

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

**MARCH 20, 2007**

**INVOCATION:**

Associate Pastor Joe Hunt of Pacific Christian Center gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

Councilmember Patino 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 Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**COMMENDATION FOR LAWNAE HUNTER**

Mayor Lavagnino announced that this item was being continued to the next meeting as Lawnae Hunter was not able to be present at this meeting.

**COMMENDATION FOR ANN BATTERSON**

Councilmember Patino read a resolution commending and honoring Ann Batterson for her devoted service to the City and the community as a member of the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Resolution No. 2007-28 was adopted commending Ann Batterson on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 2007-28 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING ANN BATTERSON FOR HER SERVICE TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA.

Ann Batterson was not present to accept.

#### **COMMENDATION FOR JUDITH MARKLINE**

Councilmember Orach read a resolution commending and honoring Judith Markline for her devoted service to the City and the community as a member of the All-America City Committee.

Resolution No. 2007-29 was adopted commending Judith Markline on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Zacarías, and carried on the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 2007-29 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING JUDITH MARKLINE FOR HER SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF SANTA MARIA AS A PAST CHAIR AND MEMBER OF THE ALL-AMERICA CITY COMMITTEE.

Councilmember Orach presented the resolution to Judith Markline.

#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

Councilmember Zacarías presented a gift to Joyce Loesche as the March 2007 Recreation and Parks Volunteer of the Month for her outstanding service as a volunteer receptionist at the Elwin Mussell Senior Center and assisting with the monthly Bunco game and other special events hosted by the Recreation and Parks Department.

#### **COMMENDATION FOR GUADALUPE-NIPOMO DUNES CENTER**

Councilmember Patino read a resolution acknowledging the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center for the many benefits it provides to the community.

Resolution No. 2007-30 was adopted commending the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Center on motion by Councilmember Patino, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, and carried on the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 2007-30 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE GUADALUPE-NIPOMO DUNES CENTER AND ITS MANY BENEFITS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

Councilmember Patino presented the resolution to Sharon Kaiser, President of the Board of Directors, and Bud Laurent, Interim Executive Director.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Lavagnino announced that no additional Request to Speak forms would be accepted for Public Comment once the Public Comment period was opened. He advised that speakers would have three uninterrupted minutes to speak. If at the end of the public comment there was a question that needed to be answered by staff, the appropriate staff member would contact the speaker by the next day. He asked that each speaker heed the allowable time limit and complete their comments once the buzzer sounded.

Hinda Beaman, President of the Friends of the Library, announced that the first major fundraising event for the new library was a big success. The reception with Dr. Laura Schlessinger raised over \$12,000. The next event would be a steak dinner and entertainment at the Masonic Lodge on Saturday evening. She thanked the City Council for its support of the Library over the years. She also thanked everyone who helped with the reception, especially Dee Greenawald.

Toru Miyoshi referenced his comments from the last meeting regarding the lack of public notice by the County Environmental Health Department concerning the landfill. He contacted the Environmental Health Department and spoke with James Hamlin who indicated that anyone wishing to receive notification could call his office at 346-8466, and they would be added to the list. He also spoke about the Landfill Closure Fund and indicated that whenever the City collected excess money that was not needed for the intended purpose, the surplus money should be refunded to the people.

Joan Leon spoke regarding two items on the Consent Agenda. She commended the City for Item 3E, the City's Investment Policy, and for Item 3L, the Reuse Assistant Grant application. She talked about Councilmembers serving on regional boards and committees and asked how other Councilmembers, staff and the public were informed about what transpires at these meetings. She talked about HR1495, the Water Resources Development Act, which provides billions of dollars in funding to improve transportation and infrastructure. She asked the City and the public to contact Congresswoman Lois Capps to ask her to include funding in the bill to fix the Santa Maria River Levee.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
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 March 6, 2007, were approved as submitted.

**C. WARRANTS**

Warrant Nos. 133152 to 133431 in the amount of \$2,078,449.42 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. 127516 and 131736 were canceled.

**D. 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.

**E. 2007 INVESTMENT POLICY**

Resolution No. 2007-31 was adopted approving the City of Santa Maria's 2007 Investment Policy.

Resolution No. 2007-31 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE CITY'S 2007 INVESTMENT POLICY.

