

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY,  
HELD ON TUESDAY JULY 20, 2010 AT 7:00 PM  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL  
600 WINSTON AVENUE, BRADBURY, CA 91008**

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bradbury was called to order by Mayor Hale at 7:10 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** PRESENT: Mayor Hale, Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis, Councilmembers Lathrop, Pycz and Barakat.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Manager Keith, City Planner Meyer, City Clerk Saldana, Deputy City Engineer Gilbertson and Management Analyst Petsas.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Councilmember Lathrop made a motion to approve the agenda to proceed with City business. Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis seconded the motion which carried.

**DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS REQUIRED BY GOV. CODE SECTION 1090 & 81000 ET SEQ.:** In compliance with the California Political Reform Act, each City Council Member has the responsibility to disclose direct or indirect potential for a personal financial impact as a result of participation in the decision making process concerning agenda items.

Councilmember Barakat stated he would have to excuse himself for Items #2 & #3.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** All items on the Consent Calendar are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a Council Member request otherwise, in which case the item will be removed and considered by separate action. All Resolutions and Ordinances for Second Reading on the Consent Calendar are deemed to be "to waive further reading and adopt."

- A. Minutes- Budget Study Session Meeting of June 8, 2010
- B. Minutes- Regular City Council Meeting of June 15, 2010
- C. Financial Statement for the Month of June 2010.
- D. Resolution No. 10-24: Demands & Warrants for July 2010.
- E. Appointment of Members to vacant and alternate seats of the Emergency Response Committee.
- F. Release of Cash Bonds Posted to Guarantee the Completion of Construction Improvements as required by the Planning Commission for 340 Old Ranch Road (AR 07-210).

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS** Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a correction to the June 8, 2010 meeting minutes on pages 6 & 7. The minutes stated:

*"We need to create the tool to address the revenue sources. We may implement the tool and not use it until the funds are actually needed".*

Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis stated that he said "we need to create the tool to address revenue sources, but we may not need to implement it."

**MOTION TO APPROVE  
CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Councilmember Barakat moved to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Hale, Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis, Councilmembers Lathrop, Pycz and Barakat

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**ITEM #2: DISCUSSION-  
AWARD OF BID FOR THE  
DESIGN AND  
INSTALLATION OF THE  
CIVIC CENTER FIRE  
SPRINKLERS:**

Councilmember Barakat excused himself from this item due to his property's proximity to City Hall.

As part of the remodel and expansion of the Bradbury Civic Center the new building must be provided with a Fire Department approved fire sprinkler system.

City Staff solicited bids from seven local specialty constructors licensed to design and install commercial fire sprinklers and four contractors submitted bids. The lowest responsible bidder is Craig Fire Protection Company Inc. The bid amount is \$17,800 for the design and installation of the required system.

The City Manager is requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with Craig Fire Protection Company to complete the required work.

The City Council previously approved a Civic Center Construction Contingency in the amount of \$122,041 of which \$35,800 was

identified to be used to fund the design of the required fire sprinkler system.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Craig Fire Protection Co., Inc. in the amount of \$17,800.00 for the design and installation of the required fire sprinkler system.

**DISCUSSION**

Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis asked if this item was in the original budget for the City Hall. City Manager Keith stated that the amount was in the budget presented but not budgeted by the City Council as approved, that is why it is coming from the contingency account.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
OPENED:**

Mayor Hale opened the public hearing and invited those wishing to speak to come forward and be heard.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
CLOSED:**

There being no public testimony, Mayor Hale declared the public hearing closed.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE  
CITY MANAGER:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Craig Fire Protection Company, Inc. for the design and installation of fire sprinklers in the new Civic Center Building in the amount of \$17,800. Mayor Hale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Hale, Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis, Councilmembers Lathrop and Pycz

NOES: None

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Barakat

**ITEM #3: DISCUSSION-  
AWARD OF BID FOR THE  
DESIGN AND  
INSTALLATION OF THE  
CIVIC CENTER FIRE  
ALARM SYSTEM:**

Councilmember Barakat excused himself from this item due to his property's proximity to City Hall.

