

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA  
REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 5, 2006**

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Roger Wheeler of Santa Maria Foursquare Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

Councilmember Trujillo led the pledge of allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilmembers Mariscal, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilmember Orach

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

City Manager Ness, City Attorney Trujillo, Assistant City Manager Haydon, Police Chief Macagni, Community Development Director Lindsey, Assistant Fire Chief Moreno, Director of Utilities Sweet, Director of Administrative Services Snodgrass, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Senior Deputy City Attorney Stockton, Planner III Shipsey, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

**GEM AWARD**

City Manager Ness presented the second "Going The Extra Mile (GEM)" Award to Angela Haifi-Madriral, Building Permit Processing Supervisor, for being instrumental in providing exemplary customer service and outstanding leadership to the front counter staff, for showing special initiative, creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurial spirit, for innovative cost containment efforts, and for finding solutions and accommodating the customer by always "going the extra mile."

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Art Foster spoke about a proposed ordinance regarding speed contests and requested the Council not take action to adopt such an ordinance until a suitable location was found for drag racing. He asked the Council to appoint a committee to look for alternatives and offered to head that committee.

Bill Meredith spoke regarding the speed limit on Santa Maria Way and asked to have the speed limit reduced.

Vibiana Saavgora requested Consent Agenda Item 3D be pulled from the Consent Agenda and continued to the next meeting so that additional information could be provided regarding the proposed salary increase for the City Manager and City Attorney.

Deborah Brasket also requested Consent Agenda Item 3D be pulled for additional information. Additionally, she spoke in defense of an article she wrote for the Santa Maria Times regarding a rumor that the Mayor was going to be resigning and his position filled by appointment.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Lavagnino requested Items 3I and 3K be pulled for comment.

Item 3I – Lights on for Safety Corridor between Santa Maria and Guadalupe on Main Street

Lupe Alvaraz, Mayor of the City of Guadalupe, spoke on this item and stated that recently there had been a death on State Route 166 between Santa Maria and Guadalupe. There had been many other deaths over the years. This was a simple, inexpensive way to save lives. The City of Guadalupe would be encouraging Caltrans to make that stretch of Route 166 a safety corridor and to put signs out and enforce “lights on” during the daytime.

Mayor Lavagnino requested staff prepare a letter from the Council to Caltrans to send with the resolution supporting the safety corridor.

Item 3K – No stopping zones on McClelland Street

Mayor Lavagnino asked if there would be no stopping zones in front of DMV at the driveways. When people park right up to the driveways, it was difficult to see people coming in or out of the DMV when driving on McClelland.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead responded that this item would not address that problem. All of the no stopping zones were proposed for the east side of McClelland.

Mayor Lavagnino asked that the Traffic Committee look at no stopping zones on the west side of McClelland in front of the DMV.

Consent Calendar Items A through O were approved on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Orach  
ABSTAIN: None

**A. ORDINANCES**

The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar are adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicates otherwise.

**B. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 21, 2006, were approved as submitted.

**C. RELEASE OF BONDS**

Council accepted as complete certain public improvements posted in connection with Crossroads Cottages I, Tract 5812, and authorized the release of a Faithful Performance Bond in the reduced amount of \$5,000 posted for the construction and installation of public improvements with the order that the Contractor, Labor and Material Bond be held until June 2007 and the Guarantee and Defective Material Bond be held until December 2007, and a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of \$62,840 posted for the installation of public landscaping and irrigation improvements with the order that the Contractor, Labor and Material Bond be held until June 2007 and the Planting and Irrigation Maintenance Bond be held until December 2007.

**D. PERSONNEL CHANGES**

Resolution No. 2006-192 was adopted approving certain personnel changes, and Resolution No. 2006-193 was adopted amending the City's Conflict of Interest Code to reflect the personnel changes.

Resolution No. 2006-192 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PERSONNEL CHANGES.

Resolution No. 2006-193 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING APPENDIX "A" OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR DESIGNATED FILERS OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA.

