



# ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

## Minutes of Regular Meeting

**JULY, 19, 2011**

**7:00 p.m. Altadena Community Center  
730 East Altadena Drive • Altadena, California 91001**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1: Pledge of Allegiance----- Led by Tom Miller

1.2: Roll Call:

**The following Council members were present at roll call:** Gino Sund, Gretchen Saeger, Okorie Ezieme, Greg Middleton, Doug Colliflower, Dr. Sandra Thomas, Tecumseh Shackelford, Brent Musson, Alan Wasserman, Amie Cienfuegos, Ruth Edwards, Diane Marcussen, and Jamie Bissner.

**The following Council members were absent:** Alice Wesson, Ken Roberts, Phil Barela, and Lori Judson with an excused absence

Motion to approve the June 2011 meeting minutes were approved and seconded by all present members.

### 2. OFFICER'S REPORTS

2.1: Recording Secretary -----Phil Barela

2.2: Corresponding Secretary---Jamie Bissner – 1 letter to the ??

2.3: Treasurer-----Tecumseh Shackelford Bal of date TBA See treasury report 6/21/2011 bal. \$1877.71

2.4: Vice Chairman-----Ruth Edwards no report

2.5: Chairman-----Gino Sund no chair report tonight

### 3. ORGANIZATION OF THE 2011-2012 COUNCIL

**3.1:** Certification of June 2011 Election: Chair Eric Pierce was not present but there were no problems with the election. A motion was made by Councilwoman Edwards and seconded by Councilman Colliflower to certify the June 2011 Election.

**3.2:** Oath of office for newly elected Council Members:

Newly elected members were sworn in for 2011 Altadena Town Council members: Jamie Bissner, Gretchen Saeger, Amie Cienfuegos, Doug Colliflower, and Greg Middleton.

A plaque for outgoing Council members Gene Campbell and Phil Barela was given.

Councilman Sund was also given a plaque for his outstanding service as outgoing chairperson.

**3.3:** Election of Executive Committee

The committee has a slate of offices.

Sandra Thomas- Chairwoman

Okorie Ezieme- Vice Chairman

Doug Colliflower- Treasurer

Jamie Bissner- Corresponding Secretary

Greg Middleton- Recording Secretary

A motion was made to approve the slate as read by Councilman Shackelford and second by Councilman Musson. Motion carried and approved.

#### 4. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

**4.1:** Altadena Sheriff's Station-----Captain Steve McLean: The captain promised to meet with each new council member to assure what they need for their census tracts.

Deputy Joe Dempsey did the crime report; refer to the printed report. Please call crime stoppers for any information re/ the robbery at the Smoke Shop on Lake.

Events coming up were listed in printout. See printout for more information.

Coffee with the Captain on Monday 7/25

July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm at the Community Center re Neighborhood Watch Group startup

August 2 is national night out at Farnsworth Park. See flyer.

Community day at the park @ Charles White Park on Sat August 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm until 4 pm:

Recruiting explorers for the Station: Youth from 14 to 20 are eligible. [www.lasd.org](http://www.lasd.org) - for the crime reports.

PowerPoint Presentation from the Sheriff department by Greg Kaplan.

See the tape for the presentation notes: Get a copy of the report from the Deputy.

**Go to Nixle.com to sign up for crime reports and announcements from the Sheriff's Office.**

**4.2:** California Highway Patrol-----Officer Ming Yang Hsu - See printed report for the record for June 2011

**New Captain for the CHP in our area is: Steve Strull taking the place of Hsu: Current area commander is Bill Dance.** Officer Miller and Officer Denmon will be manning the fort. Officer Miller gave further details on the Pp REPORT. He offered that each council member to get the report on our specific area and he will set up a special sting operation to deal with the traffic issues.

#### 5. SPECIAL REPORTS

**5.1:** Franchise Trash Hauling-----Public Works, Thor Schmidt, Athens Services: Paul Alba from LA County Public Works to introduce new trash company Athens Hauling Services. Services start September 1, 2011. Community presentation tomorrow and Saturday for the Public here at the community center:

Thor Smith with Athens Services did the presentation. See the tape for crucial and important notes for the record. Dates to remember: Cart distribution through the month of August. Use current containers through August 31<sup>st</sup> and new service starts September. A card will be sent in the mail to each resident prior to the start of service. See report that was emailed in the contract. 25% increase for difficult to service properties. Senior application is here and available to fill out for special discount. Special collection dates will be worked out with the ATC and the county. Customer service number: (877) 764-5551. 888-CLEANLA or ONLINE [www.cleanla.com](http://www.cleanla.com) for hazardous material pickup.

