

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
MEETING MINUTES
February 9th, 2012**

Council Present: Andres Z. Silva, Mayor
William Shattuck, Mayor Pro Tem
Joe "Butter" Milo, Councilor
Linda Enis, Councilor
David Sanchez, Councilor

Staff Present: Richard F. McInturff, Administrator
Aaron Sera, Assistant City Administrator
Lawrence Brookey, Public Works Director
Richard Kocab, Assistant Treasurer
Lila Jasso, Administrative Secretary

Recording Secretary: Berenda McWright, Assistant Deputy Clerk

Mayor Andres Z. Silva led the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

- 1. Renewable Energy Economic Development Project Presentation:** Adam Green, Senior Development Manager of SolarReserve, a California-based developer of large scale solar power projects, gave a presentation regarding a proposed solar energy project near Columbus. Mr. Green provided information regarding the company, the Molten Salt Power Tower Technology and the construction of a similar project which is underway in Nevada. The proposed project, if fully developed, has the potential to be the largest solar power facility in the world. The project is sited on 14,000-acre parcel of private agricultural/ranch land and one section of State land with the potential to develop up to five power plants. The objective of SolarReserve is to reach an agreement with the County and the City regarding the purchase or long-term lease of the water rights associated with the Sunnyside (Irwin) and Murdock Farms which are located southwest and north of the project. Mr. Green reported the water requirements are significantly less per acre than agriculture and the preferred amount of water needed for the project is 1,500 acre feet per tower per year.

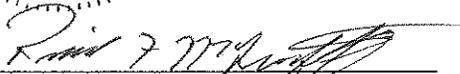
2. Adjourn Meeting: Mayor Silva entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Shattuck and a second by Commissioner Milo the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled workshop/meeting is March 12, 2012 commencing at 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:


Richard F. McInturff, Deputy Clerk


Andres Z. Silva, Mayor