

Williams City Council Minutes

810 E Street / P.O. Box 310, Williams, CA 95987

Regular Meeting of the City Council
May 13, 2009
Minutes

The City Council of the City of Williams met the 13th day of May, 2009 at the hour of 6:00pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Councilmembers John Troughton Jr., Don Barker, Angela Fulcher, Eddie Johnson, and Mayor Patricia Ash.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT:

James P. Saso, Interim City Administrator, Chief of Police
Ann Siprelle, City Attorney
Wes Goforth, Director of Public Works
Rene Miles, City Clerk
Patricia Cervantes, Finance Director
Sally Barker, City Treasurer

Others: Ben Felt, Daniel O'Connell, Dylan Dupre, Linda Roth, Brett Mayes, Dennis LaGrande, Sarvan Singh.

2. Mayor Ash opened the meeting at 6:00pm leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mayor Ash declared time for a period of public comment.

George Lewis, 1145 H Street, Williams, addressed the Council regarding the City of Williams' CDBG eligibility and encouraged the City to meet with Housing and Community Development representatives regarding this.

Cindy Gobel, 1128 G Street, Williams, addressed the Council and the public regarding this year's Williams Fun Run to be held on Saturday, May 23, 2009 as a benefit for next year's Williams Middle School field trips and encouraged public participation.

After hearing no further comments, Mayor Ash closed the period of public comment.

At this time, Mr. Saso requested that the Council consider adding another item to the Agenda. Due to its immediate and urgent nature, and that this item came to staff's attention after the posting of this agenda, Mr. Saso requests that the

Council add Item #10, Approval of Resolution 09-06 Finding a Severe Fiscal Hardship Will Exist If Additional City Property Tax Funds Are Seized And Additional Unfunded Mandates Are Adopted By The State of California. No comments received from the Council or public. It was then moved by Councilmember Barker and seconded by Councilmember Fulcher to add this item to this agenda, as Item #10. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton Jr., Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

4. Mayor Ash declared time for approval of the Consent Agenda Items a through h. After hearing no comments from the Council or public, Councilmember Barker moved to approve the Consent Agenda as is. Motion seconded by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton Jr., Barker, Fulcher, Johnson and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

5. Dylan Dupre of SPG Solar and Daniel O'Connell gave a Special Presentation on solar power and how its use could benefit the city. Mr. Dupre gave a background of SPG Solar, explained why people choose solar power, solar capabilities, financing options, power purchase agreements, and maintenance. Mr. Dupre and Mr. Connell took questions from the Council and the audience.

6. Ms. Siprelle addressed the Council regarding Resolution 09-04 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams, California Finding and Determining that Trojan Technologies is the Sole Source for a UV Light Disinfection System. It was then moved by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Barker to Approve Resolution 09-04 as stated above. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton, Jr., Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

7. Ms. Siprelle addressed the Council regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project and the need for an Engagement Letter for Bond Counsel Services. After hearing no comment from the Council or public, it was moved by Councilmember Fulcher and seconded by Councilmember Barker to Approve an Engagement Letter to Provide Bond Counsel Services Related to the Financing of the Construction/Reconstruction of Public Facilities and Improvements for the City of Williams Wastewater Treatment Plant with a Loan from the United States Department of Agriculture. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton, Jr., Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

8. Mr. Saso addressed the Council regarding a tort claim submitted by Hill & Hill Contracting. Councilmember Troughton, Jr. commented on this claim. After hearing no further comments from Council or the public, it was moved by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Barker to reject the claim submitted by Hill & Hill Contracting, Inc. filed on April 7, 2009. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton, Jr., Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

9. Mr. Saso addressed the Council regarding a tort claim submitted by Ellen Edd. Councilmember Troughton, Jr. inquired regarding the ordinance pertaining to sidewalk maintenance in the City. Ms. Siprelle responded, explaining that the City's Code puts the responsibility of sidewalk maintenance onto the private property owner and restates Bragg & Associates' recommendation to reject the claim. After no further comments from the Council or public, it was moved by Councilmember Troughton, Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Barker to reject the claim submitted by Ellen Edd filed on April 9, 2009. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton, Jr., Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

10. This item was added to this agenda by vote of the Council due to its urgent nature and that it was brought to staff's attention after the posting of the agenda. Mr. Saso addressed the Council regarding Resolution 09-06 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Williams Finding a Severe Fiscal Hardship Will Exist if Additional City Property Tax Funds are Seized and Additional Unfunded Mandates are Adopted by the State of California. After hearing no comments from the Council or public, it was moved by Councilmember Barker to approve Resolution 09-06 as stated above. Motion seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Troughton, Jr., Barker, Fulcher, Johnson, and Mayor Ash.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

11. Mayor Ash declares time for reports.

City Attorney: Spoke with broker who is handling loan for the Police Department upgrade. If approved, the City could receive funds within a month. The City Attorney was directed to pursue as much funding as possible through this loan.