#### 6. LAND USE COMMITTEE **(It is anticipated that Council may take action on the following matter)**

**6.1: Conditional Use Permit number R2010-01094. Applicant: Rubio Canyon Land & Water. Construction and operation of a water well located at 3371 Rubio Canyon Rd. Near the Rubio Canyon wash north of Altadena Drive.**

Janet Fahey from Rubio Canyon Water Company spoke about the project. The current well needs replacing and seeking a conditional use permit with a formal hearing on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in the AM downtown. The issue of noise abatement to drill from 7 am to 7 pm to work with the community. In addition they plan to use noise

abatement measure to curtail the drilling noise during those hours. It will be a two-phase process to see if there is actually water there first and then on to the project.

The land use committee submitted their recommendations as follows:

A motion was made by Councilman Sund as resolved by the Land Use Committee. The LUC Committee recommend that the Altadena Town Council send a letter to County Regional Planning in reference to project R2010-01094 submitted by the Rubio Canyon Land & Water Association, to raise concerns that there be noise decibel limits set during both the drilling period and operation period, overall construction time limits, and that operation time limits be set as 7am to 5pm weekdays excluding holidays.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Shackelford and approved unanimously 12-0-0.

## 7. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1: Chamber of Commerce-----Doug Colliflower: No report

7.2: Altadena Library-----Barbra Pearson: No report

7.3: L.A. County Parks Dept-----Penny Daniels  
Summer concert series schedule was given at Farnsworth Park.

7.4: Sheriff's Support Group-----Bill Westphal: No report

7.5: Altadena Rotary-----Tony Hill

Activities forthcoming from the current President Tony Hill. Role to assist and build up the community. He introduced himself to the council and the community.

## 8. CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

### 9. OLD BUSINESS (It is anticipated that Council may take action on the following matter)

**9.1 Community Identification signs:** A proposal to place signs and rename New York Drive to 911 Parkway. 5 speakers spoke in favor of this new sign and the project.

Vote in reference to signs. There was a motion by Councilman Sund and it was seconded by Councilwoman Edwards. See printed out motion below. Motion carried unanimous.

#### COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION SIGNS

Motion for July 19<sup>th</sup> 2011 Town Council Meeting

Councilman Sund made the following motion as follows:

I make the motion that:

1. The Chair appoint a three member committee to develop design for the Altadena Community Identification signs, to be brought to Council at a future meeting, for approval.
2. That these signs be consistent with the Community's style and ambiance, and shall be exclusively to identify Altadena, with no other messaging.
3. Upon approval, the Council shall request that the County construct and install the signs at appropriate major entry points to Altadena and that these signs are to be exclusive to Community Identification and that no other sign be erected that will interfere or compete with that function.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Ezieme and approved unanimously 12-0-0.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

**10.1:** Committee Assignment and Roster on the WAYPAC representative was Councilman Musson and he declined. No one took the position. A motion was made for Councilman Wasserman to take the position for one more month. It was seconded by Councilman Middleton approved by 12-0-0.

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Public Comment: 1:** New business, eye and vision, Ms. Ellen Chang. See recording and get business card. Located at Lincoln Crossing,

**2. Ellen Walton:** Coyote problem in Altadena was dealt with someone from animal control. See flyers in the rear. Contact animal control if you notice a coyote that will not leave after you attempt to run them away.

**3. Mr. Darkasian** dealt with property on Mendocino Phoenix Pharmacy. A land use issue. Referred to Land use committee. Councilwoman Marcussen took the referral card in order to handle this matter as the council rep for that area.

**4. Ryan Eggers** on accountability issues. See printed speech about police conduct.

**12. ADJOURNMENT at 9:40** motioned and second to use the Town Council Logo in website advertisement. The issue of using the logo was tabled for further discussion later.

**There was a general question regarding where to access the meeting minutes from an audience member.**

**Answer by Chairwoman Thomas:** We are in process of updating the website and Councilman Musson will be working on that project. **Councilwoman Marcussen** wanted to further discuss this matter as well. The issue was tabled and put in the hands of the executive committee to decide.

**Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Councilmember Greg Middleton  
Correspondence Secretary**