCUST AND GROVE: Public Works Director Weaver reviewed for the Council a proposal to close the alley between Mill and Peach Streets and Locust and Grove Streets to public use. He reported that these alleys are not used and if the adjacent property owners agree to maintain the area can be turned over to them for use. He reported that this action is for closure only and that the City needs to maintain ownership because of a public utility easement that runs through the area.

After discussion, motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 34R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA AUTHORIZING CLOSURE OF ALLEY TO PUBLIC USE BETWEEN MILL AND PEACH AND LOCUST AND GROVE if the property owners sign a written agreement for maintenance 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

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING ADDITION OF TWO STOP SIGNS ON WHITSON AT MCCALL CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION: Public Works Director Weaver reviewed for the Council the citizen request for stop signs on Whitson at McCall creating a four-way stop intersection. He reported that the stop signs are warranted and that the Traffic & Streets Commission recommended approval.

After discussion by Council, motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2006-31R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA AUTHORIZING ADDITION OF TWO STOP SIGNS ON WHITSON AT MCCALL CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan and seconded by Council member Niswander. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lujan, Niswander, Avalos, Tow

NOES: Derr

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON PARK NAMING POLICY:

Recreation and Community Services Director Kirchner reviewed for the Council the proposed Park and City Facilities Naming Policy with clarifications. He reported that the Recreation & Community Services Commission has reviewed and recommended adoption of the policy.

After discussion, motion to adopt the proposed Park and City Facility Naming Policy with clarifications was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lujan and seconded by Council member Derr. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Lujan, Derr, Avalos, Niswander, Tow

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SELMA AND THE PUBLIC WORKS/COMMUNITY SERVICES (TRANSIT) EMPLOYEE UNIT AND DIRECTING ITS EXECUTION:

Motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2006-32R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SELMA AND THE PUBLIC WORKS/COMMUNITY SERVICES (TRANSIT) EMPLOYEE UNIT AND DIRECTING ITS EXECUTION was made by Council member Derr and seconded by Council member Niswander. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Derr, Niswander, Avalos, Lujan, Tow

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CONSIDERATION AND NECESSARY ACTION ON RESOLUTION APPROVING PROCESS, APPLICATION AND FEE FOR FRONT YARD FENCE PLACEMENT INTO THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY:

City Manager Heusser reported that as per Council direction, a formal proposed process for the placement of front yard fencing into the City's right-of-way has been established along with the application and the associated fee.

After discussion, motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2006-33R, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELMA APPROVING PROCESS, APPLICATION AND FEE FOR FRONT YARD FENCE PLACEMENT INTO THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY 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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: City Manager Heusser reported that the budget process is continuing and that the all-day budget sessions are scheduled for June 5th and if needed June 12th.

Recreation & Community Services Director Kirchner reported on a recent Sr. Citizens trip to the Dr. Phil show. He reported that the skateboard park should be open at the end of the month, that the Vietnam Memorial will be traveling through town this week, and that he has received complaints about u-turns being made across double yellow lines on High Street. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council to take a more pro-active approach to traffic violations in the downtown area.

Fire Chief Kestly reported that the department had responded to a house fire over the weekend.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Council member Avalos reported on lane merging problems at the north bound Floral on-ramp. City Manager Heusser reported that he would follow up on the problem with Caltrans.

Council member Derr reported on utility company asphalt patch problems around town. It was reported that staff would look into the matter. He reported on the new bike lane on Golden State Boulevard, the electrical box on the corner of Floral and Nelson Boulevard, and the Cleveland Street parking problem. He also reported that he had met with the fleet mechanic to discuss the monthly parts and maintenance charges.

Council member Niswander asked the status of the Orange Avenue storm water retention basin landscaping project. It was reported that staff will be working on the project in the near future. She also reported on receiving positive comments on the truck parking restrictions within the city limits and attending the first benchmarking meeting. She asked when the Orange Avenue paving project would begin. It was reported that PG & E plans to begin when there has been at least twelve dry days. She also reported that Immanuel High School has started dropping children off on Floral Avenue by Town & Country Market where there are no crosswalks. Staff reported that they would contact the school.

Mayor Pro Tem Lujan reported on the ethics training now being required. He also asked staff to research the need for a vicious dog ordinance in Selma. He stated that the City needs to make sure all new car dealerships provide for off-street employee parking. He also reported that the County still has no plans to bring the Hacienda Heights area up to code.

Mayor Tow reported that the parking problem on Cleveland Street is better but the employees are parking across the street. He reported on receiving a complaint about the Valley Christian Center electronic reader board being lit all night. Staff reported that a letter would be written. He also reported on motorcycles and cars 4-wheeling in the water and mud at Young Pond. Staff reported that they would look into the matter.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Lisa Franco, 1064 Mill Street then asked each Council member to explain their dissatisfaction with the Ad Hoc Safety Committee's report. Discussion then occurred and Council agreed that when that much money is to be spent on a study they have to do the research to know what they are talking about with the citizens of Selma.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie A. Carter, CMC
City Clerk

Don Tow
Mayor of the City of Selma

Resolution Nos: 2006-31R, 2006-32R, 2006-33R, 2006-34R