**F. PURCHASING SYSTEM**

The City Council conducted the second readings of Ordinance No. 2007-02 amending Chapter 3-4 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code related to the City's Purchasing System and Ordinance No. 2007-03 modifying Chapter 8-16 of the Municipal Code related to Public Projects and adopted both ordinances.

Ordinance No. 2007-02 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 3-4 BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 3-4 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO PURCHASING SYSTEM.

Ordinance No. 2007-03 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO SECTION 8-16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC PROJECTS.

#### **G. NO STOPPING ZONES**

Resolution No. 2007-32 was adopted establishing no stopping zones on North Concepcion Avenue near Mill Street.

Resolution No. 2007-32 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING NO STOPPING ZONES ON CONCEPCION AVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

#### **H. NO STOPPING ZONE**

Resolution No. 2007-33 was adopted establishing a no stopping zone on East Alvin Avenue near Morro Drive.

Resolution No. 2007-33 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NO STOPPING ZONE ON ALVIN AVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

#### **I. TWO-WAY STOP**

Resolution No. 2007-34 was adopted establishing a two-way stop at the intersection of Orange Street and Ranch Street.

Resolution No. 2007-34 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A TWO-WAY STOP AT ORANGE STREET AND RANCH STREET PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.20 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

#### **J. MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK**

Resolution No. 2007-35 was adopted establishing a mid-block crosswalk on South College Drive between Bradley Road and Sloan Terrace.

Resolution No. 2007-35 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ESTABLISHMENT OF A CROSSWALK ON SOUTH COLLEGE DRIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 21106 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE.

#### **K. WEED ABATEMENT**

Resolution No. 2007-36 was adopted declaring that noxious and dangerous weeds, rubbish, refuse and dirt upon or in front of properties constitute a public nuisance which must be abated; and commencing proceedings for the abatement of said nuisances; and setting the date for a public hearing for April 17, 2007.

Resolution No. 2007-36 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE NOXIOUS AND DANGEROUS WEEDS ARE GROWING UPON OR IN FRONT OF THE LISTED PROPERTY, AND RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT ARE UPON OR IN FRONT OF THE LISTED PROPERTY AND THAT THEY CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE WHICH MUST BE ABATED, AND COMMENCING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THESE NUISANCES PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, CHAPTER 8 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

#### **L. REUSE GRANT FUNDS**

Resolution No. 2007-37 authorizing the City to apply for the 2007-2008 cycle of Reuse Assistance Grant Funds pursuant to the State of California Integrated Waste Management Board joint offering.

Resolution No. 2007-37 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A REGIONAL APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR A REUSE ASSISTANCE GRANT.

**Mayor Lavagnino announced that the three public hearings for the McClelland Mixed-Use Project on the northwest corner of South McClelland Street and Inger Drive were being combined into one item, and members of the public could speak on any of the three parts of the project during the public hearing.**

#### **GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR MCCLELLAND PROPERTY INVESTMENT I, LLC, TO ESTABLISH A MIXED-USE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL PROJECT ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SOUTH MCCLELLAND STREET AND INGER DRIVE, GPZ-2005-002, E-2005-016.**

Director of Community Development Lindsey gave the staff report. The City Council will consider a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding several applications including: a mitigated negative declaration of environmental impact; a General Plan amendment and zone change to change the land use designation of the 2.89 acre site from CC (Community Commercial) to HDR-22 (High Density Residential – a maximum of 22 dwelling units per acre) and to change the zoning of the site from PD/C-2 (Planned Development/General Commercial) to PD/R-3 (Planned Development/High Density Residential); a tentative tract map that would create one 2.89 acre lot for airspace condominium purposes; and a Planned Development Permit to allow the construction of a commercial/residential mixed-use project consisting of 8,978 square feet of commercial/retail space, 80,185 square feet of residential use incorporating 47 residential condominium units, and 24,695 square feet of enclosed parking garages. The Mixed-Use Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on November 16, 2004. The McClelland Mixed-use Project was reviewed under the Mixed-Use Ordinance standards. The Mixed-Use Ordinance allows projects to be approved which vary from the development standards relative to height, setback, parking, open space and landscape requirements. Mixed-use projects that exceed the required

maximum height or minimum setback requirements, parking, open space or landscaping by more than ten percent (10%) but less than twenty-five percent (25%) require approval by the Planning Commission. Mixed-use projects that exceed the required maximum height or minimum setback requirements, open space or landscaping by more than twenty-five percent (25%) require approval by the City Council after consideration by the Planning Commission. The McClelland Mixed-Use Project proposes a reduction in the minimum setback requirements from forty-three percent (43%) to ninety-five percent (95%). Thus, in addition to the General Plan amendment and zone change, the City Council needs to approve the project tentative map and planned development permit.

