

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY,  
HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.  
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 Barakat at 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** PRESENT: Mayor Barakat, Councilmembers Lathrop and Lewis

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Hale, Councilmember Guthrie

STAFF: City Manager Keith, City Attorney Reisman, City Engineer Milano and City Clerk Saldana

**MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCES OF MAYOR PRO-TEM HALE AND COUNCILMEMBER GUTHRIE:** Councilmember Lewis made a motion to excuse the absences of Mayor Pro-Tem Hale and Councilmember Guthrie from the meeting. Councilmember Lathrop seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Councilmember Lathrop made a motion to move item #3 Discussion- Royal Oaks Elementary School Traffic Congestion before #2 Public Hearing- First Reading of Ordinance No. 309: an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bradbury Amending the City Council Reorganization Process for the Appointment of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem (Bradbury Municipal Code Article II, Chapter 1, Section 2105). Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Darcel Woods, resident of the City of La Verne, introduced herself and announced she was running for the 59<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in 2010.

Nita Norgaard, 2420 Rim Road, representative of Friends of the Duarte Library. Ms. Norgaard announced the upcoming Casino Night fundraiser that will be held on September 12, at the Duarte Senior Center. Ms. Norgaard requested the City's support of the Festival of Authors which will be held on October 3, 2009.

Monte Lewis, 22 Woodlyn Lane, described a water break on Woodlyn Lane that occurred on Saturday morning brought to the attention of California American Water Company, but was not scheduled for repair until Monday. Councilmember Lewis

expressed his disappointment in the poor service he experienced and applaud at the lack of attention a water leak would receive during these extreme drought conditions.

City Manager Keith requested that residents photo document leaks that occur in the City to keep a record of the water systems failures. City Manager Keith reported that as of 6:30 PM this evening the agricultural line had been repaired enough to be reopened and the City sent out to notifications to the residents informing them of the water repair. City Manager Keith added that the City will notify the residents in the future of water main breaks as soon as the information becomes available.

**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.

City Attorney Reisman reported there were none.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. Minutes - Regular City Council Meeting July 21, 2009
- B. Financial Statement for the month of June 2009
- C. Financial Statement for the month of July 2009
- D. Resolution No. 09-29 –Demands & Warrants for August 2009

Councilmember Lathrop stated on page 8 of the minutes should read, majority vote 3 of 5 verses the rotation as it currently states.

**MOTION TO APPROVE  
CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve the consent calendar as amended. Councilmember Lathrop seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Barakat, Councilmembers Lathrop and Lewis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Hale and Councilmember Guthrie

ABSTAIN: None

**AGENDA ITEM #3  
DISCUSSION-ROYAL  
OAKS ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL TRAFFIC  
CONGESTION:**

City Manager Keith provided a summary background that has prompted this issue to be brought before the City Council for discussion. City Manager Keith introduced City Engineer Milano who would review the suggested traffic alternatives to alleviate the congestion on the Streets of Elda Street, Freeborn Street and Gardi Street.

Mayor Barakat inquired if the automated locking gates were electric or battery operated.

City Manager Keith stated that the locks were battery operated.

City Engineer Milano stated the congestion is really caused by the four way stops at Mount Olive Drive and Las Lomas Road in Duarte. City Engineer Milano introduced Steve Esbenshade from the City of Duarte who has been working on grant applications to fund the placement of a light signal at the corner of Mount Olive Drive and another at Las Lomas Drive. City Engineer Milano reviewed the available options. The first option identified as option "A" was the creation of a right hand turn pocket for west bound traffic into the school. Alternative "B" option was the creation of a left hand turn pocket into the school. Both of those options provide help for people coming in, but does not address those who are leaving the school campus onto Royal Oaks Drive. Option "C" was to create both a left hand pocket and a right hand pocket, but is not recommended as it will create an unsafe driving condition for through traffic. Ultimately, the idea of creating a drop off parking area adjacent to Royal Oaks Drive was arrived at as an alternative to disrupting the through traffic. City Engineer Milano stated that alternative was very expensive to create and would not leave enough room to preserve the soccer field without some grading to the upper part of the field. City Engineer Milano concluded that the ultimate solution would be a signal at Mount Olive Drive.

Councilmember Lewis inquired how many drivers are making a left hand turn out onto Royal Oaks Drive North and suggested if you eliminate the option to turn left you might reduce the congestion significantly.