**E. WARRANTS**

Warrant Nos. 131255 to 131374 in the amount of \$1,800,013.81 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 130772, 130956 and 131213 were canceled.

**F. PAYROLL**

Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

**G. ORDINANCE NO. 2006-15**

Council conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 2006-15 rezoning properties to PD/C-2 (Planned Development/Community Commercial, RMH (Residential Mobile Home), R-3 (High Density Residential), and FS (Freeway Service) for the Quail Run Annexation located on the west side of South College Drive and the east side of Santa Maria Way and adopted the ordinance.

**H. ORDINANCE NO. 2006-16**

Council conducted the second reading of Ordinance No. 2006-16 rezoning 38.27 acres from OS (Open Space) to 3.00 acres of PD/C-2 (Planned Development/General Commercial) and 35.27 acres of R-1 (Single Family Residential) for the La Ventana II project located at the northeast corner of East Main Street and Panther Drive and adopted the ordinance.

**I. LIGHTS ON FOR SAFETY PROGRAM**

Resolution No. 2006-194 was adopted supporting the establishment of a "Lights on for Safety" program between the Cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe on State Route 166 (Main Street).

Resolution No. 2006-194 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF DAYTIME "LIGHTS ON FOR SAFETY" PROGRAM BETWEEN SANTA MARIA AND GUADALUPE ON MAIN STREET, STATE ROUTE 166.

**J. NO STOPPING ZONE**

Resolution No. 2006-195 was adopted approving a recommendation from the Traffic Committee to establish a No Stopping Zone on Suey Road near Cypress Way.

Resolution No. 2006-195 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NO STOPPING ZONE ON SUEY ROAD PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

**K. NO STOPPING ZONES**

Resolution No. 2006-196 was adopted approving a recommendation from the Traffic Committee to establish No Stopping Zones on McClelland Street at Boone Street.

Resolution No. 2006-196 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING NO STOPPING ZONES ON McCLELLAND STREET PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

**L. LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONES**

Resolution No. 2006-197 was adopted approving a recommendation of the Traffic Committee to establish a Two-Hour Limited Time Parking Zone on Roemer Way near

Preisker Lane and a One-Hour Limited Time Parking Zone on Preisker Lane near Roemer Way.

Resolution No. 2006-197 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A TWO-HOUR LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONE ON ROEMER WAY AND A ONE-HOUR LIMITED TIME PARKING ZONE ON PREISKER LANE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.14 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

#### **M. TWO-WAY STOPS**

Resolution No. 2006-198 was adopted approving a recommendation of the Traffic Committee to establish Two-Way Stops at the intersections of Boone Street and Concepcion Avenue and Boone Street and Ranch Street.

Resolution No. 2006-198 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING TWO-WAY STOPS AT BOONE STREET/CONCEPCION AVENUE AND BOONE STREET/RANCH STREET PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.20 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

#### **N. LEISURE ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

Resolution No. 2006-199 was adopted approving the Recreation and Parks October 2006 Leisure Action Plan Update.

Resolution No. 2006-199 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION TO ADOPT THE RECREATION AND PARKS OCTOBER 2006 LEISURE PLAN UPDATE.

#### **O. GRANT APPLICATION**

Resolution No. 2006-200 was adopted authorizing the application for grant funds for the California River Parkways under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) and authorizing the Director of Recreation and Parks to submit the necessary information and execute any necessary documents on behalf of the City to obtain grant funds for the Santa Maria River Recreational Trail Project.

Resolution No. 2006-200 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS UNDER THE WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER, COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (PROPOSITION 50).

