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1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:42 PM .

2. ROLL CALL

REGION	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2021-2025	PRESENT	NAME (TITLE) SERVICE TERM 2019-2023
I	X	ANDREW CHAMBERS	X	JESSICA CHAMBERS
II	X	ABIGAIL DESESA	<input type="checkbox"/>	VACANT
III	X	DAVID BOYER (SECRETARY)	X	ERIC LARSON
IV	X	JEFF PREACH	X	BOB LEWIS (PRESIDENT)
V	6:55p	JIM D'ADDARIO (TREASURER)	X	CHRIS DITTES (VICE PRESIDENT)



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3. HEARING SESSION

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion by DeSesa. Second by J.Chambers. Vote 8/0/0.

B. Questions and Comments _____.

Note: If a question/comment form is sent regarding a matter that is on the agenda, the question or comment will be read when the agenda item is brought up. Questions or comments on non-agenda items will be discussed during agenda item #10 Open Discussion.

4. SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Report from 5th District; Los Angeles County Supervisor's Office of Kathryn Barger - Stephanie English.

- May 23rd @ 5PM, Supv. Barger at Boy & Girls Club. \$38.5B LA County Budget submitted. Adoption for October. 4 new departments. 988 Alternative Crisis Response System for Suicide Calls (Measure H \$5m). Discussed other funding initiatives. Addressing Drug overdose issues in LA County Jail System. Encourage voters to study voting measures on ballot this year re: homelessness, need funding. Single use Plastics Ordinance passed, which require food service related items must be recyclable/compostable among other requirements. Effective 5/23/22 for fixed locations and others later.

1. Sloan Canyon Road Traffic & Safety update - Julian Garcia

- Julian Garcia: 2 design features; a) acceleration lane; challenge is the drive way for church will be discussing if Church can accommodate, b) Oak Horn traffic circle; require add'l construction and Right of way, so being studied to reduce footprint. Balance of traffic control measures being moved forward with and will be implemented. Stephanie: When will discuss with Church, Julian: Within next couple of weeks. Council: Given lay of drives to Church, do not believe eliminating an access to parking lot will be feasible. Julian: Acknowledge and will discuss with Church. Council: Is property owner with ownership of both sides property to allow right of way purchase at round about.

2. Castaic Road Truck parking update (center median bollards) - Julian Garcia

- Julian Garcia: Did on-site study. Will 100% impact businesses. Found 1) Middle of road parking lane; discussing with CHP re: enforcement and how they can help with signage, 2) Potentially fully blocking entirety of middle lane and offer U-Turns at either end to facilitate local business access. Also found, many businesses like trucks there, especially food vendors. Not too pleased to make it difficult to do business. Council: Concern is both Public Safety and business access. Julian: Will conduct traffic study counts to study and then bring forth recommendations. Council: Any thought on painting median solid to make clear is illegal to park in median. There are restrictions on markings, but will be part of enforcement enhancement with CHP. Council: Need additional truck parking. Historical parking were closed/fenced off. Lot North of Country Girl closed due to being gravel. Asking if using Eminent Domain to acquire and provide option to truckers. Stephanie: Can Julian reach out to Jessica re: vacant lots for possibilities. Julian: Yes and will reach out to County Real Estate. Officer Wilson CHP: Unless there is a permanent deterrent for median, truckers will not stop. All truckers know it is illegal. Drivers do not care. Painting will not solve the issue. Permanent is the only option in opinion of CHP. Council: Safety issue, should speed be reduced to 15 mph? Julian: Set by State statute. Are options being considered in legislation AB43 pending.



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A. Moved forward due to availability

1. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. - Deputy Rooney / Captain Justin Diez.
- Deputy Rooney; Gave crime report statistics. Gave arrest report statistics. Captain Diez: Crime has been going up since January 2021. Attributing to no bail and DA known concerns. Encourage to use crime mapping.com. Releasing arrestees for two years. Repeat offenders is growing every month just in Santa Clarita station. 1,100 people arrested nearly 3,900 times in last two years. Account for 40% of all arrests. Most offender person 32x in last two years. All being released within 5 hours of being arrested. 3rd safest large city in the nation recently released. Very proud of that accomplishment. Violent crime is low, but property crime is increasing. Summer enforcement team starts up again in May will provide additional personnel and focus is west of I-5. Sheriff Villanueva 5/23 State of the City presentation. Asking residents to report neighbors setting off fireworks due to fire hazard in SCV.
 - Susie Evans, Val Verde. Request to speak re: dead body found in Val Verde 4/12/22 along with emailed other issues: Newspaper reported about dead body. RV stolen this morning between 3a-6a today. Pictures sent are clear and if reported stolen, will assist in the investigation. Captain Diez: Rely on community to be the eyes & ears of the sheriff's department and encourage community involvement and reporting to assist them in their work. Can also report thru crimestoppers.com which is actively monitored. Thanked Susie for her assistance. Council: How do we contact owner of empty lot re: possibly stolen vehicle. Captain Diez: Thinks must go thru assessors office. Stephanie: Will put out an APN to identify property owner and provide to Deputy Rooney for further investigation.

B. Report from 38th Assembly District; Assemblywoman Suzette Martinez Valladares - Patsy Ayala.

- Forwarded email update.

