

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES

CITY MEMBERS

Jim Wadsworth – Vice Chair
Bill Woolley
John Gordon - Alternate

COUNTY MEMBERS

Joe Neves – Chair
Tony Barba
Doug Verboon - Alternate

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Paul Thompson
Vacant - Alternate

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Kings County was called to order by the Chairman, Joe Neves, at 3:00 p.m., on March 26, 2014 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers of the Kings County Government Center, located at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., in Hanford, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Joe Neves, Doug Verboon, Paul Thompson, Jim Wadsworth, John Gordon

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Gatzka – Executive Officer, Chuck Kinney – Assistant Executive Officer, Terri Yarbrough – Clerk, Erik Kaeding – Counsel

VISITORS PRESENT:

Alex Dwiggins

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES: No one spoke during this portion of the meeting. Commissioner Wadsworth arrived at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Gordon/Thompson) to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Verboon abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

LAFCO Case No. 13-01, Hanford Reorganization No. 150

Mr. Kinney provided an overview of a proposal by the City of Hanford to annex a County Unincorporated Island comprised of 69.79 acres. The annexation is proposed under the Island annexation provision of State Law without protest proceedings. The property is generally located at the Southeast corner of Grangeville Blvd. and 12th Avenue in Hanford. The City of Hanford has planned for this growth in their 2002 General Plan and has pre-zoned the territory to single family residential and Service Commercial. A public hearing was held on February 26, 2014. The matter was continued in order to allow legal counsel time to research and provide the Commission with additional guidance concerning whether or not the Commission could consider approving only a portion of the island pre-zoned for commercial use without incorporating the entire island, and to allow the residents to address their concerns with the City of Hanford. A memorandum was provided to the Commissioners defining what findings are required in order to approve the project.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon/Gordon) to approve LAFCO Resolution 14-02 which approves the City of Hanford's annexation of an unincorporated island of 69.79 acres. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

LAFCO Preliminary Budget FY 2014-2015

Mr. Gatzka presented the 2014/2015 preliminary budget and reported there was an overall decrease in the budget from the previous year, this was primarily in staff hours.

A motion was made and seconded (Gordon/Thompson) to set the first public hearing for April 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION

None

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. **Correspondence** – CALAFCO Dues, Recruitment Committee Report for 2013 – Mr. Gatzka reported that the CALAFCO dues were increased and that was reflected in the budget. He also provided a report of the officers elected at the annual conference in the Commissioner packets.
- B. **Items from the Commission** – Commissioner Gordon expressed appreciation to staff and County Counsel for their efforts to clarify issues so that they can do their job. Commissioner Thompson stated that through this annexation we have learned how cities can work with residents prior to the annexation coming to LAFCO.
- C. **Staff Comments** – Mr. Gatzka stated that staff had been working closely with the Hanford City Manger and that LAFCO staff would make themselves available as the city works on other County Island considerations.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

- A. **A special meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF KINGS COUNTY**



Gregory R. Gatzka, Executive Officer