



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF
SAN DIMAS CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2007, 5:30 P. M.
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
245 E. BONITA AVE.

PRESENT:

Mayor Curtis W. Morris
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Templeman
Councilmember Denis Bertone
Councilmember John Ebner (arrived 5:31 p.m.)
Councilmember Sandy McHenry

City Manager Blaine Michaelis
City Attorney J. Kenneth Brown
City Clerk Ina Rios
Assistant City Manager Larry Stevens
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran
Director of Development Services Dan Coleman
Public Works Director Krishna Patel
Parks and Recreation Director Theresa Bruns
Planning Manager Craig Hensley

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

(For anyone wishing to address the City Council on an item not on the agenda. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the legislative body is prohibited from taking or engaging in discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda.)

- a. Members of the Audience

No one came forward to speak.

- b. City Manager

There were no comments.

- c. City Attorney

The City Attorney had no report.

- d. Members of the City Council

There were no reports by Council members.

3. STUDY SESSION

- a. Review of proposed Speed Hump policy

Public Works Director Patel reviewed for Council's consideration a proposed draft policy to allow Speed Humps in the city to address speed concerns in residential neighborhoods. He stated that a summary comparison of policies from nine neighboring cities has been reviewed by the Traffic Safety Committee and Public Safety Commission, as well as Sheriffs and Fire Departments, who were supportive of the policy. Mr. Patel responded to questions regarding eligibility criteria for consideration of speed humps, grade, speed requirements, site distance, and he said approximately 13 streets might qualify.

Councilmember Ebner suggested relaxing the criteria and getting 100% agreement from property owners.

Director Patel stated that 67% of property owners need to sign off and the requirements are consistent with neighboring cities.

Mayor Morris suggested installing experimental speed humps at a couple of streets identified as speed problems, measuring speed, and taking pictures.

Councilmember McHenry suggested eliminating the minimum street length requirement of 1200 feet.

Ron Kranzer stated he has experience in speed humps and is in favor of having a policy that addresses the issue of liability and has the support of the community. He said some cases are appropriate, but staff needs to exhaust other means to reduce problems associated with speeding traffic. He said cut-through traffic would not occur if the major arterials were doing their job.

Staff was directed to bring back changes, taking into consideration Council's and Mr. Kranzer's suggestions, and distributing petitions to the public.

Mr. Patel stated he would also provide a list of ten items, summary of criteria, and a procedures handout.

Sid Maksoudian suggested Council consider installing concrete speed cushions.

Director Patel stated speed cushions come in panels for about \$1,000 per panel and four panels are needed for each location.

- b. Review of conceptual design alternatives for street improvements to Amelia Avenue, between Gladstone Street and Fifth Street.

Public Works Director Patel stated that Jack Long was unable to attend the study session and requested that the study session be continued. Mr. Patel said 50% of the improvements about Mr. Long's property and residents were notified.

It was the consensus of the City Council to hear the staff report, hold discussion, and direct staff to meet with Mr. Long when he is available.

Councilmember McHenry stated that the last time this subject was discussed the Council was not interested in the street improvements.

Public Works Director Patel provided a slide presentation and reported that due to concerns for pedestrian safety, Amelia Avenue between Fifth Street and Gladstone Street has been posted to prohibit pedestrian traffic until a sidewalk could be constructed, based on a study conducted by the City Traffic Engineer to address concerns of parents of Shull Elementary School students, as well as the Shull School Site

Council, and to address traffic impact concerns based on the proposed Costco project. Mr. Patel presented for Council review design alternatives to construct a five-foot wide asphalt concrete sidewalk and other improvements on Amelia Avenue and recommended alternative #2. He stated that once the City Council recommends an alternative, he will have another meeting with residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Templeman suggested leaving the west side alone, constructing the retaining wall along the east side, with an inexpensive walkway of asphalt or DG.

Director Patel discussed installation of a 70-foot retaining block wall on the west side to minimize grading; location; height, and said it is not on the City's right-of-way. He stated that as part of the survey there are no oak trees in line with the wall; and utilities would stay where they are. He added that the guard rails would remain in the same place.

Mayor Morris expressed concern that if the City puts in a retaining wall and it slides down, the liability is on the City. He felt the dangerous part is at the bottom because one cannot see uphill.

Council and staff discussed moving the guard rail closer to the pavement; removing the guard rail; as well as the need for curb and gutter and sidewalk.

Mayor Morris expressed concern that beyond the guard rail the slope drops substantially.

Unidentified Man suggested cantilevers, because they are less intrusive, starting with steel buried one foot below the surface, slurry it after it has been protected with a zinc coating for weather protection; and have the ability to bolt up to a decking, pour a concrete bed, then could put a DG.

Mayor Morris did not think streets should be widened, but felt the suggestions should be considered.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. The next City Council meeting is February 13, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Curtis W. Morris, Mayor of the City of San Dimas

ATTEST:

Ina Rios, CMC, City Clerk