

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 990 PALM STREET
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

ROLL CALL:

Council Members

Present: Council Members John Ashbaugh, Andrew Carter, Jan Howell Marx, Vice Mayor Allen K. Settle and Mayor Dave Romero

City Staff

Present: Ken Hampian, City Manager, Jonathan Lowell, City Attorney, Shelly Stanwyck, Assistant City Manager, and Elaina Cano, Interim City Clerk, were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STUDY SESSION

1. STRATEGIES TO REDUCE NEIGHBORHOOD NOISE AND PARTY DISTURBANCES.

Police Chief Linden presented the staff report; following which she and Captain Ian Parkinson responded to questions.

On behalf of President Warren Baker, Chip Visci, Cal Poly Administration, expressed his concern with the irresponsible behavior by some Cal Poly students and spoke in support of staff's report. Mr. Visci reiterated that Cal Poly unequivocally believes that there must be clear and significant consequences for misconduct off campus as well as on campus. In addition, the University Police department will continue to collaborate with the City's Police department and will continue to aggressively enforce the law in the adjacent neighborhoods. Mr. Visci responded to Council questions and concerns.

The Council recessed at 9:08 p.m. and reconvened at 9:16 p.m. with all members present.

Public Comment

Grace Dempsey, San Luis Obispo, spoke about her concerns regarding neighborhood disturbances.

Meg Evans, San Luis Obispo, spoke in support of holding property owners responsible for their tenants actions. However, Ms. Evans was not in favor of a curfew or expanding the enforcement area.

Kelly Griggs, ASI President, stated that as the ASI President she will not be taking a position on this issue. Ms. Griggs spoke in favor of keeping a positive relationship with SLOPD and requested that Cal Poly students have an opportunity to participate in any changes that are proposed.

Naoma Wright, San Luis Obispo, spoke about her concerns regarding Cal Poly's Week of Welcome (WOW).

Sam Young, Cal Poly student, spoke in support of WOW. Mr. Young also discussed his concerns with staff's recommendation.

The following community members spoke in support of staff's recommendation:

Larry Leal, San Luis Obispo.

Ted Vergis, San Luis Obispo.

Eric Meyer, San Luis Obispo.

Bill Killian, San Luis Obispo.

John Sherry, San Luis Obispo.

Karen Hale, San Luis Obispo.

Frank Kassak, San Luis Obispo.

Elisabett Abrahams, San Luis Obispo.

Brett Cross, Chair of Residents of Quality Neighborhoods.

Paula Carr, San Luis Obispo.

The following community members spoke in support of alternative solutions pertaining to the issues addressed in the staff report:

Benjamin Peters, San Luis Obispo.

John Macy, Cal Poly student.

Adam Forsythe, San Luis Obispo.

David Kreitter, Cal Poly student.

Joseph Abrahams, San Luis Obispo.

Paul Brown, San Luis Obispo.

Gary Fowler, San Luis Obispo.

Andy Nowak, Cal Poly student.

Jesse Adamson, Cal Poly student.

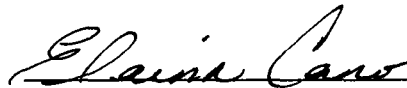
Kathy Nelson, San Luis Obispo.

Closed Public Hearing

Council discussion followed, during which staff responded to questions and Council Members commented on various components of the report and indicated their support of it.

ACTION: By consensus Council agreed to: 1. Receive a report outlining various strategies to reduce the occurrences of neighborhood disturbances created by excessive noise and party activity. 2. Provide direction to staff regarding the following strategies and programs: a. Noise ordinance modifications and procedures. b. Unruly gathering ordinance. c. Nighttime curfew ordinance. d. Strategic use of Safety Enhancement Zone Ordinance. e. Residential rental property licensing options B, C and D. 3. Direct staff to return to Council beginning in late January 2010 with any recommended ordinances and procedural changes.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Romero adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.



Elaina Cano
Interim City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: 11/03/09