

**Joint City Council/\*Redevelopment Agency  
Regular Meeting  
March 15, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Juan Saavedra called the Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Juan Saavedra led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PEACEBUILDERS' PLEDGE**

All recited the Peacebuilder's Pledge.

**ROLL CALL**

Present when the meeting was called to order were: Councilmember/Agencymember Christopher Bourke, Councilmember/Agencymember Stefanie De La Rosa, Councilmember/Agencymember Patricia Stephens and Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Juan Saavedra.

Mayor/Chair Richard Ortiz and City Manager/Executive Director Noelia Chapa were out of the country in China.

**MAYOR'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None

**COUNCILMEMBER'S/AGENCYMEMBER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember/Agencymember De La Rosa asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mario Cunha, Firefighter who died two years ago Monday and asked that he be remembered.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Saavedra stated he had attended the Redevelopment Conference in Monterey. He asked for a report on the Proposition 50 grant funds.

Public Works Director Clif Price stated there was good news. The grant funded program is offering \$6 million in grants and if we make the second round, we hopefully will make the final cut.

Councilmember/Agencymember Bourke stated he had missed the Emergency Plan Committee meeting on March 13, 2006 because he had parent teacher conferences. He said he had attended the Housing Authority meeting the previous evening. He reminded everyone of the Rotary Reverse-draw on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. He said the Rabies Reduced Fee Clinic is being held on April 8<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 12 noon in the City Hall parking lot.

**COUNCILMEMBER'S/AGENCYMEMBER'S PRAISES**

Councilmember/Agencymember De La Rosa praised the 15 CNA graduates from the CETA program in Soledad and congratulated them.

Councilmember/Agencymember Bourke praised the Fire Department for increasing the ISO rating for the City. He praised the police officers for all their hard work. He praised the Public Works maintenance workers for getting the Little League Park ready for their grand opening day. He also praised Staff for a readable budget.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Introduction of New Employees:

- Police Officer – Ruby Alvarez
- Police Officer – Rodrigo Olguin
- Animal Control Officer – JoAnne Aguirre

Police Chief Richard Cox introduced JoAnne Aguirre. He said JoAnne was born in Dos Palos and raised mostly in Salinas. She has two children and eleven grandchildren. She began her career at the SPCA in 1985 as a kennel attendant. She then continued on to be a Humane Officer with SPCA and then took a position with Monterey County Animal Control in 1988. In January of 2001 she became Soledad's part-time Animal Control Officer.

Chief Cox introduced Ruby Alvarez. Police Officer Alvarez was born and raised in Salinas and graduated from Salinas High School in 1997. Ruby has a one-year old son, a brother who is a police officer in Greenfield and her boyfriend Matthew Mendoza who is a deputy with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office. She graduated from Monterey Peninsula College police Academy in February of 2006.

Chief Cox introduced Rodrigo Olguin. Police Officer Olguin was born in Salinas and lived in Gonzales for 12 years before moving to Mexico with his family. Rodrigo returned to California and in 1998 graduated from Heald Business College. He was hired by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office in 2000 in a non-sworn position inside the Monterey County Jail. He attended MPC Police Academy and graduated in 2003.

Chief Cox administered the Oath of Office to all three employees. Mrs. Natividad Olguin pinned Officer Olguin's badge and Matthew Mendoza pinned Officer Alvarez's badge.

Officer Alvarez thanked the City for the awesome opportunity. Officer Olguin thanked his parents for their support. Animal Control Officer Aguirre stated if anyone needed her, just to call her. All three thanked Chief Cox and the Police Department for their support.

The Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Saavedra and the rest of the Council/Agency congratulated and welcomed the new employees.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Saavedra called for a five-minute recess at 7:46 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Saavedra called the meeting back to order at 7:56 pm.

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES UPDATE**

Assistant City Manager De La Rosa stated the update was in the packet and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions from Council/Agency or Staff.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Massa, 1351 Madera Street, addressed the Council/Agency. He stated he was representing Windy Acres and was requesting the use of Community Center City hours for a spring fundraiser to be held on May 6, 2006. He asked that this be agendaized for the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilmember/Agencymember Bourke asked if they had checked with the YMCA to make sure it was available for that day. Mr. Massa stated they had not.

