

**MINUTES
SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL
CIP STUDY SESSION
OCTOBER 5, 2005**

DATE: Wednesday, October 5, 2005
TIME: 5:30P.M.
PLACE: Adult Care Center
19655 Allendale Avenue
Saratoga, CA 95070

Mayor King called the Study Session meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Ann Waltonsmith, Aileen Kao, Nick Street,
Vice Mayor Norman Kline, Mayor Kathleen King

Also Present: Dave Anderson, City Manager
Lorie Tinfow, Assistant City Manager
John Cherbone, Public Works Director
John Livingstone, Community Development Director
Michelle Braucht, Administrative Services Director
Kristin Borel, Public Works Analyst

REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 5, 2005

Ann Sullivan, Deputy City Clerk, reported that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda for the meeting of October 5, 2005, was properly posted on September 29, 2005.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PUBLIC

Oral Communications on Non-Agendized Items

No one requested to speak at tonight's meeting.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY SETTING EXERCISE

City Manager Dave Anderson gave a brief explanation of the Priority Setting Exercise and how the exercise would proceed.

Public Works Director John Cherbone pointed out to Council Members that they each had a stack of color-coded cards noting proposed city projects and the cost of each project. Council was asked to prioritize their individual preferences for each project by placing the cards in on the displayed Ranking Sheet.

Council Members were also given blank cards for projects that were not already listed.

A period of discussion took place and it was agreed that new project cards would be included in the exercise for:

- Gateway Calabasas Trail; projected cost – \$100,000
- Historic Park Plaza Landscaping; projected cost – \$40,000
- Heritage Orchard Perimeter Loop; projected cost – \$25,000
- Gateway – Relocation of large oak tree (Signature Tree) from Orchard to Fruitvale; projected cost – \$20,000
- Wildwood Park Water Feature Seating Bench; projected cost – \$10,000
- Hakone ADA Project; projected cost – \$22,000
- Maximize Parking Efficiency (at Civic Center Campus); projected cost – \$25,000
- Increase City Hall Parking Lot Area; projected cost – \$125,000
- Village Street Tree Lighting; projected cost – \$50,000

Mayor Kathleen King asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak at this time.

Citizen Jill Hunter - Referenced the condition of the trees in the Village. She noted many of the trees needed pruning. She also felt the little lights on the trees were very nice, however, it is difficult to prune around those lights. Suggested the City install “upward” facing lights on a few trees and seek opinion from citizens and Village merchants as to whether or not they like the “new look”.

Mayor Kathleen King took this into consideration and suggested the tree lighting be included as a project item.

Director John Cherbone indicated \$174,000 would be available for the 9 new projects.

Council Members completed their priority ranking exercise.

The meeting concluded with the direction that staff would provide Council the results of the priority ranking and another CIP Study Session meeting would be scheduled to finalize the CIP process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Kathleen King adjourned the Study Session meeting at 6:55 p.m. and Council proceeded to Council Chambers for the scheduled October 5, 2005 Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Sullivan
Deputy City Clerk