City Engineer Milano stated that the City of Duarte restricted that exit to right hand turn only eighteen years ago and at the last Duarte City Council meeting, right hand turns were reinstated as a method to reduce traffic congestion.

Councilmember Lathrop stated that he was concerned that placement of a traffic light at Mount Olive Drive would create further traffic congestion back up into the neighborhood.

City Engineer Milano stated that the light timing would not allow for traffic to be built up into the community.

City Manager Keith inquired about what measures would be taken

to prevent the traffic from blocking the trail.

City Engineer Milano stated that the trail could be moved toward the intersection so that it does not sit behind the path where the cars line up waiting for the light.

Councilmember Lathrop stated that a second issue with the installation of the turn lanes would be the removal of street parking which is currently used by parents to drop off their kids. Councilmember Lathrop recommended the creation of a merge lane coming right off of the exit rather than the creation of a parking lot area which would leave two areas where cars would cross over the trail.

Mayor Barakat opened the item up for public comment.

Mrs. Anne Ranck, 2330 Freeborn, stated that the kids that are dropped off in front of her house trample her grass and recommended locking the gate during the day to prevent access and having a patrol preventing parents from using the side streets to drop off their kids at school.

Mayor Barakat inquired if something can't be done with the with the installation of a traffic signal in front of the school exit that would identify exiting vehicles and put up a signal to oncoming traffic.

City Engineer Milano stated that a signal at the parking lot would still require the City to provide the necessary warrants to justify the signal and it currently does not, making its legitimacy questionable.

Councilmember Lathrop stated that the options presented are placing a signal light on Mount Olive away from the problem and suggested we pursue the merge lane and signal idea in front of the school parking lot where the traffic congestion exists.

Mayor Barakat inquired how much a signal light would cost.

City Engineer Milano stated a four way intersection light is roughly \$240,000, and a t-intersection as proposed in front of the school would cost approximately \$175,000.

Councilmember Lathrop inquired how much a merge lane would cost.

City Engineer Milano stated a merge lane would be less than

\$85,000.

Mayor Barakat stated he had hoped the school would monitor the parents while they were picking up and dropping off their children to help keep the traffic flowing.

Ms. Janice Kolodinski, Principal of the Royal Oaks Elementary School, stated that she is out in the parking lot quite a lot monitoring the traffic situation but at some point there are so many cars it is difficult to keep them moving. Ms. Kolodinski agreed with the suggestion that a signal controlling traffic in front of the school parking lot would be the best solution as she sees it.

Councilmember Lewis agreed with the suggestion stating the signal light addresses the problem during school hours when it is needed.

Mr. Steve Esbenshade, City of Duarte, suggested that the installation of timed signals at Mount Olive Drive and Royal Oaks Drive where it is warranted by traffic studies and a signal at Las Lomas Road would be the best use of our Cities limited resources. In his opinion the installation at these two locations would make the more sense to put the money where it will do the most good for a longer period of time.

Mayor Barakat stated that if you were to speak to the general public the safety of children would come before making convenient drive times for the general public.

Mr. Steve Esbenshade, stated that from what he is hearing from the Traffic Safety Commission and input from the parents it is a inconvenience of not being able to get out of the driveway fast enough.

Mayor Barakat stated that the Principal had just mentioned the priority of the school was the children. Mayor Barakat stated that there are two separate issues a traffic flow issue and a school safety issue.

Councilmember Lathrop stated he did not want Royal Oaks Drive to become a second thoroughfare alternative to Huntington Drive and the installation of signal lights at the intersections of Royal Oaks Drive and Mount Olive Drive and Royal Oaks Drive and Las Lomas Road might create that perception.

Mr. Brad Paterson, Facilities Manager for the Duarte School

District, acknowledged that there is a safety issue with the parking lot ingress and egress and added that the creation of a parking lot in the existing school yard would demission the playing field significantly.

Councilmember Lathrop stated that removing grass area located between the trail and the street to create a merge lane would not take any enjoyment to the existing trail and therefore is a preferred option to taking away playground space.

City Engineer Milano raised the concern that the installation of the signal in front of the school parking lot would not alleviate the congestion that builds up a Mount Olive and Royal Oaks Drive.

Mayor Barakat suggested that to resolve the issue it might require multiple approaches including a combination or all of the following: a pass through lane, drop off zone, a traffic signal and a lane that helps vehicles merge.