Erica Padilla-Chavez, 562 Burke Circle addressed the Council/Agency and asked about the status of the Vosti Park Child Care Center.

Community Development Director Fleming stated that the building was on location and Staff was waiting for the playground equipment to be delivered and would arrive within the month. Staff was also waiting for PG & E to finalize the electrical.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Saavedra asked if the electrical problems had been resolved. Community Development Director Fleming stated they had not been resolved.

Councilmember/Agencymember De La Rosa asked if the playground equipment area had been mapped out. Community Development Director Fleming stated it had and that an area of 36 feet by 36 feet had been allowed for it.

Steve Johnson, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority addressed the Council/Agency. He stated that now that the Biomass plant has closed, organic material could be considered a renewable energy source and grant monies are available to assist in regenerating the plant. He asked if the Council/Agency wanted options to keep it open or would they like to keep it closed. He said that the City could also work as an energy company. The Authority would like to know their wishes.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Saavedra stated this could be agendized.

Councilmember/Agencymember Bourke asked Mr. Johnson if the Authority would consider operating the plant. Mr. Johnson stated it would have to be a benefit to the City also.

Councilmember/Agencymember Stephens expressed that we all need to talk, get the information first and then come to a conclusion.

Councilmember/Agencymember Bourke asked when a decision was needed. Mr. Johnson stated that by April for the first session of bonds. He added he would like to include the City of Soledad.

Nader Agha, developer stated that he had been working for an alternative to energy and knows it has to be found in the next 10 years. He would like the opportunity to work with the Authority and discuss this.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **Item #1: Approval of Minutes**

Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency Special Meeting Minutes March 2, 2006

### **Item #2: Approval of Warrants**

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**ITEM #3 WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR BY CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL RODRIQUEZ**

**Item #3:** \* **Resolution No. 278**, “A Resolution of the Soledad Redevelopment Agency Directing the Executive Director to Prepare Loan Agreements Pertaining to the Benito Street Farm Labor Center/Affordable Housing Project and Monterey Street Project And Providing Authorization to Execute the Same Upon Satisfactory Completion.”

**Item #4:** **Resolution No. 3747**, “Accepting the Design, Repair, Installation and Start Up of the Equipment at the Salinas Valley State Prison and Correctional Training Facility Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Facility Performed by Manito Construction.”

**Item #5:** **Resolution No. 3748**, “Approving an Application for Federal Grant Funding of \$143,000 to Participate in the Monterey County Street Violence and Anti-Gang Task Force Project.”

**Item #6:** **Resolution No. 3749**, “Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Use Agreement with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) in the Amount of \$10,000 for OMNI-MEANS’ Use of the Regional Travel Demand Model Needed for Preparation of the US 101 / SR 146 Corridor Study and Allocating \$10,000 from Regional Surface Transportation Program Funds to the Street Budget.”

**Item #7:** **Resolution No. 3750**, “Accepting Work Performed by Paul T. Beck Contractors, Inc. Engineering Contractors to Remove Vegetation from the Aeration and Disposal Ponds at the Salinas Valley State Prison and Correctional Training Facility Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Facility.”

**ITEM #8 WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR BY COUNCILMEMBER/AGENCYMEMBER STEPHENS**

**Item #8:** Consider Street Closure of Andalucia Drive between Ticino Street and Metz Road/North Street for each Saturday during the 2006 Little League Baseball Season as Required

**Item #9:** **Resolution No. 3751**, “Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Carmel Fire Protection Associates For Fire Marshal Services.”

**ITEM #10 WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR BY CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL RODRIQUEZ**

**Item #10:** **Resolution No. 3752**, “Approving and Authorizing Execution of an Agreement for the Option to Enter Into a Contract for the Exchange of Interests in Real Property Between the City of Soledad and HMBY, LP.”

**MOTION:** The Consent Calendar (Items #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9) were approved by a majority vote on a motion made by Councilmember/Agencymember Bourke and a second by Councilmember/Agencymember Stephens.

