

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY / HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF STANTON  
JOINT REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2015

1. **CLOSED SESSION**       None.

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meetings were called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor/Chairman Ethans.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present:       Council/Agency/Authority Member Ramirez, Council/Agency/Authority Member Shawver, Council/Agency/Authority Member Warren, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Donahue and Mayor/Chairman Ethans

Absent:       None.

Excused:     None.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor Ethans.

5. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

1. Presentation of Certificates of Recognition honoring Mr. Ken Ash and Mr. Johnny Grubbs as Veterans of the Month for the month of December 2015 in the City Of Stanton.
  - Presentation of Certificate of Recognition by Andrew Awad, Field Representative, Assemblywoman Young Kim's office to Mr. Johnny Grubbs as Veteran of the Month for the month of December 2015 in the City Of Stanton.
  - Presentation of Certificate of Recognition by Andrew Awad, Field Representative, Assemblywoman Young Kim's office to Mayor Ethans, honoring Mayor Ethans for his time served as Mayor for the City of Stanton for the year 2015.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Donahue expressed his gratitude to Mr. Johnny Grubbs for his service and for his extensive knowledge and assistance with the City's Annual Car Show.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

At the request of a member of the public the City Clerk pulled item 6F from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion.

Motion/Second: Donahue/Ramirez

Motion to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar passed by the following vote:

AYES: 5 (Donahue, Ethans, Ramirez, Shawver, Warren)

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The City Council/Agency Board/Authority Board approved the following Consent Calendar items:

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6A. MOTION TO APPROVE THE READING BY TITLE OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS. SAID ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THAT APPEAR ON THE PUBLIC AGENDA SHALL BE READ BY TITLE ONLY AND FURTHER READING WAIVED**

The City Council/Agency Board/Authority Board waived reading of Ordinances and Resolutions.

**6B. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

The City Council approved demand warrants dated November 19 and November 24, 2015, in the amount of \$1,135,210.22.

**6C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The City Council/Agency/Authority Board approved Minutes of Regular Joint Meeting – November 24, 2015.

**6D. PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 2016 AS BUSINESS APPRECIATION MONTH**

As part of an effort to recognize and celebrate the contributions local businesses make in the City, the proposed proclamation would declare the month of January 2016 as Business Appreciation Month.

1. The City Council declared that the proclamation is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under Section 15378(b)(5) – Organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and
2. Approved the Proclamation declaring January 2016 as Business Appreciation Month.

**6E. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 (CC & SA JOINT ITEM)**

Attached is the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the City of Stanton for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. This report includes all funds and entities that are within the control of the City. The independent firm of White Nelson Diehl Evans LLP, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants (WNDE), has conducted an independent audit of the financial statements of the City included in the CAFR and has issued an "unqualified" opinion thereon.

Also attached is the annual financial statements for the Successor Agency to the Stanton Redevelopment Agency (a private-purpose trust fund of the City of Stanton) as audited by WNDE.

Three additional reports and letters required by governmental auditing standards were issued by the auditors and are submitted herewith. All three cite no significant instances of noncompliance or other exceptions.

1. The City Council declared that this item is not subject to California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3); and
2. The City Council received and filed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Report on Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting and On Compliance and Other Matters, the Auditor's Communication With Those Charged With Governance, and the Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures Applied to Appropriation Limit Worksheet for the Year Ended June 30, 2015.
3. The Successor Agency Board received and filed the Financial Statements for the Successor Agency to the Stanton Redevelopment Agency for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## 6F. EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR TOWING SERVICES

On November 26, 2013, the City Council approved towing contracts for four tow companies located in the City. The contracts were for a 24-month period ending December 1, 2015 and allowed for two one-year extensions. The City Council is being requested to approve contract amendments to allow for the first of these one-year extensions for the three companies still in operation.

- Ross Ault, spoke in opposition to the City entering into a contract with the listed towing firms and reported on issues that he has experienced with Russell's Towing as well as the City's code enforcement division in regards to the towing of a vehicle listed in his name.

Motion/Second: Donahue/Shawver

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5 (Donahue, Ethans, Ramirez, Shawver, Warren)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

1. The City Council declared that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under Section 15061(b)(3) as the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA; and
2. Approved the First Amendment to the Non-Exclusive Towing Services Agreement and awarded a 1-year contract extension to Southland Towing/Action Towing, Russell's Towing and Golden Touch Auto Body and Towing; and
3. Authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with selected towing firms.

## **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **7A. ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEE FOR THE PROCESSING OF DONATION COLLECTION BOX PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

On November 24, 2015, the City Council gave second reading of Ordinance No. 1042, to adopt new land use regulations for donation collection boxes. As part of the new regulations, a permit application must be filed with the Community Development Director for the proposed location and operation of collection boxes. This resolution would establish a fee to recover the costs associated with the permit processing for this new application.

The public hearing was opened.

No one appearing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Motion/Second: Shawver/Donahue

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5 (Donahue, Ethans, Ramirez, Shawver, Warren)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

1. The City Council conducted a public hearing; and
2. Declared that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under Section 15378(b)(4) – The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and
3. Adopted Resolution No. 2015-43 establishing a permit fee for processing of donation collection box permit applications.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8A. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1043**

This Ordinance was introduced at the regular City Council meeting of November 24, 2015.