Director Lindsey advised that on February 21, 2007, the Planning Commission on a 5-0 vote adopted Resolution No. 2453 recommending the City Council file a Mitigated Negative Declaration and adopt a Mitigation Monitoring Program for the project, Resolution No. 2454 recommending that the City Council approve the General Plan Amendment and Rezoning, Resolution No. 2455 recommending the City Council approve the tentative tract map for Tract 5901, and Resolution No. 2456 recommending the City Council approve the Planned Development Permit.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing for the General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, Tentative Tract Map, and Planned Development Permit.

Jay Blatter and Jan Hochhauser, the applicants, gave a brief overview of the project including the increased parking being provided for the project and the architectural design and amenities for the project.

Mayor Lavagnino asked if the landscaping would be maintained by a Homeowner's Association and if the units would be rentals or for sale.

Mr. Lochhauser replied that the landscaping would be maintained by the Homeowner's Association and the units would be for sale.

Mayor Lavagnino commented that the applicants did a great job with the project. He also thanked the Planning Commission for their input on the project. He said the Council knew when they approved the Mixed-Use Ordinance, that concessions would have to be made in order to make these projects pencil out.

Councilmember Trujillo stated it was unusual that the Planning Commission would vote 5-0 to recommend approval of all three applications with a project of this size. The Planning Commission, staff and the applicants did a very good job in making this an attractive project.

Mr. Lochhauser thanked staff and particularly Planning Commissioner Lawnae Hunter who had a vision of what an in-fill project like this should look like. He said they worked closely with her so she could support the project.

Deborah Brasket said she was speaking on behalf of SBCAN and the Santa Maria Community Coalition. SBCAN advocates for housing, open space and transportation. They were very pleased to see this project with the mixed-use zoning. It is close to transportation centers and job centers. She said she was disappointed that the units would be for sale because affordable housing is usually better served through rentals. It appeared that there was not a lot of pedestrian walkway space throughout the interior of the project. She said she was concerned about children and elderly getting from the inner units to the street. She said it was a good project and commended the applicants.

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

Resolution No. 2007-38 was adopted authorizing the filing of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for E-2005-016 and E-2005-058 and adopting a Mitigation Monitoring Program on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 2007-38 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, MAKING FINDINGS AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, E-2005-016, E-2005-058 FOR THE GENERAL PLAN (LAND USE) AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE, GPZ-2005-002, TENTATIVE MAP, TRACT 5901, AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, PD-2005-021, FOR MCCLELLAND PROPERTY INVESTMENTS I, LLC – MCCLELLAND MIXED-USE PROJECT, LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SOUTH MCCLELLAND STREET AND INGER DRIVE, ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NUMBER 128-084-001, 2.89 ACRES.

Resolution No. 2007-39 was adopted amending the General Plan (Land Use) from CC (Community Commercial) to HDR-22 (High Density Residential) on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following roll-call vote:

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

Resolution No. 2007-39 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A GENERAL PLAN (LAND USE) AMENDMENT FOR MCCLELLAND PROPERTY INVESTMENT I, LLC – THE MCCLELLAND MIXED-USE PROJECT ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE

NORTHWEST CORNER OF SOUTH MCCLELLAND STREET AND INGER DRIVE, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 128-084-001, (GPZ-2005-002).

Ordinance No. 2007-04 rezoning the 2.89 acre site from PD/C-2 (Planned Development/General Commercial) to PD/R-3 (Planned Development/High Density Residential) was introduced by title only for first reading and continued to the next meeting for second reading and adoption on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

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

Ordinance No. 2007-04 introduced. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, REZONING PROPERTY FOR MCCLELLAND PROPERTY INVESTMENT I, LLC – MCCLELLAND MIXED-USE PROJECT, GPZ-2005-002, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SOUTH MCCLELLAND STREET AND INGER DRIVE, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 128-084-001, 2.89 ACRES.