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City Attorney Rodriquez stated that an item had arisen that needed to be resolved. He said Staff would try to meet with the Housing Authority in the next few days and recommended that the Agency continue this item to the April 5, 2006 meeting.

**MOTION: Resolution No. 278 was continued to the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting by a majority vote on a motion by Agencymember Stephens and a second by Agencymember Bourke.**

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Councilmember/Agencymember Stephens stated she would like the public to be aware of the dates and times that the street would be closed.

Community Development Director Fleming reviewed the staff report. He stated that the Little League season opening day is March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Little League Board of Directors was requesting the closure of the streets on Saturday’s between 8 am and 2 pm throughout the 14-week season.

Councilmember/Agencymember Bourke asked if this information could be printed on the water bills or was it too late for this year.

Councilmember/Agencymember De La Rosa suggested that since this occurs every year, Staff should try to develop more permanent barriers.

**MOTION: Closure of the streets was approved by a majority vote on a motion by Agencymember Stephens and a second by Agencymember Bourke.**

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City Attorney Rodriquez stated that it had come to his attention than Mr. Nader Agha’s attorney had not reviewed the latest document. He is requesting that Council continue this item to the meeting of April 5, 2006.

**MOTION: Resolution No. 3752 was continued to the meeting of April 5, 2006 by a majority vote on a motion by Agencymember Stephens and a second by Agencymember Bourke.**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Item #11:**     **Resolution No. 3753**, “Approving the Issuance of Bonds by the Housing Authority of the County of Monterey in Accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement with the Soledad Housing Authority for the Purpose of Financing a Multifamily Rental Housing Project, to be Located at 439 Benito Street.”

City Attorney Rodriguez stated that this item is not impacted by the other Housing Authority items.

### **Staff presentation**

Assistant City Manager De La Rosa stated that in order to accommodate the issuance of bonds as a means of financing a project, a Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) Hearing is required. He said the issuance of bonds must be approved by representatives of the governmental unit with jurisdiction over the area in which the project is located after a public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide an opportunity for interested persons to provide their views on the proposed bond issuance and on the nature and location of the Project.

Assistant City Manager De La Rosa stated that the City would have no responsibility or liability whatsoever with respect to the Bonds and the public hearing and resolution simply provided the Housing Authority with the City’s consent to issue a tax-exempt bond for the Benito Street Farm Labor Center.

### **Open and Close hearing to the Public**

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra opened the hearing to the public and there being no comments closed the hearing to the public.

**MOTION: Resolution No. 3753 was adopted on a motion by Councilmember Bourke and a second by Councilmember Stephens by a majority vote.**

## **BUSINESS**

**Item #12:**     **Resolution No. 3754**, “Approving Implementation of a Commingled Recycling Cart Program Pursuant to the City’s Contract with Tri-Cities Disposal.”

Assistant City Manager De La Rosa presented the staff report. He stated that in 2003 the cities of Soledad, Greenfield and Gonzales extended their contract with Tri-Cities Disposal for residential and commercial waste hauling and disposal services. At the same time, the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority began serving as the contract administrator and took on the responsibility of monitoring the implementation of new services.

He said that in response to the cities’ requests, the Authority obtained information on the cost and implementation of a commingling recycling cart program. Assistant City Manager De La Rosa said that currently the residents have two separate 4’x3’ bins in which they separate paper and plastics and carry them out to the curb. The cities’ were interested in carts with wheels for both paper and plastic which they can roll to the curb rather than carrying them.

Assistant City Manager De La Rosa stated that as part of the revised contract, Tri-Cities agreed to provide cart service for the collection of commingled recyclables. The contract also included a proposed cost for the optional service subject to annual CPI adjustments in anticipation if one or all of the cities request a commingled recycling cart program. He said that the proposed fees would be implemented 120 days after the final City approval to add the service. Tri-Cities Disposal would be responsible for purchasing and distributing new carts, as well as collection and removal of the old containers. He added that the approved contract extension with Tri-Cities provided that costs for additional service be spread over all customers, including commercial accounts.

