

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE**  
**CANYON LAKE CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, March 29, 2016**  
**Open Session – 1:30 p.m.**

**City Council Chambers**  
**31516 Railroad Canyon Road**  
**Canyon Lake, CA 92587**

**OPEN SESSION – 1:30 P.M.**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Open Session was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

**2. Flag Salute**

Congressman Calvert led the flag salute.

**3. Roll Call**

Present: Council Members Ehrenkranz, Warren, Zaitz, Mayor Pro Tem Haggerty,  
Mayor Brown.

Absent: None.

**4. Public Comments**

Travis Montgomery, a resident, discussed the postal zip code for Canyon Lake, and requested that Canyon Lake get its own zip code.

Debbie Walsh, a resident, discussed the past negotiations and deals with the County for fire service to the City, and indicated that if she was elected County Supervisor for the Canyon Lake area she would make it her top priority to commit County funding to help get the Canyon Lake Fire Station opened.

Brenda Yanoschik, a resident, stated that she would like the Congressman to help dissolve the City of Canyon Lake because there was no tax base, and there was continued failure to provide fire services and a level of police services that the unincorporated areas enjoy. She went on to state that there were no City operated parks, and the City was now trying to develop on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property instead of keeping it as a park as it had indicated in the past.

Nancy Horton, a resident, discussed the efforts of the Quail Valley Environmental Coalitions efforts to get a new sewer put in Quail Valley and have their building

moratorium lifted, and to protect Canyon Lake from the bacteria run-off from Quail Valley. She outlined the efforts of the residents of Quail Valley and the Environmental Coalition to get funding for a new sewer system and the difficulties they had experienced. She discussed what needed funding in Quail Valley and asked that there be Federal help on the issue because the City of Menifee, County of Riverside, and the State of California have failed to do anything about the problem.

Kathy Mulcahey, a resident, discussed her efforts to find out about the potential development of the BLM property, and asked that the City Council place an item to discuss the issue on an agenda so there could be a discussion with the residents.

Jack Wamsley, a resident, discussed the BLM property and his past efforts and meetings regarding potential development of the land, and his opinion of what should be done with the land. He went on to discuss how things could be worked out and funded for developing the property.

Mayor Brown suspended the normal rules of order for the meeting.

## **5. Business Items**

### **5.1 Meeting and Discussion with Congressman Ken Calvert**

Mayor Brown introduced Congressman Calvert.

Congressman Calvert addressed the issue of the zip code, indicated that dissolution of cities was a local issue, discussed grant programs that may help with the sewer issue in Quail Valley, and discussed the Federal program marking the local BLM property for surplus and the process for determining the use of the property.

Mayor Pro Tem Haggerty asked that Congressman Calvert support HR4731 which is the Refugee Program Integrity Resolution Act, to set a cap and make it a local and State decision on the number of refugees sent to their area.

Congressman Calvert indicated that he was on record asking for a pause on moving refugees from the Middle East. He indicated there was no way to do proper background checks on people at this time.

Council Member Zaitz discussed e-verify.

Congressman Calvert discussed the e-verify program.

Council Member Zaitz discussed his concerns about what is going on in Washington due to the political aspects between the parties.

Congressman Calvert discussed what he saw going on politically and how people were feeling about the government systems.

Mayor Brown discussed the upcoming appointment of a Supreme Court Justice.

Congressman Calvert discussed the recently deceased Supreme Court Justice and the upcoming appointments to the Supreme Court.

Mayor Brown discussed the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) regulations on endangered species and the hardship that caused people.

Congressman Calvert discussed the Endangered Species Act and his efforts to cut the EPA's budget for staffing, the original purpose of the Endangered Species Act, and various issues he has been following and working on.

Council Member Warren asked what the everyday citizen could do to help with revising the Endangered Species Act.

Congressman Calvert discussed what could be done to help the issue.

Brenda Yanoschik, a resident, asked what the Congressman's position was regarding the development of the BLM property around Canyon Lake.

Congressman Calvert stated that he did not get involved in local land use decisions. He stated that the Federal and State Government owned over 70% of the land in California, and that surplus some of that land was a good thing, but how it's used is up to the local governments. He went on to explain how much land the Federal Government owned in various states.

Mayor Brown discussed the cost of college tuition and not keeping up with technology. He added that we should be moving to competency based certifications instead of time based.

Congressman Calvert discussed issues in public and private colleges and universities.