City Clerk: Will be out of the office May 25-28 and June 2-5.

City Treasurer: Gave Treasury Report for month ending April 30, 2009 and answered questions from Council regarding the report.

12. Mayor Ash declares time for Council Reports and Committee Updates:

Councilmember Troughton Jr.: Gave updates on committees and projects.

Councilmember Barker: Gave updates on committees and projects.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fulcher: Gave updates on committees and projects.

Councilmember Johnson: Gave updates on committees and projects.

Mayor Ash: Gave updates on committees and projects. Also announced that interviews for City Administrator will begin tomorrow. In addition, city employees are also being interviewed. Pioneer Day will be held June 6th.

13. Mayor Ash declares time for Staff General Reports and Discussion.

Interim City Administrator: Gave updates on business and projects.

City Finance Officer: Ms. Cervantes gave department report. Councilmember Barker made a second request for information on Multi-Bank CD's and restricted funds; however Ms. Cervantes replied that she has not had a chance to investigate these funds yet. Councilmember Troughton made an inquiry regarding estimated revenue from taxes, and Ms. Cervantes responded that revenue would be cut more than half.

Police Chief /Code Enforcement: Report given by Chief Saso.

Fire Chief: Not present.

Public Works: Report given by Wes Goforth.

Mayor Ash adjourned the meeting at 7:13pm to reconvene in Regular Session on June 10, 2009 at 6:00pm.

Approved: _____
Patricia Ash, Mayor

Attest: _____
Rene L. Miles, City Clerk

FW: City of Williams CDBG Eligibility

Exhibit "A"
page 1 of 2

From: John Burke <jburke@hcd.ca.gov>
To: 'georgelshws@aol.com' <georgelshws@aol.com>
Subject: FW: City of Williams' CDBG Eligibility
Date: Wed, 13 May 2009 10:27 am
Attachments: Williams_Holdout_Letter_Attachment.xls (28K)

George,

Please see the attachment as an explanation why the City of Williams is not eligible to apply for funding this year.

John Burke
HCD Representative II
CDBG
Phone: 916-319-8109
Fax: 916-319-8488

-----Original Message-----

From: Rita Levy
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2009 10:23 AM
To: John Burke
Subject: FW: City of Williams' CDBG Eligibility

This email and any files attached are intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to which they are addressed. If you have received this email in error, please notify the sender immediately. This email and the attachments have been electronically scanned for email content security threats, including but not limited to viruses.

<http://webmail.aol.com/42949/aol/en-us/mail/PrintMessage.aspx>

5/13/2009

Community Development Block Grant Program
 Holdout Issues
 FY 2009/2010

Exhibit "A"
 page 2 of 2

Name of Jurisdiction: Williams, City of

CDBG Representative: Joann Gonzales

Telephone: (916) 323-1454 Email: jgonzales@hcd.ca.gov

Type of Issue to be Resolved	Fiscal Year/ Period Ending/ Grant Number	Date Resolved/ Report Received
<input type="checkbox"/> Program Income Exceeds maximum allowable balance of \$250,000, per: <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Report <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reporting Requirements Reports not received: Program Income Reports <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAR Reports <input type="checkbox"/> 05-STBG-XXXX <input type="checkbox"/> 06-STBG-XXXX GPR Reports <input type="checkbox"/> 05-STBG-XXXX <input type="checkbox"/> 06-STBG-XXXX <input type="checkbox"/> Single Audit Requirements (SAR) <input type="checkbox"/> 2006/2007 Audit Not Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 2006/2007 Incomplete SAR Package <input type="checkbox"/> 2008 Holdout Not Resolved	FY 2007/2008 Quarter ending 12/31/08 Annual FY 2007/2008 Quarter ending 3/31/08; 9/30/08; & 12/31/08 Period Ending 12/31/08 Period Ending 12/31/08 FY Ending 6/30/08 Per SCO's report dated 9/30/08 Holdout letter dated: _____	
Comments:		

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

WILLIAMS, CA

SIGN-IN SHEET (Please print legibly)

Meeting Date/Time: WED MAY 13TH at 6:00pm

If you care to identify yourself and record your presence at this meeting of the City Council, please write your name, address, and phone below.

Your signature is not required as a condition of your attendance at this meeting.

	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
1	BEN FELT	COWSA	
2	Daniel O'Connell	SBG Solar	
3	Dylan Pope		
4	Greg King		
5	Shelby Jackson		
6	Linda Kolt		
7	BRETT Mayer	2668 HUSTED WMS	473 5600
8	Dennis LaGrande	896 F ST	
9	LorVan Singh	929 ST WILLIAMS	
10			
11			
12			
13			
14			
15			
16			
17			
18			
19			
20			
21			
22			
23			
24			
25			
26			
27			
28			
29			