C. Report from 21st Senate District; Senator Scott Wilk - Kris Hough.

- Council requested information on State funding assistance for Old Road emergency access expansion. All three representatives report they are working on this issue. Council thanks them for their work on this point.
- Kris Hough: Will report back if hear anything on Old Road request. Re: Temporary light on Chiquito Canyon/126 traffic light. Nearly done. Issue with traffic sign blocking light on 126 and are working on fix for this issue. Still on track to hopefully be working in May.

D. Report from 25th Congressional District - Congressman Mike Garcia - Tami Stephens.

- Forwarded email update.

E. William S. Hart School District: Castaic High School update - Principal Melanie Hagman.

- Melanie Hagman: Adding grade level next year so will be at full capacity 9-12 next year. Will be hiring add'l staff, approx. 8 new teachers. Discussed 8:30A start time moving forward. Track in Prelims this week. 6 swimmers qualified for CIF. Top Diver in league. Baseball beat Saugus today. Volleyball for boys has done really well against tough competition in foothill league. Varsity football next year. Summer athletic camps. CIF dark period is 6/13-26/2022, no athletic camps during this period. Expanding career pathways next year. Dental lab being utilized. Medical suite up and running and teaches office work, patient screenings, etc.. Will equate to a \$80-90k job right out of high school and if COC extended six figure jobs. EMT will be part of program.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PRESENTATION

A. Public Safety - Chair - Bob Lewis.

1. Pitchess Detention Center - Commander Paula Tokar.



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- Discussed overdose issue in facilities. Count is low at 4,400 inmates. Lowest since pandemic began. Have not heard any issues with the EVOC activities. Council: Agree, nothing being heard.

2. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. - Deputy Rooney / Captain Justin Diez.

- Presented after Supervisor's office. Moved up to facilitate Captains schedule.

3. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. Park Bureau - Sgt. Bohnert - Email Report.

4. California Highway Patrol - Officer Wilson.

- Officer Wilson: Gave report on citations. Focusing on Castaic Road. Focused on evening hours i.e. 4p-7p. Gave report on arrests. Council: Has lane realignment on I-5 caused any issues with accidents. Officer Wilson: Seeing no real increase in stats. Believe since at night reduces traffic impacts. 2 units in the area at night and one is tasked with traffic enforcement specifically. Council: Thanked for presence on Sloan Canyon in the morning.

5. Los Angeles County Fire Dept. - Community Services Liaison Maria Grycan - Email Report.

- Battalion 6 Chief Travis Wilson: Gave report. Safety Tip: CO is the Silent Killer. Faulty furnaces, clothes dryers and cars left running in garages. May 7 Fire service day and fire stations open during the day 8a-5p.

B. Parks and Recreation - Chair - Bob Lewis.

- Sgt. Bohnert emailed report. Noted Val Verde graffiti is decreasing.

1. Castaic Lake State Recreation Area Report - Hector Inzuna / Chris Mowry / Hugo Maldonado.

- Emailed update. Noted water treatment on 5/03 so ramps closed until noon that day. Lifeguard decertification is under way.

2. Castaic Sports Complex - Daniel Lopez / Domonick Washington.

- Emailed update. Will post flyer on community bulletin board.

3. Castaic Aquatic Center - Luis Torres / Marisol Gonzalez

- No update received.

C. Land Use Committee - Chair - Jim D'Addario.

- No meeting this month. Nothing new coming at this time.

- 7-Eleven Project planner assigned.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

D. Treasurer's Report - Jim D'Addario.

1. Treasurer's report for March/April 2022. Emailed to Council Members. Two expenses; Insurance paid and also had ZOOM charges.

2. Also sent budget. _____

7. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Public Works road maintenance/repair/paving update.



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- B. Parks project list update.
- C. Town Council priorities list.

Council: Brought up dedicated right turn lane at stop light from Hasley Canyon to Hasley Canyon. Copper Hill has examples of this application for a dedicated turn lane. Will add to the Town Council Priorities List. President Lewis will reach out to DPW and Supervisors office.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 30 day notification to Directors for amendment to bylaws article 8.

- Notification to meet one month requirement is hereby made and recommended changes to Bylaws were sent to Directors.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANT COUNCIL POSITION FOR REGION 2 (VAL VERDE)

10. OPEN DISCUSSION

- A. To ensure that the public's business is conducted openly, State Law - Section 54954.2 prevents any action or discussion on items not listed on the Agenda. (Note: Council members may briefly respond to comments made or questions posed.)

- No requests received.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approval of minutes from Town Hall meeting of March 16, 2022.

Motion by D'Addario. Second by DeSesa. Vote 7/0/2 (Lewis and Dittes Abstained).

12. CORRESPONDENCE/COUNCIL INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- A. Notice of Projects from Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning and other correspondence and/or Council Information.
- B. Discussion of any items on the Notices that may require action prior to the next Town Council meeting.



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13. CONSENT CALENDAR

Next Castaic Area Town Council Agenda Planning Meeting: 1st Wednesday of each month - May 4, 2022

Next Castaic Area Town Council Land Use Committee Meeting: 1st Monday of the month - May 2, 2022

Next Castaic Area Town Council Committee Meetings: TBD

Next Castaic Area Town Council Town Hall Meeting: 3rd Wednesday of each month - May 18, 2022

14. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:21PM

Motion by D'Addario. Second by Dittes. Vote 8/0/0.