GENERAL PURPOSE MEETING

Monday, November 17, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Marc Crawford-Chair, Cheryl Miraglia, Vice-Chair, Dave Sadoff, Sheila Cunha, John Ryzanych, Matt Turner, Aileen Chong-Jeung

Location: Castro Valley Library – 3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94646

Summary Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melissa Evans stated that she would like to open a business in Castro Valley, called Mel’s Play Place, with a target market of children 3 months to 11 years of age, focusing on growth motor development, social interaction, safe play and a place for community members to get together. Ms. Evans has submitted a site review plan to the Planning Department and would like feedback from the Council on the proposed site review and business plan.

The Council will review the information provided by Melissa Evans.

I. Approval of Minutes - October 2014 minutes

A motion was made by Matt Turner and seconded by Sheila Cunha that the minutes of October 20, 2014 be accepted as submitted.

Motion passed 6/0 - Councilmember Miraglia abstained from the motion.

II. Update on Garbage Collection in the Canyonlands

Supervisor Nate Miley, District 4, Board of Supervisors, presented introductory comments regarding garbage collection service in the Canyonlands of Castro Valley.

Waste Management of Alameda County informed Canyonlands residents that it will no longer offer waste collection services in their area as of December 31, 2014, however Supervisor Miley negotiated with the company and they have agreed to extend the current service until March 31, 2015 without a change in the rates.

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo), the County Planning Department staff, the MAC and the Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) have been meeting with Supervisor Miley to address waste collection services in the Canyonlands. The County’s preference is to annex the Canyonlands into the Castro Valley Sanitary District for collection of services through a LAFCO process. In addition various haulers are interested in bidding on a contract to provide waste and or recycle collection services in the Canyonlands.
Liz McElligott, Assistant Planning Director, Community Development Agency, reported that since receiving notice of Waste Management’s decision to discontinue service to the Canyonlands, County staff and others met and concluded that annexation of the Canyonlands to the Castro Valley Sanitary District would be the most beneficial for residents of the area. CVSan will contract with a hauler to establish rates and ensure consistent service.

The annexation would require an application to LAFCo and the commission would hold a hearing to take public comment and consider the application.

Mona Palacios, Executive Officer, Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission, gave a brief history of LAFCo and its members. LAFCo is responsible for coordinating changes in local government boundaries, which includes the annexation process. LAFCo can impose conditions of approval; approve an annexation but restrict the type of services and if more services are desired there would necessitate a new LAFCo process.

The process begins with a completed application and a resolution of the governing body (Alameda County Board of Supervisors or Castro Valley Sanitary District) or the landowners could petition LAFCo. LAFCO can approve, approve with conditions, modify and deny applications. The entire process takes approximately three (3) to six (6) months to accomplish.

The LAFCo application should include: 1) form 2) processing fees 3) resolution or petition 4) mapping and legal description 5) plan for providing services, financing plan 6) subject to CEQA review. LAFCo staff provides analysis and staff report and the commission would consider the application at a publicly noticed meeting. LAFCo fees include a $5,000 application fee, a $2,500 fee for an amendment to CVSan’s sphere of influence boundary and additional mapping, filing and study fees.

Roland Williams, General Manager, Castro Valley Sanitary District, stated that CVSan conducted a survey of Canyonlands residents regarding solid waste collection.

The survey results were available to residents and of the results received, seventy percent (70%) of residents were supportive of annexation into the CVSan district, and twenty-two percent (22%) were not in favor of annexation.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Liz McElligott, Mona Palacios and Roland Williams responded to questions from Canyonlands residents.

Residents spoke for and against annexation and several residents wanted to know what the rates would be for the Canyonlands, which cannot be determined at this time.

The County will pursue the annexation of the Canyonlands with the Castro Valley Sanitary District; pursuant to an agreement from the CVSan Board of Directors at their meeting in December.

Mark Crawford, Chair, stated that this item was informational only and the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Council would revisit this item again at their February 3, 2015 General Purpose meeting.