

**CITY OF CITRUS HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of Thursday, August 10, 2023
City Hall Council Chambers
6360 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, CA**

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 Vice Mayor Daniels.
2. Roll Call: Council Members present: Karpinski-Costa, Lopez-Taff, Middleton, Daniels, Schaefer
Council Members absent: None
Staff present: Feeney, Jones, Russo, Turcotte, Van and department directors.
3. The video statement was read by City Clerk Van.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, seconded by Council Member Middleton, the City Council approved the agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Clerk Van read the following written public comment submitted by Rick Hodgkins, "I want to start off my comments by saying that I have Covid and therefore could not make it to tonight's meeting so I wish that this was being streamed on zoom. My comments are the following. About five days ago, back on Saturday, August 5, I was crossing eastbound on sunrise to go to Leatherby's to use my free Sunday coupon I collected from last months, city scoop, that which I may not be able to attend this month. As I was crossing east on sunrise, a driver in a white BMW had the nerve to block the crosswalk at the other end of it. Me being a blind person, he's lucky I wasn't angry enough to smack his windshield with my cane! Instead, someone else saw the whole thing, and that they were able to come in help me out. But that this should not be happening. There needs to be something at the intersection, even if lights are out, to tell drivers to yield , outside of a crosswalk before they enter it! Furthermore, as a person that is blind, I would take note and report, Orange Grove Avenue as well as an El Camino Ave. in Juan Avenue, that they have a talking signal, that, when pressed on an arrow button, it will say, "wait to cross college Oak Drive at Orange Grove Avenue." the pedestrian control signals on El Camino near watt do the same thing. And then the chirping signal is very loud and loud enough so blind person like myself can hear it. Thank you, that is all."

Anjani Amladi addressed the Council regarding a neighbor that parks their vehicle in a no parking zone, which obstructs the view of the road and oncoming traffic, thus creating a safety issue. She stated she spoke with City staff and thanked them for responding to her concerns.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Proclamation Honoring Chris Myers on the Occasion of His Retirement from the City of Citrus Heights
- Council Member Middleton read the proclamation. Chris Myers was unable to attend the meeting to accept the proclamation.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES

Council Member Karpinski-Costa provided a report from the Sacramento Transportation Authority Board meeting. She participated in National Night Out. She attended the Elected Officials Reception hosted by the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce. She provided an update from the Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District.

Council Member Middleton reminded residents to be mindful of the speed limit in school zones. She also noted SMUD is holding a public hearing regarding proposed rate increases.

Council Member Lopez-Taff attended the grand opening for NewSongs. She participated in National Night Out. She provided a report from the Homeless Policy Commission meeting. She attended a five Chamber of Commerce luncheon, a partnership with the Citrus Heights Chamber and other neighboring local chambers. She also attended the Sunrise MarketPlace Board meeting.

Vice Mayor Daniels reminded residents to be careful as children are returning to school. He attended the Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce luncheon. He attended the Sunrise MarketPlace Board meeting. He participated in National Night Out. He attended the grand opening for NewSongs. He announced the next City Scoop event will be held on August 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Sylvan Community Center.

Mayor Schaefer participated in National Night Out. He attended the grand opening for Miller's Ace Hardware. He provided an update from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments Policy and Innovation Committee meeting. He stated the Sacramento Valley Manufacturing Alliance has a new competency-based apprenticeship program. He reminded the public the next City Scoop event will be held on August 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Sylvan Community Center.

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. **SUBJECT:** Approval of Minutes
RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of July 27, 2023
6. **SUBJECT:** Quarterly Treasurer's Report
STAFF REPORT: S. Talwar / A. Preciado
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the Quarterly Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2023
7. **SUBJECT:** Various Signalized Intersection Safety Improvements Project – Final Acceptance and Notice of Completion – City PN 20-17-003
STAFF REPORT: R. Cave / L. Blomquist

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-078, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights, California, Accepting the Various Signalized Intersection Safety Improvements Project as Complete and Authorizing the City Engineer to Record a Notice of Completion

ACTION: On a motion by Council Member Karpinski-Costa, seconded by Vice Mayor Daniels, the City Council adopted Consent Calendar Items 5, 6 and 7.