As part of the remodel and expansion of the Bradbury Civic Center the new building must be provided with fire alarm system.

City staff solicited bids from local specialty constructors licensed to design and install commercial fire sprinklers and four contractors submitted bids. The lowest responsible contractor is Post Alarm System. The bid amount is \$3,379 for the design and installation of the required system.

The City Manager is requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with Post Alarm Systems to complete the required work.

The City Council budgeted \$8,000 for this construction item. Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Post Alarm System in the amount of

\$3,379.00 for the design and installation of the required fire sprinkler system. The Civic Center Contingency budget would be used for this item.

**MOTION TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 10-28:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Post Alarm Systems for the design and installation of fire alarm system in the new Civic Center Building in the amount of \$3,379. Councilmember Lathrop seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Hale, Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis, Councilmembers Lathrop and Pycz

NOES: None

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Barakat

**ITEM #4: DISCUSSION-  
MOUNT OLIVE TRAFFIC  
CALMING MEASURES  
AND PEDESTRIAN  
PATHWAY (UPPER &  
LOWER SEGMENTS)**

Councilmember Barakat rejoined the meeting.

Deputy City Engineer Gilbertson made the presentation:

This item is for the City Council to consider the design concepts for the installation of traffic calming measures and pedestrian pathway alternatives in the upper and lower segments of Mount Olive Drive. Upon reviewing and discussing the various alternatives it is recommended that the City Council provide further direction to staff regarding this item.

Upon completion and acceptance of the pedestrian pathway and traffic calming projects for the middle segment of Mount Olive Drive, staff was directed to study the continuation of the pedestrian pathway and traffic calming alternatives in the upper and lower segments.

Staff was also directed to meet with the affected residents along Mount Olive Drive regarding this project. A meeting was held on March 28<sup>th</sup> with the Deputy City Engineer, City Manager and six residents.

Upper Segment

1. Pedestrian Pathway-Staff is recommending the installation of a 6' wide decomposed granite pedestrian pathway along the westerly side of Mount Olive Drive similar to the pathway in the middle segment as the best alternative.
2. Traffic Calming measures- Staff is recommending the installation of a single choker/bulb-out at the mid-way (crest) point in the upper segment of Mount Olive Drive. The crest of the hill is the only viable location for a

choker/bulb-out in this segment because of the sight distances required for this type of traffic calming measure.

Lower Segment

1. Pedestrian Pathway- There is two (2) alternatives for the pedestrian pathway in the lower segment of Mount Olive Drive. The first is a variable with (4' to 6') decomposed granite pathway along the westerly side of Mount Olive Drive.

The second alternative is a 4' wide concrete sidewalk along the easterly side of Mount Olive Drive. The proposed sidewalk would be adjacent to the curb in order to avoid the mature trees in the landscaped parkway. This alternative would require the installation of four (4) ADA curb ramps at the intersections as well as a retaining curb to meet the existing topography.

2. Traffic Calming Measures- There are three (3) alternatives for traffic calming in the lower segment of Mount Olive Drive. The first alternative is the installation of white edge line striping along both curbs lines of the roadway.

The second alternative is the installation of raised bulb-outs along both sides of the roadway at the intersection on Freeborn Street and Mount Olive Drive

The third alternative is the installation of a choker/bulb-out at the intersection of Mount Olive Drive and Freeborn Street.

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> alternative parking along Mount Olive would be reduced dramatically.

It is staff's opinion that the third alternative is the best solution because of its functionality and aesthetics.

Staff also investigated the option of reconfiguring the Mount Olive Lane and Mount Olive Drive Intersection into a formal three-way stop configuration. This type of configuration is possible without the acquisition of additional right-of-way.

