

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2012 - 5:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Highland was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Mayor McCallon at the Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:       McCallon, Racadio, Scott  
Absent:       Lilburn, Timmer

**COMMUNITY INPUT**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Protest Hearing for Placement of Special Assessments/Liens for Delinquent Reuse Accounts

Mayor McCallon opened the public hearing.

Public Services Manager Morgan gave a brief review of the staff report.

Mayor McCallon called for any speakers in favor or in opposition of this item. Seeing none, the public hearing is now closed.

Councilwoman Scott stated even with the new lists, there are still 631 parcels showing a year or more of non-payments. This hurts everyone in the City because when the haulers are not paid then our rates increase. Some cities are converting to quarterly billing and the only reason she is suggesting it is because of the foreclosed homes. Also, she knows the notices are sent to the owners of the property but if any are rentals we can deny their rental license or if they are a home business, we can deny their business license. It is nonsense we have 600 or more every year.

Phil, Cal Disposal, stated most of the banks, when they take a property back, do pay the billing statements up to date. We probably could go to a twice annual lien process. He knows other cities do the process quarterly. If we go to twice a year, it could cut down on the amount of liens.

Mayor McCallon stated if we went to more frequent lien hearings, would it increase the administrative fees.

Public Services Manager Morgan stated yes, as she will be processing the liens more than once a year. The portion of the City's administrative fee, \$148, is comprised of her time, City Clerk Hughes and Director Administrative Services Dantuono. There will be an administrative fee for each time a lien is placed.

Councilwoman Scott stated there could also be a possibility where a property would have a lien placed each time because they would ignore the other billing statements. She is also aware of some people who deliberately have liens placed on their property so they can claim the expense on their taxes.

Councilman Racadio stated he would like to try the twice a year lien process. It would possibly make people catch up and help the hauler's cash flow come in a timely manner.

Public Services Manager Morgan stated the process can occur twice a year but the actual amount will only be placed on the property taxes once a year. Staff would have to keep track of those properties that we lien and record against in the first hearing.

City Manager Hughes stated we can lien properties at any time. If in January we hold a hearing, we can place the lien on the property and it will go on title. It just will not appear on their tax bill until after August. We really would not have to keep track of anything because the lien would already be placed. Staff will research this item and bring back to a Subcommittee.

**A MOTION** was made by Councilman Racadio, seconded by Councilwoman Scott, to:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2012-016, confirming the report of Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc., delinquent charges for solid waste collection and authorizing special assessments and liens against the respective parcels of land and shall be collected for the City of Highland at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary county ad valorem property taxes; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2012-017, confirming the report of CalDisposal Company, Inc., delinquent charges for solid waste collection and authorizing special assessments and liens against the respective parcels of land and shall be collected for the City of Highland at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary county ad valorem property taxes. Motion carried, 3-0, with Mayor Pro Tem Lilburn and Councilman Timmer being absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-016  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
HIGHLAND, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF  
DELINQUENT CHARGES FROM BURRTEC WASTE INDUSTRIES,  
INC. FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, WHICH SHALL  
CONSTITUTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND LIENS AGAINST  
THE RESPECTIVE PARCELS OF LAND AND SHALL BE  
COLLECTED FOR THE CITY OF HIGHLAND AT THE SAME TIME  
AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS ORDINARY COUNTY AD  
VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-017  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
HIGHLAND, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF  
DELINQUENT CHARGES FROM CAL DISPOSAL COMPANY, INC.  
FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, WHICH SHALL CONSTITUTE  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND LIENS AGAINST THE  
RESPECTIVE PARCELS OF LAND AND SHALL BE COLLECTED  
FOR THE CITY OF HIGHLAND AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE  
SAME MANNER AS ORDINARY COUNTY AD VALOREM  
PROPERTY TAXES

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor McCallon adjourned the meeting at 5:20  
p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

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Betty Hughes, MMC  
City Clerk

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Penny Lilburn  
Mayor Pro Tem