#### **TEN-YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS**

Grants Administrator Coelho-Hudson gave the staff report. Last year the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, consisting of 20 federal agencies including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, conducted a national study on

homelessness. The study found that 10 percent of the overall homeless population are “chronically” homeless, and this segment of the population actually utilize over 50 percent of the resources available to all homeless. The Bush Administration recognized this drain of limited community resources and set a goal to end chronic homelessness nationwide within 10 years. HUD now awards higher scores when rating grant applications under certain homeless grant programs to those jurisdictions that have ten-year plans and strategies in place. In April 2005, the County Board of Supervisors initiated the planning process to develop a ten-year plan. Also, a Leadership Council, consisting of representatives from all participating jurisdictions, was formed and headed up the work of six committees. HomeBase, Inc., was hired as the consulting firm to facilitate the work of the committees, conduct group meetings, gather data and information, and prepare the plan. On September 18, 2006, the Leadership Council unanimously adopted the plan and is now presenting it to each participating jurisdiction for their approval.

Sylvia Barnard, Leadership Council Co-Chair, thanked the Council for its support of the Good Samaritan Shelter and support services in Santa Maria. They have created a model that should be looked at County-wide and regionally. Both San Luis Obispo and Lompoc are currently looking at duplicating these services in their communities. The important thing to know about the plan is there are chronically homeless individuals and families that really use a lot of the resources in the community, specifically health care and law enforcement. Most of the chronically homeless in Northern Santa Barbara County are families. She commended the City Council and City staff for taking a stand to help those most in need in the community.

Roger Heroux stated if someone was to ask what more the City of Santa Maria could do to help the homeless, he would say just continue to do what has been done. Santa Maria has been a model. If every city in Santa Barbara County and the County were to duplicate what the City of Santa Maria was doing, the complex social issue of homelessness would be solved. No one single agency or municipality could address this issue alone. It would take a cooperative effort.

Councilmember Mariscal commented that he had questions regarding the Good Samaritan Shelter and asked if more homeless people came to Santa Maria because of the Good Samaritan Shelter and the services that were available.

Ms. Barnard replied that they have tracked the clients being served at Good Samaritan Shelter, and 85 percent to 90 percent of them are from Santa Maria. There are some chronically homeless individuals who migrate up and down the State of California. There are a few things that help the Good Samaritan provide local services that are local. One of them is the partnership with the Santa Maria Police Department. Good Samaritan is different because all the supportive services are provided on site and they work with all the partner agencies to find solutions. Good Samaritan has a zero tolerance policy and does not accept anyone under the influence and drug tests on site. Individuals really have to earn the right to stay there and get to self-sufficiency. Santa Maria’s homeless population is not the same as Santa Barbara’s. Santa Maria’s

homeless are families. It is because they are only making minimum wage and can't afford to live in Santa Maria.

Councilmember Trujillo commended Sylvia Barnard for all the work she and her staff do at Good Samaritan Shelter. He said his Rotary Club goes there twice a year, and the thing that surprises him is the number of mothers with small children. The City needs more shelters and more support services. Good Samaritan Shelter is an asset to the community.

Councilmember Patino also commended Sylvia Barnard and her staff.

Mayor Lavagnino stated that he knew that Good Samaritan was having problems in Lompoc with people not wanting a shelter in their neighborhoods. He said he could not remember the last complaint the City had received about Good Samaritan Shelter. He requested a letter be sent to the City Council of Lompoc stating the value of Good Samaritan to the City of Santa Maria and supporting one in Lompoc.

Resolution No. 2006-201 was adopted approving *Bringing Our Community Home: The Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness Throughout Santa Barbara County*, on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Mariscal, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: Councilmember Orach  
 ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2006-201 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING "BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY HOME: THE TEN-YEAR PLAN TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT SANTA BARBARA COUNTY."

