



MINUTES
City of San Dimas
City Council meeting with
Supervisor Mike Antonovich
April 16, 2008 8:00 a.m.
City Council Conference Room

PRESENT:

Mayor Curtis W. Morris
Mayor Pro Tem Emmett G. Badar
Councilmember Denis Bertone
Councilmember John Ebiner

City Manager Blaine Michaelis
City Clerk Ina Rios
Assistant City Manager of Community Dev. Larry Stevens
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran
Director of Development Services Dan Coleman
Director of Public Works Krishna Patel
Parks and Recreation Director Theresa Bruns

Supervisor Michael Antonovich
Jay Gomez, Field Deputy
Paul Novak, AICP, Planning Deputy
Michael Cano, Transportation Deputy
Capt. Joe Hartshorne

Helen Berberian, M.A., Deputy
Dave Pilker, P.E., Head City Services
Hayden Sohm, Deputy Director

ABSENT:

Councilmember Jeff Templeman

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

2. MEETING WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH

- a. Appreciation from the City of San Dimas for the continued favorable and effective working relationship with the Supervisor's office and various county departments and agencies. (District Field Office, County Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Planning Department, and Flood Maintenance)**

City Manager Michaelis extended personal appreciation to the Supervisor, his local staff and various County agencies that were incredibly responsive to city staff in the past year.

Supervisor Antonovich said it is a pleasure to work with city staff and having regular meetings have been helpful and constructive.

Councilmember Bertone pointed out the accolades received by the Sheriff's Station. He said he is extremely happy with our Captain, as are the deputies, which makes for a better station.

Captain Hartshorne explained that every year Altus Global Alliance conducts assessments of Sheriff's Stations world wide and this year San Dimas Station was ranked Number One.

Mayor Morris thanked Supervisor Antonovich and said he has enjoyed a good relationship with his office.

b. Update/discussion status and process for the Vista Verde (Dentec) development proposal for the Walnut Creek area of the county.

Paul Novack, Planning Deputy, reported that the tract map for the Vista Verde (Dentec) project is essentially on hold at the Regional Planning Commission. He indicated that the City assumed leadership of the conservation aspect, and if anything happens, he will let San Dimas know.

Assistant City Manager Stevens stated he is working with Tzu Chi Foundation in terms of land use issues, participation and land exchange.

Councilmember Bertone stated there was an appraisal on the property for approximately \$9.3 million, and if Mr. Singh accepts the offer, the Rivers Mountain Conservancy might come up with \$7 million. He said this is a Significant Ecological Area and thought it would be nice if the County came up with funds to make the trail a larger area.

Mr. Novack stated it has always been their goal to preserve property. He said given the County's role, they are willing to assist to the extent they can. He makes no presumptions on the outcome of this controversial project, and has no doubt the project would be appealed to the Board of Supervisors for a de novo hearing.

c. Replacement of wood equestrian fence material along San Dimas Canyon Road. County – City partnership to fund a new vinyl fence.

City Manager Michaelis stated that there is sensitivity in the community as it relates to the wood equestrian fence material and said the County has helped out by removing the fence. He noted that the Supervisor may be confirming the availability of \$40,000 toward the fence replacement project, which will cost an estimated \$50,000. Staff recommends appreciation to Supervisor Antonovich for his generous and prompt action and the City will cover the balance of \$10,000.

Deputy Director Sohm reported that \$40,000 will be sent to the City and they are moving forward through the administrative process. He would like to establish a new agreement for the joint use of that property.

Mr. Michaelis stated that the appropriation of funds is scheduled on the next agenda to authorize staff to install the fence.

Mr. Sohm indicated that in addition to demolition of the fence, the County Parks and Recreation is installing state-of-the-art playground equipment at that park adjacent to the Nature Center and trail.

d. Update and observations from the Supervisor on transportation projects – Gold Line, County-wide traffic mitigation fee program, MTA news, other projects or issues of interest.

Supervisor Antonovich reported that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board voted to defer the next extension of the Gold Line project. He said the MTA Board votes again in June on the allocation of state funds. He mentioned that Los Angeles Mayor Villaraigosa who had expressed support for the project, backed the MTA Board, and is proposing a County-wide sales tax increase on the November

ballot for various light rails and his Subway to the Sea, a \$5 billion project from mid-Wilshire to Santa Monica. Supervisor Antonovich opposes the tax increase stating there is no guarantee overruns from other projects would be able to use those funds. He stated that the Gold Line extension could build out to Claremont for less than \$1.3 billion that would be a positive influence for those dollars. He encouraged additional members to serve on the MTA Board of Directors to represent the San Gabriel Valley. He praised the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments who are a positive force that threaten the power structure and MTA Board Chair Gloria Molina who has been very helpful.

Michael Cano, Transportation Deputy, encouraged working through the SGVCOG to push the project and said if money comes from sales tax they want to be ready for light rails in other areas as well.

e. Status of the old Sheriff's Station 122 North San Dimas Avenue (APN 8387 009 902). Short and long term county plans for the use of the property and building.

Jay Gomez, Field Supervisor, stated that upon receipt of information on the Sheriff's Station, they will provide the data to Mr. Michaelis.

The Council mentioned that there are a lot of inquiries and complaints about maintenance at the property. Mayor Morris stated that work is being conducted on the Walker House and are looking to revitalize the entire downtown, and would appreciate getting an idea of how the building would be used. He said staff is working on uses for the building and invited County members to the grand opening of the Walker House when completed.

f. Items of County interest or concern.

Supervisor Antonovich stated that 75% of people are diagnosed mentally ill or substance abusers.

Helen Berberian, M.A., Deputy, provided a brief report on Los Angeles Homeless Service and said in 2006 the Board of Supervisor authorized \$100 million to address homelessness, and in 2007 solicited a consultant to come up with a regional plan. She stated that in November a draft will be submitted to the County and if approved, the Board will fund \$1.2 billion to address this issue on an ongoing basis.

In response to Mayor Morris, Assistant City Manager Stevens stated that the draft Housing Element sent to the HCD includes a component that states the City will participate in the SGVCOG County Homeless Study and based on that develop an appropriate program.

Supervisor Antonovich mentioned that a bill was passed approving a pilot program.

Deputy Berberian stated that the pilot program mandates treatment of discharged homeless if they meet the Hospital criteria.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

a. Members of the Audience

There were no comments.

b. City representatives

Mayor Morris thanked Supervisor Antonovich and his staff. He mentioned an issue with Contract Cities trust fund who pays for crimes of the Deputy now in Federal Penitentiary. He hopes this issue is resolved soon.

c. County representatives

Supervisor Antonovich said it was a pleasure to work with staff in San Dimas. He announced the annual Rock & Roll Show in Bonelli Park featuring Chubby Checker.

Planning Deputy Novack stated that a traffic fatality related to a traffic signal synchronization claim led to a dispute between contract cities, the county, and the CAJPIA as to who pays attorney's fees.

Mayor Morris stated he is familiar with that case and said it makes sense to resolve intergovernmental liability, however, County Counsel is reluctant to agree to binding arbitration, something the JPIA would like to explore with the County.

Assistant City Manager Duran said he would be happy to meet with County Public Works on how to resolve this issue.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morris adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m. The next meeting of the City Council will be April 22, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Regular Session.

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

ATTEST:

Ina Rios, CMC, City Clerk