

CITY OF SANTA CRUZ  
809 Center Street  
Santa Cruz, California 95060



## Special City Council Meeting

August 03, 2010

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3:00 PM

- \* Call to Order **At 3:06 p.m.**
- \* Roll Call - **Present: Councilmembers Lane, Mathews, Beiers, Vice Mayor Coonerty; Mayor/Chair Rotkin.**  
**Absent: Councilmembers Madrigal, Robinson.**
- \* Presiding Officer's Announcements

**Note:** There **was** no oral communications. Members of the public may comment on the individual items.

### General Business

1. Pension Obligation Bonds. (FN)

**Resolution No. NS-28,248 was adopted** authorizing the issuance of pension obligation bonds to refinance the outstanding Side Fund obligations of the City to the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

## Public Hearing

2. Amendments to Title 21 of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code Adding Chapter 21.06 Regarding a Citywide Rental Inspection Program. (Environmental Determination: Exempt from CEQA) (City of Santa Cruz, Applicant). (PL)

**Ordinance No. 2010-17 was introduced** for publication amending Title 21 of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code adding Chapter 21.06 regarding a citywide residential rental inspection and maintenance program, **adopting the following Statement of Intent to be included with the motion:**

**It is the intent of the City Council, and its direction to City staff, that City inspections and the self-certification process focus on the items contained in the draft self-certification checklist and ensure that inspections address: (a) unpermitted dwelling units; (b) the renting of spaces not intended for habitation; and (c) substandard, overcrowded, unsanitary and unsafe housing conditions that render a housing unit unfit or unsafe for occupancy. Unpermitted construction and construction which is not code compliant but which does not result in (a), (b) or (c) shall not be a priority, unless that construction results in neighborhood nuisances;**

**and to direct staff to come back, after consulting with landlords and other interested parties, with a resolution that will incorporate the checklist of items the inspection will cover, and with further direction that a report come back to the City Council within one year of program implementation.**

**Public Hearings (continued)**

**Note:** Additional written material for Item 3 **was** provided prior to the meeting.

3. Resolution Requesting the Placement of a Utility Users' Tax (UUT) Increase Ballot Measure on the November 2010 General Municipal Election Ballot and Declaring the City Council's Goals and Intent or Resolution Ordering an Election and Requesting Consolidation of Such Election. (CN)

**Resolution No. NS-28,249 was adopted** requesting that the consolidated November 2010 general municipal election include a City ballot general purpose tax measure proposing that the City of Santa Cruz' currently effective utility user tax rate of seven (7) percent be increased to eight and one-half percent (8.5%) and broadened to apply to changes in technology and laws, in order to provide local funding to limit further budget reductions and to maintain public safety services, and authorizing the City Manager to revise the full text of the ballot measure, including the ballot question, subject to the approval of the City Attorney, **and revising the ballot question as follows:**

**“To preserve the safety and quality of life of the City of Santa Cruz through City services—including law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical response, park maintenance and youth programs—and to ensure that all taxpayers are treated fairly, shall the City’s existing utility users tax be broadened to include changes in technology and laws, and increased by 1.5%, while including protections for low-income residents and seniors, and ensuring that all funds remain local?**

**Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ ”**

**Resolution No. NS-28,250 was adopted** declaring the City Council’s goals and intent regarding the use of revenues generated by the 2010 general purpose utility tax ballot measure, **and amending it to insert the following after the fifth Whereas:**

**Whereas the additional general fund revenue generated by an increase in the Utility Users Tax will not solve the City’s structural budget deficit, but will make a significant difference in the City’s ability to respond to immediate public safety needs, while the process for structural reform takes place. The most immediate need is to provide funding to keep the police and fire departments fully staffed.**

**WHEREAS funding to sustain public safety staffing is currently provided by federal stimulus grants which will expire in one year.**

**Public Hearing (continued)**

3. Resolution Requesting the Placement of a Utility Users' Tax (UUT) Increase Ballot Measure on the November 2010 General Municipal Election Ballot and Declaring the City Council's Goals and Intent or Resolution Ordering an Election and Requesting Consolidation of Such Election. (continued)

**Motion carried** to direct the City Attorney to prepare an Impartial Analysis of the proposed amendment to the City Utility Users' Tax Ordinance;

**Motion carried** to direct the Finance Director to prepare the Fiscal Analysis for the proposed amendment to the City Utility Users' Tax Ordinance; and

**Motion carried** to direct and authorize the **Councilmembers Mathews and Lane, and Vice Mayor Coonerty** to identify a pool of filers and authors who will write arguments and rebuttals in support of the proposed amendment to the City Utility Users' Tax Ordinance.

**At 5:59 p.m., the City Council recessed to the 7:00 p.m. Session.**

## Special City Council Meeting

7:00 PM

\* Call to Order **At 7:07 p.m.**

\* Roll Call - **Present: Councilmembers Lane, Mathews, Beiers, Vice Mayor Coonerty; Mayor/Chair Rotkin.**

**Absent: Councilmembers Madrigal, Robinson.**

### Public Hearing

4. North Campus Sphere of Influence Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Report. (PL)

**Resolution No. NS-28,251 was adopted** certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report.

**Resolution No. NS-28,252 was adopted** adopting the Findings of Fact, a Mitigation Monitoring Program and a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

**Resolution No. NS-28,253 was adopted** authorizing staff, pursuant to the Comprehensive Settlement Agreement between the City, UCSC, County and Community Organizations, to submit and complete a **final** application to amend the City of Santa Cruz Sphere of Influence (North UCSC Campus) to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for consideration and approval, and

**By consensus, a motion was adopted amending Pages 4-16 and 4-17 to strike any reference to phases of a so-called desalination facility, and to add a hard copy change to the EIR.**

**Adjournment — At 9:57 p.m.,** the City Council **adjourned** from the Special Meeting of August 3, 2010, to a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, for a closed litigation session at 1:30 p.m., in the Courtyard Conference Room, followed by open sessions at the approximate hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

**Note:** The Council Chambers **were** closed ten minutes after the meeting **was** adjourned.