### **HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE**

Senior Deputy City Attorney Stockton gave the staff report. The proposed project would amend the City of Santa Maria's Housing Element of the General Plan, updating the text of the plan to comply with State-required information for the planning period 2001-2009. The State Legislature has declared that the availability of housing is a matter of vital statewide importance and that "early attainment of decent housing and a suitable living environment for every Californian, including farm workers, is a priority of the highest order." In order to promote housing availability for all economic segments, state law requires cities to adopt and update housing elements to their general plans. Housing Element updates must be prepared according to a state-required timeline and must evaluate a city's success in meeting its housing goals. The City's Update discusses the following housing programs for implementation: identification of adequate sites, development of low and moderate income housing, mitigation of government constraints, conserving and improving existing affordable housing stock, preserving at-

risk projects, providing equal housing opportunities, and energy conservation. The Update's goals consist of housing construction, rehabilitation and conservation. On November 15, 2006, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 2445 recommending the City Council approve the Housing Element Update. At the Planning Commission meeting, staff noted that the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) was in the middle of a 60-day review period of the Update. After advertising the public hearing for this meeting, staff learned that HCD would not complete its review until the full 60 days had elapsed on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Once the review is complete, staff expects that the State will certify the Update. Consequently, staff is asking the Council to receive a report on the Update and take public testimony, and then continue the item to its December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting leaving the public hearing open. She also gave an overview of the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) numbers and how the City plans to meet those requirements.

Mayor Lavagnino asked if the City of Santa Barbara had a certified Housing Element.

Senior Deputy City Attorney Stockton replied that she had heard their plan had been certified by the State.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing.

Laurie Tamura stated she had had the opportunity to work with City staff for over 18 years to provide a number of different housing types including projects with People's Self Help Housing and the County Housing Authority. There will always be those in need of housing. For Santa Barbara County, Santa Maria is the shining light in providing affordable housing and different housing types.

Mary Jacka expressed concern about the provision to count garage conversions when they were illegal and Code Compliance was constantly receiving complaints about them. She said they should be inspected to make sure they comply with health and safety codes. Families get together to buy homes and the neighbors complain. The answer to that is more housing for the low and very low income families. As the City builds more housing, it is making an impact on the roads and traffic.

Senior Deputy City Attorney Stockton explained that the garage conversion accommodation that were referenced was based on actual, legalized garage conversions that were required to meet health and safety standards.

Councilmember Mariscal asked a question from page 111 of the Housing Element regarding allowing employer-built housing in the M-1 and CM zones on up to 50 percent of the job site subject to a Conditional Use Permit. He said his concern was with Sphere Area 9 and whether or not housing was going to be allowed in that area. This would seem to allow a foot in the door for housing there.

Planner III Shipsey stated Sphere Area 9, which is from A Street out to Black Road, has a number of constraints on it now. It has either Open Space, Industrial or Ag Industrial

designations on its 900 acres. It is under the flight path of the Santa Maria Airport. It is also constrained by oil and gas pipelines and a history of potentially contaminated soil that would have to be remediated before any residential development could occur. Any proposal to develop houses in that area would have to be evaluated on its own merits.

Mayor Lavagnino stated that he saw Sphere Area 9 as the City's bank for industrial development for many years. It would have to be a wonderful project before he would consider any residential development in that area.

Councilmember Mariscal suggested that recommended change on page 111 be amended or deleted.

Laurie Tamura stated her office was continuing to work on the Specific Plan for Sphere Area 9 and had been working with City staff. They are looking at putting together a potential project that could have employee housing. There are some businesses in the City right now who are looking at supplying housing for their temporary employees to make it more efficient for them to get temporary contracts. She asked that the Council keep that option open in the Housing Element.

There was no further public testimony.

The public hearing was continued to the regular meeting of December 19, 2006, on motion by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Orach  
ABSTAIN: None