Councilmember Lathrop stated that these improvements could be phased in over time to see if they improve the situation.

Rick Kawasaki, parent of Royal Oaks Elementary Student, stated that a drop off lane along Royal Oaks Drive would resolve much is the issue which is not enough space to drop off students.

City Manager Keith inquired if the City Council wanted to assist the City of Duarte in the cost for the solution to this issue.

Mr. Preston Hampton, 2350 Gardi Street, stated that he agreed to the idea of putting locks on the gates.

Ms. Janice Kolodinski, Principal of the Royal Oaks Elementary School, stated that she believes that that the residents in the community would be upset by locked gates.

Rick Pycz, 1157 Lemon Ave, inquired why the gates aren't removed entirely and place a solid gate in its place.

Councilmember Lathrop stated that would penalize the local residents who use the field from having access. The locking system would assist protecting the students during school hours.

Staff was directed to investigate the feasibility of a drop off lane or a merge lane along Royal Oaks Drive on the North side east and west of the Royal Oaks Elementary School, that the City

continues to investigate signal light options at all three intersections (Mount Olive Drive at Royal Oaks Drive, in front of the School, and Las Lomas Road at Royal Oaks Drive). Staff was directed to gather more information on the key card locking gates.

**PUBLIC HEARING-FIRST  
READING OF ORDINANCE  
NO. 309: AN ORDINANCE  
OF THE CITY OF  
BRADBURY AMENDING  
THE CITY COUNCIL  
REORGANIZATION  
PROCESS FOR THE  
APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR  
AND MAYOR PRO-TEM  
(BRADBURY MUNICIPAL  
CODE ARTICLE II  
CHAPTER 1, SECTION  
2105)**

Councilmember Lathrop stated he had one amendment to the ordinance that would require statements of the candidates submitted thirty days prior to nomination.

City Manager read the title of the ordinance and waved the reading of the entire ordinance.

Mayor Barakat opened the item up for public comment, there being none, closed public comment.

Councilmember Lathrop moved to read Ordinance No. 309 with amendment for the first time by title only and waive further reading, Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Barakat, Councilmembers Lathrop and Lewis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Hale and Councilmember Guthrie

ABSTAIN: None

**DISCUSSION- APPROVAL  
OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-  
30 CONTRACT  
AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO  
SOLID WASTE  
COLLECTION SERVICES  
AGREEMENT AND  
ESTABLISHMENT OF  
RELATED FEES WITH  
BURRTEC WASTE  
SERVICES**

City Manager Keith reviewed the contract amendments that would allow the Bradbury Estates Community Services District the ability to better enforce their Ordinances regarding backyard service pickup. In addition, the audit that was completed for the rate increase that was adopted it was revealed that some of the residents in the Estates area and other gated areas were not being charged scout service charge which amount to \$35.72 per month for bins and \$16.50 per month for barrels. This will only affect the residents in the Estates. City Manager Keith related a concern of Councilmember Lathrop that should the Estates decided to change their Ordinance; the City will not be penalized for amending the conditions of the contract.

Councilmember Lewis moved to adopt resolution No. 09-30 Contract Amendment No.2 to solid waste collection services agreement and establish of related fees with Burrtec Waste Services. Councilmember Lathrop seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Barakat, Councilmembers Lathrop and Lewis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Hale and Councilmember Guthrie

ABSTAIN: None

**MATTERS FROM THE  
CITY MANAGER:**

Ms. Keith announced the work on the Royal Oaks Drive North to Lemon Avenue Trail has started on the retaining wall and should be wrapping up in the coming weeks.

Ms. Keith stated that the City was still working out the recycling issue with Burrtec.

**MATTERS FROM THE  
CITY COUNCIL:**

**MAYOR PRO-TEM HALE:** Absent

**COUNCILMEMBER  
LATHROP:** None.

**COUNCILMEMBER  
GUTHRIE :** Absent.

**COUNCILMEMBER  
LEWIS:** Councilmember Lewis reminded the City Council of the Emergency Response Committee meeting on Thursday, August 27.

**MAYOR BARAKAT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:45 PM, Councilmember Lewis moved to adjourned to September 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lathrop.

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**MAYOR CITY OF BRADBURY**

ATTEST:

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**CITY CLERK – CITY OF BRADBURY**