



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2007, 5:00 P. M.**  
**CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**245 E. BONITA AVE.**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor Curtis W. Morris (Arrived 5:38 p.m.)  
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Templeman  
Councilmember Emmett G. Badar  
Councilmember Denis Bertone  
Councilmember John Ebiner

City Manager Blaine Michaelis  
City Attorney J. Kenneth Brown  
City Clerk Ina Rios  
Assistant City Manager of Development Services Larry Stevens  
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran  
Director of Development Services Dan Coleman  
Director of Parks and Recreation Theresa Bruns  
Senior Engineer Shari Garwick  
Public Works Maintenance Superintendent John Campbell  
Finance Manager Barbara Herron

Ted Powl, President/CEO, Chamber of Commerce  
Captain Jim Curtis, San Dimas Station

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Templeman called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

(For anyone wishing to address the City Council on an item 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. Speakers will be subject to a three-minute limit.)

- a. Members of the Audience

There were no comments.

**3. STUDY SESSION**

- a. Discuss 2007-08 Budget for the City of San Dimas

City Manager Michaelis provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 07-08 budget and said plans are to prepare a final 2007-08 city budget for adoption on June 12, 2007.

**General Fund:**

Assistant City Manager Duran stated that included in the budget are changes to the Development Services and Public Works departments as a result of the reorganization; and consolidation of Parks and Facilities capital improvement expenses into Community Park Development Fund 20. He reviewed the preliminary fiscal 07-08 budget and stated the projected sales tax does not include any revenue from Costco. He added that after expenditures for 2007-08, the proposed budget leaves an ending General Fund balance of \$20.5 million in reserves.

Mayor Pro Tem Templeman suggested exploring different flash cameras as a vandal deterrent and suggested hiring consultant Bill Holt to prepare a schedule for city hall expansion.

Mr. Duran stated that \$3 million has been reserved for consultants and architectural services for the expansion project.

In response to Councilmember Ebner's inquiry about downtown planning and mansionization, Assistant City Manager Stevens stated that staff, supplemented by technical assistance, intends to conduct a study on mansionization, and by summer hopes to have completed a preliminary report. He said he received a proposal for downtown planning and anticipates working actively during the summer months.

Mr. Stevens pointed out that City Council previously discussed considering an increase in the Planning Commission compensation.

Councilmember Ebner indicated the contribution to Inland Valley Council of Churches is not included in the budget. Mr. Duran stated it was not intentionally left out.

**Special Funds:**

Assistant Manager Duran highlighted the special funds, which are restricted for special projects. He said the largest budgeted amount is \$2.8 million from State Gas Funds, Fund 12, and Fund 73 for the rehabilitation of Foothill Boulevard.

Mr. Duran reviewed Fund 08 - Landscape Parcel Tax, exclusively used to maintain parks, parkways, and trees. He stated that to keep up with rising costs, an increase will be considered by the City Council at a public hearing. He pointed out a major expense is the maintenance of Horsethief Canyon Park. This fund also covers the maintenance of soccer fields, the Dog Park, gazebo, and tree replacement.

Staff responded to Council's questions regarding speed humps; Cienega Avenue; and will soon present to Council the conceptual design for the Amelia/Gladstone/Fifth Street project.

City Manager Michaelis explained to Councilmember Bertone the creation of a loan from the general fund to the Redevelopment Agency for the Walker House.

Mr. Michaelis responded to Council's questions regarding Costco's closing date and when demolition permits would be issued.

Staff responded to Mayor Pro Tem Templeman's inquiry that Charter Oak Mobile Home Park has a separate budget which is submitted annually. Mayor Morris and Finance Manager Herron explained the loan debt and repayment schedule.

**Ted Powl**, President/CEO, Chamber of Commerce, introduced Chairwoman of the Board Deborah Fonseca, and submitted the Chamber's Activities Report for the current budget year. Ms. Fonseca respectfully requested \$50,000 to continue the business and community programs.

It was moved by Councilmember Bertone, seconded by Councilmember Ebiner, and carried unanimously to direct staff to budget \$50,000 toward the Chamber's budget.

Staff responded to Council's questions regarding upgrades to the web page; traffic signals; street signs; community senior services; and Project Sister.

Mayor Morris cautioned staff about the liability of not having a formal inspection program for sidewalks.

Mayor Pro Tem Templeman said signage should be clear to avoid legal consequences. Superintendent Campbell stated the City is in compliance with street signs.

In response to Councilmember Ebiner, Superintendent Campbell replied that signs are on a routine maintenance program and to avert corrosion, wood posts are being transitioned to galvanized posts.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Morris adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m. The next City Council meeting is May 22, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

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Ina Rios, CMC, City Clerk