#### **DENSITY BONUS ORDINANCE UPDATE**

Senior Deputy City Attorney Stockton gave the staff report. In 1995, the City added Chapter 48 to Title 12 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code. Nicknamed the "density bonus ordinance," this legislation was designed to implement State law requirements that cities afford development incentives and concessions to qualified projects, in addition to density bonuses. Qualifying projects included those with five or more dwelling units in which the developer agreed to set aside a specified percentage of units for 30 years to house people with low or very low incomes. Senior housing developments and condominium conversions maintained as affordable to moderate income individuals could also qualify for relief from development standards under the density bonus ordinance. Since Santa Maria enacted Chapter 12-48, the State Legislature has continually amended State law to further encourage planning, production and preservation of housing for all Californians. Santa Maria's density bonus ordinance has become obsolete in several respects. For example, it does not provide for concessions or incentives if the applicant offers to provide a child-care facility or donate land for a housing purpose. It does not set out the findings required if the City

wishes to not grant a concession or incentive the developer requests. The ordinance also contains outdated references to percentages of a project that the developer must set aside in order to receive concessions or incentives. The proposed amendments are designed to update the density bonus ordinance so it complies with State law. The Planning Commission also recommended another amendment to the ordinance. This amendment would allow a development concession or incentive to be given to residential developments of less than five units if the applicant agreed to preserve the unit as affordable for the statutory period of 30 years. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on November 15<sup>th</sup> and adopted Resolution No. 2443 recommending the City Council approve a negative declaration for the proposed ordinance and Resolution No. 2444 recommending the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance. Both Resolutions passed on a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing.

Hearing no requests to speak, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. 2006-202 was adopted approving a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact, E-2006-085, on motion by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Mariscal, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: Councilmember Orach  
 ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2006-202 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, FINDING NO DETRIMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 48 OF TITLE 12 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE, E-2006-085.

Ordinance No. 2006-17, amending Chapter 48 of Title 12 relating to density bonus, was introduced by title only for first reading and continued to the next meeting for second reading and adoption on motion by Councilmember Trujillo, seconded by Councilmember Mariscal, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Mariscal, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino  
 NOES: None  
 ABSENT: Councilmember Orach  
 ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2006-17 introduced. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 12-48 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE, PERTAINING TO DENSITY BONUS.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Ness reported on items for the December 19, 2006, City Council meeting including certification of the November 7, 2006, General Municipal Election results, swearing in and seating of the new Councilmembers, presentation of the Lights, Sights and Holiday Nights Decorating Contest winners, the continued public hearing for the Housing Element Update, a public hearing for the Santa Maria Commons (Kohl's) development agreement, a public hearing for the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant, and appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem.

**ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Trujillo reported on attending the Area Board of Governors for the American GI forum. Willie Galvan, a native Santa Marian, is now the Commander for the State. One of the things they are doing is encouraging more students to go to college. They want Santa Maria to be the local area for that. He said he encouraged the Board to build their center here because it would create some jobs. It will do a lot for students attending local schools.

Mayor Lavagnino stated he and Councilmember Patino attended the Angel of Hope dedication ceremony at the Santa Maria Cemetery. It was one of the most significant events in the City of Santa Maria that he had ever attended. It was inspiring. It gives people who have lost a child a place to go for solace. He commended and thanked Lori Macagni for her work in bringing this to Santa Maria.

Mayor Lavagnino also reported on the upcoming memorial ceremony on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Freedom Monument at the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center honoring John Smith, the most highly decorated soldier from this Valley. He invited everyone to attend.

Councilmember Patino stated she would also like to commend Lori Macagni. She said it was a very moving dedication ceremony.

Councilmember Patino also reported on the upcoming Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Super Star Showdown on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Auditions would be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and December 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She encouraged any junior high or high school student who was interested to come and audition.

Councilmember Mariscal stated he and his wife were very involved in the Santa Maria Philharmonic. They are starting their fund raising efforts for next year. The first fund raiser would be in February, and it is called Phantom of the Philharmonic. He encouraged any one interested in finding out more about the Philharmonic to call their office.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Council recessed to Closed Session at 7:55 p.m. for Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Section 54957.6. of the Government Code; Agency representative:

Assistant City Manager; Employee organization: Santa Maria Police Officers Association (SMPOA), and Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code (1 potential case).

After the Closed Session, the following was announced:

Conference with Labor Negotiator - SMPOA: Direction to staff.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (1 potential case): No reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned at 8:54 p.m. by order of Mayor Lavagnino.