



CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Olhasso called the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge to order at 8:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Gregory C. Brown, Stephen A. Del Guercio, David A. Spence, and Mayor Olhasso

Councilmembers absent: Mayor Pro Tem Donald R. Voss

Staff members present: City Manager Alexander, City Attorney Steres, Director of Finance Jordan, Director of Community Development Stanley, Director of Public Works Hitti, Director of Administrative Services Chun, City Engineer Kwan, Senior Planner Buss, Public Safety Coordinator Castro, Senior Management Analyst Alameda, Senior Management Analyst Wilson, and City Clerk Baca.

Mayor Olhasso announced that due to time constraints, Other Business Item No. 2 will be heard prior to Public Comments and the Consent Calendar.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. Consideration of the City's policy on mud and debris removal.

City Manager Alexander presented the staff report. He announced that a representative from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors was present.

Councilmember Brown stated that the removal should be limited geographically.

Councilmember Del Guercio questioned the insurance coverage and possible reimbursement for homeowners.

City Attorney Steres responded that he will follow up and try to preserve any claims received by the City.

Councilmember Brown clarified that the City cannot use taxpayer's money to improve/repair private property unless it's in eminent danger.

City Attorney Steres stated that the City does have authority to improve/repair private property if it's an endangerment to the public.

Councilmember Del Guercio stated that a spending limit needs to be set.

Councilmember Brown stated that a timeframe needs to be established along with geographic boundaries and for a review in two weeks.

Councilmember Spence concurred with Councilmembers Del Guercio and Brown.

Mr. Pilker, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, stated that he would follow-up with Mr. Ryken.

Mayor Olhasso requested that residents put only essential mud/debris for removal.

Councilmember Del Guercio requested the following additional language; "This policy is subject to review and revision based on fiscal considerations", with a direction to staff to notify the City Council if the costs to the City reach \$500,000.

City Manager Alexander summarized the following to be included in the policy; 1). In designated, geographic areas, 2). Shall apply to the removal of mud and debris that is considered essential for the safety and security of the property and/or neighbor's property, 3). Residents cannot place mud and debris in public right-of-way such as it creates a safety hazard or access obstruction, 4). Subject to review based on fiscal considerations within an initial threshold of \$500,000, 5). This policy does not waive any claims the City may have for the cost of such removal, including private property or owners insurance.

MOTION: Spence/Brown to approve the City's policy on mud and debris removal as discussed. The motion carried unanimously (Voss absent).

Councilmember Brown left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Item No's 3 & 4 were heard together.

3. Consideration of suspension of the City's zoning code related to the repair of damaged structures and dwellings.

Director of Community Development Stanley presented the staff report, indicating that this item includes an Urgency Ordinance.

Mayor Olhasso OPENED the public comment period.

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

MOTION: Del Guercio/Spence to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 381-U. The motion carried unanimously. (Brown & Voss absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 381-U

"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"

4. Consideration of the waiver of certain fees and costs related to building permits.

Director of Community Development Stanley presented the staff report.

In response to Mayor Olhasso, Mr. Pilker from Los Angeles County Public Works stated a meeting with city staff is scheduled to discuss several issues including possible fee waivers.

Mr. Novack, from Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors stated that estimates will be provided to the City as soon as possible.

Mayor Olhasso OPENED the public comment period.

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

MOTION: Spence/Del Guercio to approve **Resolution No. 10-08**, Temporary Building Fee Reductions. The motion carried unanimously (Brown and Voss absent).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Wes Seastrom, speaking on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce asked for Resolution No. 10-08 include all properties destroyed, including future incidents. He then stated that insurance companies do not cover this type of loss.

Mr. Meyerhofer asked for the timeframe when clean up crews need to be out of the area.

City Manager Alexander replied city staff along with Los Angeles County Fire and Sheriff, and Public Works need to evaluate the area.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

MOTION: Spence/Del Guercio to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 1. The motion carried unanimously (Brown and Voss absent).

1. Continuation of the existence of the local emergency. **(Resolution No. 10-07)**

OTHER BUSINESS (Continued):

5. General discussion relating to the rain event which occurred on Saturday, February 6, 2010.

The City Council thanked all those involved for their help and volunteer efforts.

Mayor Olhasso introduced mudslide volunteer coordinator Nick Berkuta will be at city hall answering phone calls and coordinating volunteer efforts.

Mr. Nick Berkuta, Kiwanis President, stated that he is coordinating volunteer efforts for the City

City Manager Alexander announced the email address for those interested in volunteering, mudslidevolunteers@lcf.ca.gov.

Captain Silversparre provided today's weather forecast. He stated that 247 homes have been evacuated since 8:00 a.m. today. He then announced that residents use the County's CARE website for information regarding evacuations.

Battalion Chief Brown spoke about the Unified Command Team and the joint efforts during the recent rain event.

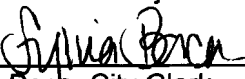
Stephanie English, Los Angeles County Fire Department Community Services Liaison provided a weather update and reminded residents to remove vehicles and trash containers from city streets.

Mayor Olhasso and City Manager Alexander thanked city staff for working this past weekend.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL – None.

ADJOURNMENT – Councilmember Spence stepped down from the dais and left the Council Chambers at 10:23 a.m., therefore the meeting was adjourned at this time due to a lack of quorum.

Mayor Olhasso adjourned the Special Meeting at 10:23 a.m.



Sylvia Baca, City Clerk

Minutes Approved by the City Council on March 29, 2010