A resident discussed an issue with younger people thinking the government was a democracy and don't know this country was a republic. He went on to state that he learned a lot about issues he was concerned with at the meeting, and the timing of the meeting precluded younger people and small business people.

Barry Talbot, a resident, discussed the funding of military services, and how the Country was addressing the terrorism issue.

Congressman Calvert discussed the military's levels and various issues that the Country was facing.

Mayor Pro Tem Haggerty inquired about how safe the Country was from a cyberattack and what Congressman Calvert thought about the happenings in Iraq.

Congressman Calvert discussed his thoughts on what was happening in Iraq and how the Country was protected from cyberattacks.

Council Member Ehrenkranz thanked the Mayor for suspending the rules of order, and asked if there were any grants to help the City with the fire safety issue.

Congressman Calvert stated that he didn't know of any, but he would keep an eye out for anything that may help.

There was discussion regarding the past services and efforts to maintain the City.

Mayor Brown thanked Congressman Calvert for attending and meeting with the City.

Mayor Brown called for a recess at 2:42 p.m.

Mayor Brown called the meeting back to order at 2:50 p.m.

- 5.2 a. **Confirmation of direction given to City Manager at the March 16, 2016 Special City Council Meeting to authorize the City Manager to notify the County of Riverside of the City Council's decision to request an extension of the Cooperative Fire contract with the County of Riverside for fire services, and to return to the City Council with the proposed terms of an extension if granted, with the expectation that the proposed terms should be similar to the current contract**

City Manager Palmer indicated that he had been given the authority of the City Council to notify the County of the Council's decision to negotiate an extension of the contract and that he had a meeting scheduled for May 12, 2016. He added that after the ratification at this meeting, he would be sending a formal letter to the County.

There was discussion regarding the newspaper article recently published regarding Lake Elsinore's dissatisfaction with Canyon Lake's request to extend the contract.

There was additional discussion regarding the benefits that Lake Elsinore was receiving under the current agreement.

There was discussion regarding the scope of the authorization given to the City Manager and the purpose for the item on the current agenda.

Barry Talbot, a resident, stated that he wanted to continue to be a City, and that he looked forward to the City negotiating an extension of the current agreement for fire services.

Jeff Hewitt, Mayor of the City of Calimesa, spoke in favor of the City of Canyon Lake continuing to work on the fire safety issue because the same issue was facing his City.

Mayor Brown stated that he would rule the direction given to the City Manager at the last meeting was clear and authorized by consensus, with the assumption that the authorization included negotiating to get the other cities' blessings on the extension as well.

**b. Update on fire extension negotiations**

There was no additional update on the negotiations.

**6. City Manager Comments**

There were no City Manager comments.

**7. Council Comments**

Council Member Zaitz requested that the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) be brought in for a public meeting to do a presentation on disincorporation. He went on to discuss the fire department issue, and the Utility User's Tax.

Council Member Warren stated that she did not feel it was time to have LAFCO come discuss disincorporation.

Mayor Pro Tem Haggerty stated that she also felt the City was in an okay place financially and that she was working hard to get a fire department started. She did not think that disincorporating would not open Station 60.

Council Member Ehrenkranz stated that the Council should be allowed to do their job and continue to try to serve the City the best they could. He added that this was the first time in years that the City budget was in the black.

Council Member Zaitz disagreed that disincorporating wouldn't open Station 60. He asked that LAFCO be asked to come give a presentation so the Council could get real answers.

Council Member Warren stated that she challenged anyone to give her a guarantee that if the City disincorporated Station 60 would be opened.

Mayor Pro Tem Haggerty excused herself from the meeting.

Mayor Brown stated that he was doubtful that the City could continue to be a city, and he wanted to make sure that the facts were out there for everyone to understand what the disincorporation process would be. He felt that it was to the City's advantage to remain a

city, but felt the facts needed to be out there. He reviewed and confirmed the rules of order for a Council Member to place an item on the agenda.

Council Member Zaitz indicated that he would like a presentation by LAFCO placed on the agenda.

Nancy Horton, a resident, discussed her experience when she was on the City Council and the City Council had discussions with LAFCO on the process.

There was discussion and confirmation that Council Member Zaitz was requesting the LAFCO be asked to attend a meeting and that an item for the presentation be placed on an agenda.

**8. Announcements**

The next regular City Council meeting was scheduled for April 6, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for Closed Session and 6:30 p.m. for Open Session.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Ariel M Hall  
City Clerk