Councilmember De La Rosa stated this was a great idea because the current smaller bins move with the wind and this would avoid bins all over the street.

Councilmember Bourke stated that the cities of Greenfield and Gonzales still had not approved this program and asked if we could tentatively agree on this. Steve Johnson from the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority answered that the City Attorneys from each City had already reviewed the documents.

Councilmember Bourke asked how the old bins would be picked up. Mr. Johnson stated that the residents could leave them out in the street and Tri-Cities would pick them up. Councilmember Bourke asked if they would recycle plastic bags and Mr. Johnson stated not at this time and customers should return them to the stores.

Councilmember Stephens added that in Santa Cruz the residents put the plastics in one bag and the hauler takes them.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra stated that multi-family recycling was not being done as much. Mr. Johnson stated he was correct and that they are working on a pilot program in Greenfield and Gonzales.

**MOTION: Resolution No. 3754 was adopted on a motion by Councilmember Bourke and a second by Councilmember Stephens by a majority vote.**

**Item #13: Resolution No. 3755, "Authorizing the Transfer of Property to the Soledad Housing Authority for the Provision of Low Income Housing at 439 Benito Street (APN 022-111-008)."**

City Attorney Rodriguez stated that this item is impacted by the previous action and recommended that this be continued to the April 5, 2006 meeting.

**MOTION: Resolution No. 3755 was continued to the meeting of April 5, 2006 on a motion by Councilmember Stephens and a second by Councilmember Bourke by a majority vote.**

**Item #14: Review and Discuss the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Six-Month Budget Summary Report and Approve Proposed Budget Amendments, by Minute Motion**

Finance Officer/Personnel Director Mark Smith presented the staff report. He stated that on Page 5, Attachment I, there were some recommendations in the General Fund that staff was asking Council to approve. These include:

- Increase the Police Department's capital expenditure by \$25,000 for computer and office furniture. Decrease Police Department's benefits by \$25,000.
- Increase the Building Department's capital expenditure by \$7,000 for computer software. Decrease Building Department's benefits by \$7,000.
- Increase Parks Impact Fee expense by \$58,960 and Parks Impact Fee Reserves by \$2,040 for Park and Recreation Master Plan.

On Page 14, Attachment VI there was one recommendation in the Taxi Fund which ass:

- "Increase the professional service line item by \$18,931 to cover the costs of the existing part-time contract Driver. Decrease salary and benefit cost by \$18,931.

Councilmember Stephens asked how much was in reserves since the Council had set up contingencies in the General Fund. Finance Officer Smith stated the General Fund had \$1.5 million in reserves.

Councilmember Bourke asked for an explanation on Page 5 with regards to a negative amount in Supplies and Finance Officer Smith proceeded to explain. Councilmember Bourke asked if there were anymore items to be added to the list of recommended actions and Finance Officer Smith answered this was it. Councilmember Bourke stressed that Staff purchase Lupe Martinez, Deputy City Clerk a new computer and Carla Stewart, Secretary to the City Manager a new laptop.

Finance Officer Smith stated he had a few corrections. In the Water Fund the operating revenues that exceed operating expenditures is \$203, 127. In the Wastewater Fund the operating revenues that exceed operating expenditures is \$561,476. He said the rule of thumb was like the others, excess revenues.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra asked since homes are not selling or moving as fast, will this affect our budget. Finance Officer Smith stated this could just be a seasonal thing but that Staff is working on the particulars.

Finance Officer Smith stated he re-calculated the figures in the Garbage/JPA Fund and there is only \$34,377 not \$64,377 in projected revenues that will exceed expenditures. He feels this may be a little short but will leave it as is for now.

Finance Officer Smith stated the Sanitation Fund looked fine except he did not pick up the \$60,000 contract for the Los Coches Animal Hospital.

Finance Officer Smith stated that we may have a potential problem in the Taxi Fund. He said this boils down to having a full-time driver. The position was advertised and closed on March 10, 2006. Staff received 16 applications. If we do not hire a full-time driver, the General Fund subsidy could be about \$40,000.

