

## ORDINARY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 27-11-2011.

Councillors: all present

Public attendance: about 12 people.

Points 1-2-3-4-7-8-10-12-13 were just routine procedures.

The big issue was beyond any doubt point 6. The current governing team proposed closing the file on the renewal of 2 licences, since the legal time limit to revise them had passed, proposing at the same time the effective cancellation of the 2 licences, issued in 2005 and 2006.

The licences were given to build the retaining wall on the left-hand side driving up to Alcaucín, just before the sports centre. The licences were issued to build that wall, but at the same time, the constructor went on to move the soil, resulting in two large terraces. It was generally suspected that the real, but undisclosed, purpose was to build a large number of houses on that side of the road. These works are most likely responsible for the deterioration of one of the houses just below.

The ex mayor (Pepe Calayo) and the new mayor entered into a heated discussion. The fact is that the governing team of the deceased mayor Guillermo Pérez was informed by a higher authority that those building licences should never have been issued and should be annulled. It is possible that both building licences were lacking the corresponding technical and legal reports.

The works were also denounced by one of the neighbours and this complaint was accepted by the Andalusian Ombudsman. The complaint was properly signed by the neighbour, (unlike a lot of anonymous complaints against the members of the current governing team). To cap it all, the ex mayor (PITA) asserted that: **“I did what I had to do and I would do it over again!”** This statement is, to say the least, a disgrace, considering the number of people (mainly European residents) who are currently suffering the consequences of his actions.

Point 6 was approved by the majority of the 6 votes of PP, PA and EQUO-LOS VERDES- 2 votes against from PITA and the abstention of the PSOE. PSOE based its decision on the lack of in depth knowledge of the file. EQUO-LOS VERDES and PSOE agreed to study the file together.

Several motions were proposed and accepted. None of them have a direct impact on municipal life. They are more a question of taking the party line regarding certain problems. New was the fact that Elena and Mario, the 2 EQUO-LOS VERDES councillors, voted on all motions in opposite ways, each of them explaining their reasons. The point we wanted to make is that we oppose the “one-way-decision-making” of the big political parties, where the “top” of the party thinks for the rest of the group.

During “any other matters”, it was explained that the Saturday Market will be moved to the parking place in front of the health centre, and that according to the existing regulations, the storekeepers will have to pay a small tax for occupying public property. The other local storekeepers (bars, restaurants, etc.) will also have to pay the corresponding tax according to the public area they occupy.

Session is closed at 20.40h