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

REGULAR CALENDAR

8. **SUBJECT:** Police Officers Assigned to Schools Discussion
STAFF REPORT: A. Turcotte / C. Kinnan
RECOMMENDATION: Receive staff presentation and provide further direction if needed

Police Chief Turcotte reported in March 2023, Council requested staff research the feasibility and cost of returning school resource officers to the two high schools in Citrus Heights. The overall start-up costs to return two officers to the high schools is approximately \$250,000 for equipment and officers. The annual cost would be approximately \$340,000 for salary, equipment and maintenance.

Mike Jones, Director of Safe Schools for the San Juan Unified School District presented an overview of the District's Safe Schools program. The program objectives include supporting development of comprehensive school safety plans, providing critical response in areas of threat assessment and critical incident management, and assisting with student behavior crisis, violations of rules/policies and disruptions affecting the safety of the site. He explained the District has Community Safety Specialists assigned to zones and Citrus Heights has one primary Specialist acting as the lead for all 12 school sites that is supported by two additional safety specialists.

Daniel Thigpen, Executive Director of Labor and Government Affairs for the San Juan Unified School District reported 24 schools in the District have had their fencing updated and 12 additional school sites have been identified for fencing in Fiscal Year 2023-24. Additional safety measures include the purchase and installation of door locking mechanisms and other safety related items. The District has allocated approximately \$833,000 to create 10.1 new full-time positions in Citrus Heights schools.

Council questions and comments followed.

Vice Mayor Daniels recommended that a discussion item be brought back at a future Council meeting for consideration to fund two police officers, one at each high school in Citrus Heights, and that the Council consider funding with General Fund dollars.

Mayor Schaefer seconded Vice Mayor Daniel's recommendation.

9. **SUBJECT:** Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate(s) for the League of California Cities Annual Conference
STAFF REPORT: A. Van

RECOMMENDATION: Make a motion to designate a voting delegate and alternate(s) to participate at the Annual Business Meeting on September 22, 2023 during the Cal Cities Annual Conference

City Clerk Van presented the staff report.

ACTION: On a motion by Vice Mayor Daniels, seconded by Mayor Schaefer, the City Council appointed Council Member MariJane Lopez-Taff as the voting delegate and Mayor Tim Schaefer as the alternate voting delegate.

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

10. **SUBJECT:** Citrus Heights Ordinance Amendments Regarding Penalty Provisions to Sections 50-507, 50-605, 78-53 and 98-132

STAFF REPORT: J. Russo / R. Jones

RECOMMENDATION: Introduce for a First Reading, read by title only, and waive the full reading of Ordinance No. 2023-___ An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights Amending Sections 50-507, 50-605, 78-53 and 98-132 of the Citrus Heights Municipal Code

Police Commander Russo reported the item is to amend various sections of the Municipal Code to provide the City with an alternative avenue to hold people accountable for some violations of the City's Code and also make them consistent with other sections of the Code. The modifications provide the option to reduce certain violations to an infraction or a civil action, rather than just a misdemeanor.

ACTION: On a motion by Vice Mayor Daniels, seconded by Council Member Lopez-Taff, the City Council introduced for a First Reading, read by title only, and waive the full reading of Ordinance No. 2023-___ An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Citrus Heights Amending Sections 50-507, 50-605, 78-53 and 98-132 of the Citrus Heights Municipal Code.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Feeney announced the City has shared information on social media and the website regarding the hiring of new Metro Fire Chief Adam House. He provided highlights from National Night Out. He announced the next City Scoop event will be held on August 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Sylvan Community Center. He also announced the Sunday Funday event to be held on September 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rusch Park. He commented on the Police Department's Oath of Office Ceremony held on August 8. He acknowledged the loss of Police Dispatcher Katie Vryheid who passed away unexpectedly on August 3, 2023.


ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS/ FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schaefer adjourned the regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. in honor of Citrus Heights Police Dispatcher Katie Vryheid.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Van, City Clerk