Councilmember Bourke reminded Staff about purchasing the new computer and laptop for the City Clerk's office.

Councilmember Stephens stated that new computers for employees are something that can come to Council anytime because employees need to have up to date equipment. Councilmember Bourke agreed and added to maintain quality staff, they need to have up to date equipment.

Councilmember De La Rosa stated she would like to have City Manager Chapa assess the rest of the departments to see what else is needed. In otherwards, she would like to see a wish list of all departments. Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra added that additional staff should be looked at also.

**MOTION: Councilmember Stephens motioned and Councilmember De La Rosa seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendations by a majority vote.**

**Item #15:** \* **Resolution No. 279**, “Establishing an Eminent Domain Policy as that Policy Pertains to the Proposed 2006 Amendment to the Amended and Restated Redevelopment Plan Prepared for the Soledad Redevelopment Project and Finding that a Project Area Committee is Not Required for the 2006 Amendment.”

Assistant Executive Director De La Rosa presented the staff report. He stated that the Soledad Redevelopment Agency is proposing to adopt an amendment to the Amended and Restated Redevelopment Plan for the Soledad Redevelopment Project. The main purpose of the 2006 Amendment is to add territory to the Project. As a part of this process, it is necessary to establish an eminent domain policy for the Added Territory. He said that this policy must be in place before the Agency can determine whether or not a Project Area Committee would be required pursuant to California Community Redevelopment Law.

Assistant Executive Director De La Rosa emphasized that the City is not taking property and not forming a Project Area Committee.

Vice Chairman Saavedra stated this was a hot item in the United States and wanted to make it clear to the public that the City would take property without negotiating first.

**MOTION: Resolution No. 279 was adopted on a motion by Agencymember Bourke and a second by Agencymember Stephens by a majority vote.**

**Item #16:** Select and Approve the 2006 High School Scholarship Essay Topic

Assistant City Manager De La Rosa presented the staff report. He stated that in the past several years, the City Council has funded and awarded a scholarship to two graduating High School Students (male and female) from the Soledad High School in the amount of \$1,500 a piece. The scholarship is based on a written essay of a topic selected by the Council as well as other requirements such as grades, SAT scores and need. Council has asked that the high school students be asked to write an essay of 300 words on a topic selected by the Council. The Council may choose to use the topic as last year or can elect to choose a new topic. The deadline for submittal of scholarship applications is April 21, 2006. The Scholarship Committee will review such applications and recommend to the City Council at its May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting this year's scholarship recipients. The scholarship award ceremony will be held at the high school gymnasium on or about May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Stephens stated she would like to suggest the topic for this year's scholarships. She read her request which would personalize it to our community. She stated she wanted to put it out there for consideration. The question is: "Throughout our lives, we encounter people and/or events that have had a profound effect on us. In an essay, explain how a person(s) and/or event(s) from the community of Soledad have positively influenced your life. Tell us what happened and how that person or event impacted your life."

Councilmember Bourke stated this question would make the students think and agrees that this would be a good topic. He asked when the students would be notified of this question. Assistant City Manager De La Rosa stated he would send it to the school tomorrow.

The consensus of the Council was to use the topic Councilmember Stephens presented.

**Item #17:** Review, Discuss and Provide Staff with Direction on the Priority for Performing Improvements under the Sidewalk Repair Program

Public Works Director Clif Price presented the staff report. He stated that the costs are higher for Section I and recommends that we do all of the repairs and put out the proposal for bids. If the bids come in higher than expected, we could phase it in and start with the area of priority.

Councilmember Bourke asked if the obstructions would be taken care of first and asked why in Area II, #48 was missing. Public Works Director Price answered that the obstructions would be taken care of first. As to #48, he will make sure to add it in.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra asked if the driveways would be included. Public Works Director Price stated they would. Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra added that Monterey and Market Streets were in bad shape. He also said that the area previously done on Inca and Montezuma Drives had 'bad oversights'.

Councilmember Bourke stated that he would like to coordinate the program with the Tree Committee. Public Works Director Price stated that when a tree is removed, it will be replaced. Public Works Director Price said that Palm Avenue was bad and it will be looked at first.