Staff has estimated the cost for the proposed improvements as followed:

A. Upper Segment of Mount Olive Drive	
1. Traffic Calming Measures	\$60,000.00
2. Pedestrian Pathway	\$130,000.00
B. Lower Segment of Mount Olive Drive	
1. Traffic Calming Measures	\$62,500.00

	(Choker/Bulb-outs)	
2.	Traffic Calming Measures (Bulb-outs)	\$86,000.00
3.	Traffic Calming Measures (Striping)	\$5,000.00
4.	Pedestrian Pathway (Decomposed Granite)	\$106,000.00
	a. 619 Mount Olive	\$41,000.00
	b. 635 Mount Olive	\$27,500.00
	c. 645 Mount Olive	\$37,500.00
5.	Concrete Sidewalk	\$77,500.00
C.	Intersection Reconfiguration at Mount Olive Drive	\$75,000.00

Approximately \$382,000 is available in the Los Angeles County Measure R fund and staff believes that these funds may be utilized for these projects. Pending City Council's direction on what items to move forward with, staff will contact the MTA for approval prior to moving forward with the project.

**DISUCSSION:**

Councilmember Lathrop asked staff if it was possible to paint the area on the street where the bulb-outs would be installed before deciding. Deputy Engineer Gilbertson confirmed that it could be done.

Councilmember Lathrop asked if the Juniper trees on the northern section of Mount Olive Drive would have to be removed. Deputy City Engineer Gilbertson stated that he believed they would, but in walking the path with the contractor they will see if there are ways in which the trees can be saved.

Councilmember Lathrop asked why couldn't the sidewalks come out and in a sense narrow the street rather than the bulb-outs. Deputy City Engineer Gilbertson said it is possible by eliminating parking on one side of the street.

The City Manager stated that the property owner at 635 Mount Olive couldn't be here, but still had concerns on the project, and the City Manager said they would continue discuss with him options for the area in front of his property.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
OPENED:**

Mayor Hale opened the public hearing and invited those wishing to speak to come forward and be heard.

Shirley Warren, 2307 Freeborn Street (Northeast corner of Mount Olive and Freeborn), stated that she did not want a sidewalk by her bedroom and wondered why the City installed in her yard the "Stop Ahead" sign without her permission. She asked why not put speed bumps along the road or assign an additional deputy to the intersection to slow traffic down rather than install the traffic calming items presented.

Ms. Warren stated that the bulb-out will give the residents at 645 Mount Olive a problem because they will get many vehicles hitting the curb and going into his property.

Ms. Lisa Garcia, 2307 Freeborn street stated that the entire project doesn't make sense in its current layout. If the Council decided to extend the trail it would bring more people to the area, which would in turn bring more crime. Also, since the problem is between Mount Olive Lane and the stop sign why are there no measures there.

Mr. Misik, 645 Mount Olive, stated that he and his wife enjoy the peace and serenity that is currently in place, but it will be taken away if the trail and/or traffic calming measures are implemented. In addition, if the trails were installed, they would lose more property than the others along Mount Olive, approximately 4-6% of their property because of how their property is situated. These trails would bring in masses of people that are not wanted in Bradbury.

Mrs. Sharon Misik, 645 Mount Olive, stated that the City staff acted unethically because they published the request from 645 Mount Olive for compensation if the trail was approved in the staff report. She stated that she did not appreciate the residents knowing about her request for compensation because her neighbors might find it unfair or ridiculous.

Ms. Lori Youmans, 2254 Gardi Street, stated that she was opposed to the project and that the bulbs and chokers are a waste of money. She stated that if one were to look at the existing chokers and bulb-outs they would see that they are wasting water and that the sprinklers keep spraying into the street. Mount Olive currently is a race course with obstacles (the current chokers and bulb-outs) that pushes vehicles towards the trail and the people walking on it.

Mr. Mel Dominquez, 619 Mount Olive Drive, also stated that he was second guessing his wanting to put the trail in front of his home.

**PUBLIC HEARING  
CLOSED:**

There being no further public testimony, Mayor Hale declared the public hearing closed.

**DISCUSSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis stated that at the beginning this was all about speeding. Enforcement isn't a permanent solution and now it has to be something structural. For all their flaws, the choker bulbs have slowed down traffic. The reconfiguration at Mount Olive Lane will slow down the one segment and help.

