ONTARIO CITY COUNCIL/ HOUSING AUTHORITY/ REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 5, 2011

JOINT MEETINGS

Special Meetings of the Ontario City Council, Housing Authority and Ontario Redevelopment Agency were held on July 5, 2011, in Community Room #1, Ontario City Hall, 303 East B Street.

Notice of said meeting was duly given in the time and manner prescribed by law. Affidavit of compliance is on file in the Records Management Department.

Purpose of the meeting was to consider possible action with respect to the state redistricting process.

CALL TO ORDER

The meetings were called to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Wapner.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor / Chairman: Paul S. Leon

Mayor pro Tem/Vice Chairman Debra Dorst-Porada

Council/Authority/ Agency Members Alan D. Wapner, Sheila Mautz,

and Jim W. Bowman

ABSENT: None

Also present were: City Manager/Executive Director Chris Hughes, Deputy City Attorney Jonathan Lamb and City Clerk/Secretary Mary E. Wirtes.

There was no one present in the room who wished to speak during Public Comment.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO THE CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

City Manager Hughes advised that staff is seeking Council's direction on the State Redistricting Commission's projected boundaries for Senate and Congressional representation. Council direction may result in a letter to the Commission.

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Steve PonTell, Strategic Solutions, indicated the redistricting process has been transformed by Propositions 11 and 20 which have applied traditional redistricting principles, plus eliminated consideration of partisan advantage or candidate/incumbent residence. He added the first draft maps have been released, second draft will be released July 17th and the final maps are due August 10, 2011. He added that public hearings are being held throughout the State.

Mr. PonTell gave a video presentation that included criteria for membership on the commission and described the process needed to adopt the final draft. He described the voting percentages sought in each district and the changes in Assembly, Senate and Congressional seats that are being considered.

In response to a question from Council Member Wapner, he said the Assembly seat that will include Ontario will probably not change much.

Mr. PonTell then reviewed the proposed Senate districts and showed maps to demonstrate the boundary changes. The proposal places Ontario in a district that includes Chino, Fontana (including the unincorporated area), Rialto, Colton and Grand Terrace, and a portion of San Bernardino County east of Ontario and north of the Riverside County line.

Two possibilities were considered with reference to the Congressional District presented as Visualization #1 and Visualization #2. Visualization #2 proposed a Congressional District that would include Ontario, Pomona, Montclair, Rancho Cucamonga, Chino, Claremont and Upland. Mr. PonTell advised that they supported the District as presented in Visualization #2. He indicated that two congressional seats will be added that are supported by Four Corners Transportation Coalition and will generate a lot of maneuvering.

City Manager Hughes said he supports the Districts as presented in Visualization #2.

Council Members discussed the matter briefly including changes that may yet still occur and the updated maps that will become available on August 10th.

Mayor Leon, noting there is consensus, approved the issuance of a letter from the City of Ontario to the Citizens Redistricting Commission supporting the Commission drafts for State Senate and Assembly, and of the Congressional District as shown in Visualization #2 and as recommended by Steve PonTell, Strategic Solutions.

ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting thereupon adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary E. Wirtes, MMC, City Clerk / Secretary

APPROVED:

Paul S. Leon, Mayor / Chairmat