

CITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LA HABRA HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 9, 2006

The City Council began the Closed Session at 7:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

The City Council/Agency finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the local agency in the litigation.

EXISTING LITIGATION – G.C. 54956.9(a):

CITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS v. DEAN SMITH
Case No. LASC #VC047381

ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – G.C.54956.9b(3)(A):

A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the City Council/Agency on the advice of its legal counsel, based on the below-described existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the City Council/Agency. Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation but which the City/Agency believes are not yet known to potential plaintiff or plaintiffs.

One Case

INITIATION OF LITIGATION – G.C.54956.9(c):

One case

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Millsap called the November 9, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:46 P.M. She stated they have just returned from Closed Session and asked City Attorney Levin if there is anything to report.

City Attorney Levin stated that no reportable action was taken.

Mayor Millsap stated that they had not finished the Closed Session and would be returning to Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Tela Millsap, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Bergman, Councilmembers Stan Carroll, Bruce Douglas and Fred Klein.

Staff: City Attorney Sandra Levin, City Manager Ronald Bates, Community Development Director Justin Powers, Fire Chief John Nielsen, Sheriff Lieutenant Michael Claus and Sheriff Deputy Jim Bickel.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Millsap led the flag salute.

4. PRESENTATIONS

• Insurance Services Office (ISO) – Steve McGrath

Fire Chief Nielsen explained that he invited ISO to correct some misconceptions that exist in the City about ISO grading. He stated that he is using ISO as a tool to better the service to La Habra Heights.

John Coleman, representing ISO, explained that there has been grading of effectiveness of fire department protection for insurance purposes since 1910 and ISO was formed in 1970. Fifty percent of the classification is an evaluation of the strength of the Fire Department, forty percent of the classification is the water available and ten percent of the evaluation is from the communications available for the Fire Department from the fire alarm and in the field. The classification runs from 1-10, with 1 as the very best. We are in 45 states. Classifications 1-8 are used for water sources available. La Habra Heights is considered a class 3/9. In order to have a 1-8 classification for water availability each property must be within 1000 feet of a hydrant and within 5 miles from a fire station. The city is split in the classification for water availability. He stated that they provide this information to insurance companies to use as they see fit. He provided some hand-outs for information.

• Public Works Committee, Chairperson Jerry Shipman

Chairman Jerry Shipman, Public Works Committee, stated that the coring has been completed on Hacienda Road. We have three Capital Improvement projects on Solejar, Las Palomas and Ahuacate. We are hiring a new City Engineer and we need him to