Councilmember Barakat agreed that the reconfiguration of Mount Olive Lane will help slow traffic. In addition, he understands the traffic because he has had to dodge cars when he has walked. Therefore the trail needs to go through as a safety issue. People need something safe from Elda Street to Gardi on Mount Olive.

Councilmember Lathrop said this project was driven because he was nearly killed in 2001 before the original project started. We have achieved 99.9% of solving the problem due to the trails being installed at the blind corners. By the time you get to the lower section, the drivers can see the pedestrians. There is an option to do nothing. The sidewalk option may not attract that many people to the area, yet provide a safe passage from Gardi to the southern terminus of the existing trail.

Councilmember Lathrop agreed that the realignment might help. He stated that he would like to solve the pedestrian problem, but only without upsetting people. If you look at it from a cost-benefit point of view, it may not be worth putting

Councilmember Pycz says this has been an agendaized item two to three times for 10 years. This has been a safety concern, not a recreational concern. If we offended some people, does that matter, or what if we don't offend them but instead people are hurt. There will always be a disagreement as to who has the bulb-out in front of their property. We have to do something today. There is a challenge in that the place that needs it the most can't be done.

Mayor Hale said he hears it from everybody that the problem has to be fixed. To determine what is important, let's as a council go through each item and determine what can be eliminated or what should be saved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis said the reconfiguration of the Mount Olive Lane intersection is #1, all of the Councilmembers agreed.

Second, according to Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis, is the traffic calming and pedestrian pathway on the northern portion of Mount Olive Drive due to their not being that much controversy.

Beyond that, there is not enough money remaining except for the painting of the street.

Mayor Hale said as of right now the staff is looking at option A 1 & 2 and option C.

Councilmember Lathrop said Option B can be painted to get feedback before making a decision. Councilmember Lathrop stated that we should let the current trail "settle" and see how the pedestrian/car conflict pans out. This extension may not be needed if the problems don't exist as much as it did before.

**MOTION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF**

Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis made a motion to direct staff to paint Options A, B-1 & C, with the intention to install those items and hearing from residents at the next meeting. Councilmember Lathrop seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Hale, Mayor Pro-Tem Lewis, Councilmembers Lathrop Pycz and Barakat.

NOES: None

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:**

On either August 11 or August 25 there will be a press conference for Proposition 22 (Local Government Revenue Protection measure) that the City Council endorsed several months back. Members of the City Council are invited to attend and speak.

Thursday, July 22, 2010 is moving day. There will be no phone or internet on that day, the phones will be functional again on Friday.

A status report of all projects from the different departments is available and was handed out to the Council.

**MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:**

**MAYOR HALE:**

Nothing to report at this time.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM LEWIS**

Mayor Pro Tem Lewis notified the audience of the TMDLs the City is facing in the upcoming years and how the City is located within the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River watersheds. As projected, the costs for these TMDLs will bankrupt the City along with several others in the region.

**COUNCILMEMBER LATHROP**

Move LA is asking for Cities to support the 30/10 plan for Measure R funds. This plan calls for the projects that are to be funded by Measure R to be completed in 10 years rather than the 30 years as originally proposed.

**COUNCILMAN PYCZ**

Nothing to report at this time.

**COUNCILMEMBER BARAKAT:**

Nothing to report at this time

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

None

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session regarding conference with legal council to discuss (1) Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 labor

negotiations with unrepresented employees; City Manager agency negotiator(s).

**RECONVENE OPEN  
SESSION AND ANNOUNCE  
ANY ACTION TAKEN:**

The open session was reconvened and City Manager Keith reported that the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss personnel matters and no reportable action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 9:09 pm Mayor Hale adjourned the meeting to a Regular Meeting at Royal Oaks School, 2499 Royal Oaks Drive, Bradbury, CA on Tuesday August 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

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**MAYOR – CITY OF BRADBURY**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY CLERK – CITY OF BRADBURY**