



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Olhasso called the **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Gregory C. Brown, Stephen A. Del Guercio, David Spence, Mayor Pro Tem Donald R. Voss, and Mayor Laura Olhasso

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff members present: City Manager Alexander, City Attorney Steres, Director of Finance Jordan, Director of Public Works Hitti, Director of Community Development Stanley, City Treasurer Wang, and City Clerk Baca.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Management Analyst II Goytia Strauss.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mayor Olhasso OPENED the public comment period.

Bill Hackett representing Assemblymember Portantino confirmed the 75% reimbursement from the State on City costs incurred from the recent mud slides. He then announced that Pat Anderson, CEO of LCF Chamber of Commerce was just named "Woman of the Year" by Assemblymember Portantino.

Tahra Goraya, representing Senator Liu announced an upcoming grants workshop to be held at Pasadena City College on February 27, and the Firecracker 5k Run in Chinatown on February 28.

Mayor Olhasso commended the community, local businesses, staff, and community groups for their help and support during the recent rain storm.

There being no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Olhasso CLOSED the public comment period.

PRESENTATIONS

The Public Safety Update for the Fire department was presented by Community Services Liaison Stephanie English.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by City Treasurer Wang.

Staff Update on City Projects – Director of Public Works Hitti provided an update on the recent storm damage.

REORDERING OF AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Pro Tem Voss announced his recusal on Item No. 2, warrant #84, self reimbursement.

MOTION: Spence/Voss to approve Consent Calendar Item No's 1-9, noting Mayor Pro Tem Voss's recusal. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Minutes of the City Council:
 - (a) December 7, 2009 (Regular)
 - (b) January 4, 2010 (Cancelled)
 - (c) January 25, 2010 (Special)
2. Approval of Warrant Resolution No. 10-03 dated February 16, 2010 for \$529,164.39.
3. Receive and file Commission Meeting Agendas:
 - a). Planning Commission Action Agenda for February 9, 2010
4. Receive and File Monthly Investment Report ending January 31, 2010.
5. Deny claim of Dorothy Beck, C-09-23 and direct staff to send standard rejection letter.
6. Continue the existence of the local emergency.
7. Approve Amendment #3 to Agreement 08-05 with DMR Team for providing as-needed Professional Engineering Services.
8. Approve the schedule for appointments to fill expiring terms on City Commissions and Committees.
9. Approve **Resolution No. 10-09** revising salary ranges.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

10. Consideration of an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of Second-Floor Review 09-19, Variance 09-02 and Setback Modification 09-09 for 1st and 2nd – floor additions to a single-story residence at 4634 Lasheart Drive.

Planner Gjolme presented the staff report.

Councilmember Del Guercio suggested a landscape covenant be placed on the property.

Bob Rhody, contractor/applicant spoke in support of the project.

Mr. Reinoso, applicant, stated that neighbors are in support of his project. He then stated his opposition to a landscape covenant.

Mr. Saraceno spoke in opposition of the project due to privacy issues. He also stated his support of the landscape covenant.

Kyndra Casper, attorney for applicant, stated that the lot is not unique; therefore, there is no need for a variance. She supports a covenant for the trees on the property.

Mayor Olhasso OPENED the public hearing.

Diane Ryan, neighbor, spoke in support of the Reinoso's project.

There being no one else from the public wishing to speak, Mayor Olhasso CLOSED the public hearing.

Councilmember Brown expressed his support of preserving and protecting the character of the neighborhood.

Councilmember Spence stated he is in agreement with Councilmember Brown, supports the appeal and would like this referred back to the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Del Guercio expressed concern with the privacy issue, supports the landscape covenant, and would like to lose the 79 square feet.

Mayor Pro Tem Voss stated that he supports the landscape covenant, opposes the variance, and supports denial of the appeal.

Mayor Olhasso expressed her opposition to the variance.

A brief discussion ensued regarding Condition #13 (landscape plan). Additional wording was suggested, "design to aesthetically buffer the view shed onto and from the adjacent resident to the east".

MOTION: Del Guercio/Voss to deny appeal and variance and amend Condition #13 as discussed. Staff to bring back at th4 3/1/10 City Council meeting for approval. The motion carried 4-1 (Brown dissenting).

ORDINANCE:

11. 2nd Reading – Ordinance No. 382 Approving Zone Change Amendment.

Director of Community Development Stanley presented the staff report.

Mayor Olhasso OPENED the public comment period.

There being no one from the public wishing to speak, Mayor Olhasso CLOSED the public comment period.

City Attorney Steres then presented Ordinance No. 382 for second reading and adoption, and read it by title:

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 09-06 DELETING CHAPTER 11.11.050.F AND REPLACING IT WITH 11.11.050.E OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO FENCES, WALLS, AND LANDSCAPING”.

MOTION: Spence/Brown to waive further reading and adopt **Ordinance No. 382** on a roll call vote. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Del Guercio, Spence, Voss, Olhasso
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

12. Urgency Ordinance for suspending specified provisions of the Zoning Ordinance for properties within the Emergency Declaration Area – Ordinance No. 381-U.

City Attorney Steres presented the staff report. He explained that although this item was voted on at the February 9 Special Meeting, the ordinance is being presented for re-adoption to secure the needed 4/5 roll call vote for urgency ordinances.

Councilmember Brown questioned the last sentence in Section 1. He suggested replace "pre-storm existing footprint and building envelope instead of "or".

Director of Community Development Stanley concurred with Councilmember Brown's suggestion/revision.

City Attorney Steres then presented Ordinance No. 381-U for second reading and adoption, and read it by title:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, SUSPENDING SPECIFIED PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR PROPERTIES WITHIN THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION AREA AND PROVIDING FOR ITS ADOPTION AS AN URGENCY ORDINANCE"

MOTION: Brown/Del Guercio to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 381-U with minor word change and adopt on a four-fifths roll call vote. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Brown, Del Guercio, Spence, Voss, Olhasso
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

Councilmembers' reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency – None

Councilmembers' reports regarding regional and local representation – Councilmember Spence recently attended a League of California Cities meeting where Judy Mitchell from Rolling Hills Estates was appointed to the AQMD Governing Board. He also announced his recent appointment to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the County of Los Angeles.

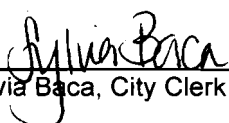
Councilmembers' request for future agenda items – Councilmember Brown requested SCE provide an update on the Tehachapi project. He then requested staff review the evacuation procedures and to work with the Fire and Sheriff Departments. Councilmember Spence requested staff look into the Sunday filming event at the Community Center.

Councilmembers' comments – Mayor Pro Tem Voss requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Gray Berg.

City Manager and/or staff comments – None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Olhasso adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.


Sylvia Baca, City Clerk

Minutes Approved by the City Council on May 3, 2010