The City Clerk read the title of Ordinance No. 1043, entitled:

**“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANTON, AMENDING SECTIONS 20.315.010 ‘PURPOSE’, 20.315.020 ‘APPLICABILITY’, 20.315.050 ‘IRRIGATION PLANS AND WATER CONSERVATION STANDARDS’, AND 20.315.080 ‘DEFINITIONS’ OF CHAPTER 20.315 OF THE STANTON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE.”**

Motion/Second: Donahue/Shawver

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Council Member Ramirez AYE  
Council Member Shawver AYE  
Council Member Warren AYE  
Mayor Pro Tem Donahue AYE  
Mayor Ethans AYE

Motion unanimously carried:

1. The City Council finds that this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21000 et seq.) (“CEQA”) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15000 et seq.). Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(1), the Ordinance is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Here, it can be seen with certainty that the Ordinance, which will improve water savings and promote efficient landscapes in new developments and retrofitted landscapes, will not have a significant effect on the environment; and
2. Adopted Ordinance No. 1043.

**9. NEW BUSINESS** None.

**10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC**

Robert Green, Stanton, spoke regarding safety issues within his complex, as well as the surrounding area of his complex.

**11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** None.

**12. MAYOR/CHAIRMAN/COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY INITIATED BUSINESS**

**12A. COMMITTEE REPORTS/COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mayor Ethans expressed his gratitude to the city council and city staff for their assistance support throughout the year.
- Mayor Ethans expressed his gratitude for the unwavering support from his wife Mrs. Mavis Ethans.
- Council Member Shawver requested that Council Member Warren report on the city council's attendance at the Annual Boys and Girls Club Annual Harvest Event.
- Council Member Warren spoke regarding the city council's attendance at the Boys & Girls Club Annual Harvest Celebration, which was held on December 6, 2015.
- Council Member Shawver requested that Community Services Director Julie S. Roman report on the City's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Celebrating Holidays Around the World Event.
- Community Services Director Julie S. Roman reported on the City's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Celebrating Holidays Around the World Event, which was held on December 3, 2015.
- Council Member Shawver expressed his gratitude to Community Services Director Julie S. Roman and her staff for a successful and well organized Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Celebrating Holidays Around the World Event.

**12B. COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING**

None.

**12C. COUNCIL/AGENCY/AUTHORITY INITIATED ITEMS FOR A FUTURE STUDY SESSION**

None.

## **12D. REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL**

Annually the City Council elects a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

The City Clerk opened nominations for Mayor.

Mayor Ethans nominated Mayor Pro Tem Brian Donahue for the office of Mayor.

The City Clerk closed nominations for Mayor.

Motion/Second: Shawver/Warren

Motion unanimously carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5 (Donahue, Ethans, Ramirez, Shawver, Warren)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Donahue was unanimously elected Mayor.

The Mayor opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Shawver nominated Council Member Carol Warren for the office of Mayor Pro Tem.

The Mayor closed nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion/Second: Shawver/Ramirez

Motion unanimously carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5 (Donahue, Ethans, Ramirez, Shawver, Warren)

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Council Member Carol Warren was unanimously elected Mayor Pro Tem.

## **12E. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MAYOR**

- Mayor Donahue presented Council Member Ethans with a mayors plaque of appreciation from the City of Stanton.
- Members of the City Council expressed their gratitude to outgoing Mayor Alexander A. Ethans for his efforts throughout the year.
- City Manager Box expressed his gratitude to outgoing Mayor Alexander A. Ethans.



**13. ITEMS FROM CITY ATTORNEY/AGENCY COUNSEL/AUTHORITY COUNSEL**

None.

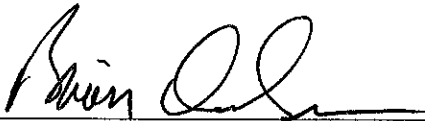
**14. ITEMS FROM CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- City Manager Box expressed his gratitude to outgoing Mayor Alexander A. Ethans.
- City Manager Box congratulated newly appointed Mayor Brian Donahue.
- City Manager Box wished the city council and city staff a happy and safe holiday season.

**14A. ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

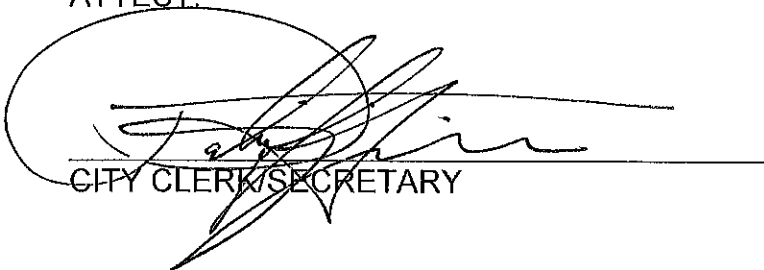
Lieutenant Jim England provided the City Council with an update on their current operations.

**15. ADJOURNMENT** Motion/Second: Donahue/  
Motion carried at 7:08 p.m.



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MAYOR/CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



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CITY CLERK/SECRETARY