Councilmember Bourke asked if the City had a contract with arborist. Public Works Director Price stated the contract would be coming before Council at their next meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra asked about repairing the bridge overpass to Greenfield. Public Works Director Price stated he would need to talk to CalTrans but that this would be picked up on the 146/101 project.

Council consensus was to go ahead with the program.

**Item #18:** Resolution No. 3756, "Establishing a Policy Regarding Reimbursement of Expenses for Members of Legislative Bodies."

City Attorney Rodriquez presented the staff report. He stated that the City has a policy on reimbursements, Policy 900. With the passage of AB1234, per diems were essentially done away with. Only actual and necessary expenses are to be reimbursed. Staff is to try and get the least expensive lodging, air flight or mileage and must fill out reimbursement forms. He said

that this policy specified rates of reimbursement for travel, meals and lodging instead of allowing the IRS rates govern. He said the Policy adopts the Internal Revenue Service Mileage Rate instead of providing a specific rate so that the Policy need not be updated each time the rate is raised. The Policy requires that all expenses be documented on City-provided forms and that the forms would be accompanied by itemized receipts documenting the expenses. He stated that the policy also requires legislative board members to provide a brief report on meetings attended at City expense at the next regular meeting of the involved body.

Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra asked if he would have to pay the registration fee for a conference first and then request reimbursement from the City. City Attorney Rodriquez answered that this was the intent – reimbursement is the key. Mayor Pro Tem Saavedra asked if the interpretation is that if the lodging and registration fee are \$1,000, would he have to come up with that first. City Attorney Rodriquez answered that if the City is making the arrangements, the City would pay and there is no reimbursement for these. The law pertains to reimbursable expenses such as meals and parking garage fees.

**MOTION: Resolution No. 3756 was adopted on a motion by Councilmember Stephens and a second by Councilmember De La Rosa by a majority vote.**

#### **COUNCILMEMBER'S/AGENCYMEMBER'S COMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a) **Street Naming** – None
- b) **Energy Plant** – None. Staff was directed to take this off the updates since the plant is now closed.
- c) **Miravale Section 16** – None
- d) **Development Review** – Community Development Director Fleming stated the meeting was schedule for next Tuesday but will be cancelled due to the lack of items.
- e) **Overall Landscape Review** – None
- f) **Revolving Loan Fund** – None
- g) **Oldtown Soledad Beautification Association** – Councilmember De La Rosa stated a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- h) **Parks** – Councilmember Bourke stated that a meeting is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- i) **Redevelopment Neighborhoods** – Councilmember De La Rosa stated a meeting is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- j) **CAC** – None
- k) **SR146 (Roads)** – None
- l) **Tree** – Councilmember Stephens stated that the next meeting is scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- m) **Wastewater Treatment Plant** – None
- n) **Soledad Historical Society** – Councilmember Stephens stated a meeting was held last Wednesday and discussed was the Doll and Tea Party set for the last Saturday in April.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a) **Council Requests – Status Table** – There were no questions.

- b) **Report on City Hall/PD project** – Public Works Director Price stated that he wanted to inform the Council and public on the need to bid out the City Hall/PD completion. He would like to have the bids close on March 27<sup>th</sup> and is proposing to schedule a special meeting of the Council on March 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. He would like to have Council award the bid before the April 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and have the project completed to occupy within 30 days. Public Works Director Price stated because of this, the City will be spending more money on engineering and architectural fees.

**COUNCILMEMBER’S/AGENCYMEMBER’S ITEMS**

Councilmember De La Rosa announced that she had met with an artist for the upcoming Fiesta Days. She stated that he does murals and is looking to do one for the Fiesta. He mentioned murals on underpasses and she asked the rest of the Councilmembers if she could pursue this in concept. Councilmember Stephens stated as long as he is not on the payroll and added that she would like to see his work.

**CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Council/Agency, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Saavedra adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

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JUAN SAAVEDRA, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman

Approved: May 17, 2006

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NOELIA F. CHAPA, City Clerk/Agency Clerk