Resolution No. 2007-40 was adopted approving the tentative tract map on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following roll-call vote:

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

Resolution No. 2007-40 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE TENTATIVE MAP FOR MCCLELLAND PROPERTY INVESTMENT I, LLC – THE MCCLELLAND & INGER MIXED-USE PROJECT, TRACT 5901, ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SOUTH MCCLELLAND STREET AND INGER DRIVE, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 128-084-001.

Resolution No. 2007-41 was adopted approving the Planned Development Permit on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following roll-call vote:

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

Resolution No. 2007-41 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR MCCLELLAND PROPERTY INVESTMENT I, LLC – THE MCCLELLAND MIXED-USE PROJECT, PD-2005-021, E-2005-058, LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SOUTH MCCLELLAND STREET AND INGER DRIVE, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 128-084-001.

### **APPOINTMENT TO ALL-AMERICA CITY COMMITTEE**

Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez gave the staff report. The City Council will make one appointment to the All-America City Committee to fill the vacant Community Education seat. The vacancy was advertised in the Santa Maria Times and posted as required by State law. The filing deadline for submitting applications was March 2, 2007. Two applications were received from Steven Burton and Milton Washington. A nomination to fill this vacancy will be made by Councilmember Orach. Appointment will be made by the Mayor with the City Council confirming the appointment. The new member of the All-America City Committee will serve until January 31, 2009.

Councilmember Orach nominated Steven Burton.

On motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, and carried unanimously, Steven Burton was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Judith Markline which will expire on January 31, 2009.

Councilmember Orach introduced Steve Burton.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Ness reported on items for the April 3, 2007, City Council meeting including three proclamations and three public hearings for the Urban Water Management Plan, Community Development Block Grant and HOME allocations and proposed Action Plan, and the Measure D three-year program of projects.

Director of Community Development Lindsey introduced Brian Smith, the Community Development Department's new Advance Planner, who comes to the City from Orange County with over 30 years of planning experience and is a former Planning Director.

### **ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS**

Councilmember Trujillo announced that he and a number of other Councilmembers attended the Grand Opening of the new storm water exhibit at the Santa Maria Valley Discovery Museum co-sponsored by the Utilities Department. The Discovery Museum is very educational for children.

Councilmember Trujillo stated a comment was made about getting more information about the regional boards and committees Councilmembers serve on. The Central Coast Water Authority meets the third Thursday of the month in Buellton. The agendas are published and the meetings are open to the public.

Councilmember Trujillo also talked about losing his pet cockatiel and offered a reward to anyone who found her.

Councilmember Patino announced she had attended the Robin Ventura Ballfield Ceremony. Robin Ventura was there signing autographs. She also attended the Discovery Museum Grand Opening.

Councilmember Patino announced that Dr. Meg Meeker would be here on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., speaking to parents at Lakeview Junior High School on STDs.

Mayor Lavagnino stated he also attended the Robin Ventura Ballfield Ceremony at which Robin Ventura threw him the opening pitch.

Mayor Lavagnino said he was also honored to throw out the first pitch for the girl's softball game at Hagerman Field. There were 340 girls playing softball. Additionally, that same day he threw out the first pitch for the South Side Little League games.

Mayor Lavagnino announced he had attended the Dr. Laura Schlessinger event for the Library. She was an extremely gracious and down-to-earth lady. She gave of her time.

Mayor Lavagnino also announced that he had received a letter from the Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Laguna Nigel regarding a gentleman by the name of Paul Sweet who recently passed away. A lot of people in Santa Maria know his father, Hap Sweet. The City of Laguna Nigel asked the City Council to adjourn the meeting in his memory. The Council will be doing that.

Councilmember Zacarías commented that she was glad the other Councilmembers had attended those two events that she was unable to attend as she was out of town working. She provided an update on the families that were affected by the freeze. She commended and thanked all the organizations who came together, especially Catholic Charities, to assist these families with food and rent relief.

Councilmember Orach stated he also attended the Grand Opening at the Discovery Museum and the ceremony at Robin Ventura Ballfield.

Councilmember Orach announced that he attended the North American Railcar Operators Association (NARCOA) Speeders event at the Santa Maria Valley Railroad. There were 44 of these small four-passenger trains that ran to Guadalupe and back. The participants were treated to a Santa Maria Style barbeque.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Council recessed to Closed Session at 7:50 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).

After the Closed Session, the following was announced:

Conference with Labor Negotiator: SMPOA - Direction to staff was given.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned in memory of Paul Sweet at 8:13 p.m. by order of Mayor Lavagnino.