



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008, 7:00 P. M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 245 E. BONITA AVE.**

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**PRESENT:**

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

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the flag salute.

He introduced Stephanie Iacobacci, San Dimas High School Student Body President, and Jenna Bijl-Coyne, from Lone Hill Middle School to make a brief presentation.

**Stephanie Iacobacci**, ASB President, San Dimas High School, said she enjoyed Students in Government Day. She presented a brief overview of the excellence in academic and athletic activities at the school and invited the City Council to tour the facility and meet staff and teachers at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 21, 2008. She encouraged visiting their website at [www.sandimashigh.com](http://www.sandimashigh.com).

Eight-graders **Jenna Bijl-Coyne** and **Brittany Saga** highlighted the curriculum at Lone Hill Middle School and mentioned that the modernization of the school went well. They invited the City Council to Academic Awards Night on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 and Eighth Grade Promotion on June 17, 2008.

**Jim Elliott**, Bonita Unified School District Board Member, thanked the City Council and Chamber of Commerce for hosting the inaugural Teacher of the Year Award.

Mr. Elliott introduced Mike Kelly as the new Principal at San Dimas High School, starting in September, 2008.

**Mike Kelly**, Principal, San Dimas High School, San Dimas resident since 1989, said he has served as Assistant Principal at San Dimas for five years and worked at the District Office for the past three years. He looks forward to working with City staff and Council.

## 2. PRESENTATIONS

- Galen Gillotte, Children's Librarian, San Dimas Library

**Galen Gillotte**, Children's Librarian, San Dimas Library, highlighted the upcoming events at the San Dimas Library and said volunteers are needed for the summer reading program. She mentioned that Barbara Nightingale is recruiting new members for the Student Union. Ms. Gillotte said the Library would be closed on May 26, 2008 in observance of Memorial Day.

- Caryol Smith, Friends of the Dog Park

**Caryol Smith**, Friends of the San Dimas Dog Park, reported that April's yard sale was successful and she was pleased to present to Mayor Morris a check in the amount of \$5,410.80. She said some items were donated to the Humane Society, San Dimas Library, City of Hope, and Vietnam Veterans.

Mayor Pro Tem Badar stated that Caryol and a group of people were seen pulling weeds at the Trail Cleanup at the Equestrian Center. He thanked her and said they are a real tribute to the City.

Mayor Morris said Caryol was a real driving force in convincing the Parks and Recreation Commission and staff to get a dog park and she and her friends are a great example of how the City and people work together to create a great program for the community.

Councilmember Templeman said Caryol took time out of her busy life to meet with Equestrian Commissioners on the relationship between dogs and horses and she brought a calm helpful spirit to the meeting that was very much appreciated by the Equestrian community.

- Jennetta Harris, Southern California Edison Company

**Jennetta Harris**, Area Manager, Southern California Edison Company, said the City of San Dimas is part of the San Gabriel Energy Wise Partnership program that provides incentives to cities within the San Gabriel Valley for energy efficient projects at municipal buildings. She said partners of this innovative partnership include Southern California Edison, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG). She introduced Intergy Corporation program implementers Hector Brolo, Project Manager, and Ferrell van Raalten, Program Manager. Ms. Harris praised Karon DeLeon for working with the Partnership in finding ways to take advantage of incentives and rebates. She presented to Mayor Morris a rebate check in the amount of \$1400 in recognition of energy saving efforts at the city and said the Partnership and Edison are ready to serve the City.

**Hector Brolo**, Project Manager, Intergy Corporation, said he is working closely with city staff to make recommendations on where the City could save more energy for a minimal investment. He said the \$1,400 rebate check represents between 1/3 and 1/4 of the total investment in retrofitting the Community Center, based at 10 cents per kilowatt hour. He mentioned that during the summer, they would pay up to 15 cents per kilowatt hour for any project completed over the summer, and encouraged taking advantage of this partnership program.

**Jennetta Harris** said it is also great to partner with the San Dimas Ranch Hand's Tree Management program.

- Proclaim May 18-24, 2008 as National Public Works Week and announce Public Works semi-annual Open House on Saturday, May 17, 2008, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the City Maintenance Yard

Mayor Morris presented to Public Works Director Patel a proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2008 as National Public works Week.

**Krishna Patel**, Director of Public Works thanked Mayor Morris and said National Public Works Week is a celebration that seeks to enhance the prestige and appreciation of unsung heroes of the community, the Public Works professionals that provide and maintain vital infrastructure services with quiet dedication. He said this year joining them would be Parks and Recreation Department, San Dimas Sheriff's Department, Waste Management, Golden State Water, Inland Valley SPCA, SGV Vector Control, Southern California Edison and he invited the public to join them on Saturday, May 17, for their semi-annual Open House at the City Maintenance Yard for a fun-filled day that would include tours, demos, snacks, games and prizes.

**3 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** (Members of the audience are invited to address the City Council on any 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. However, your concerns may be referred to staff or set for discussion at a later date. If you desire to address the City Council on an item on this agenda, other than a scheduled public hearing item you may do so at this time or asked to be heard when that agenda item is considered. Comments on public hearing items will be considered when that item is scheduled for discussion. The Public Comment period is limited to 30 minutes. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.)

a. Members of the Audience

1) **Ted Powl**, President/CEO, Chamber of Commerce, introduced French exchange students, **Emmanuel Sidi** who is working with the San Dimas Chamber of Commerce and **Alexandre Laugerotte**, working with the La Verne Chamber of Commerce through August.

2) Mr. Powl thanked Mr. Elliott for introducing the Teacher of the Year program and said teachers from all San Dimas Schools would be honored at a dinner on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at San Dimas Canyon Clubhouse. He thanked Mayor Morris for being the honorary co-chair and emcee along with Dr. Rapkin.

3) Mr. Powl publicized the annual Chamber of Commerce Installation and Awards dinner on May 28, 2008 to install the new board and honor six businesses in the community.

4) Mr. Powl invited the community to a joint San Dimas Chamber of Commerce and La Verne Chamber of Commerce 11th annual Golf Tournament on June 20, 2008 with lunch at noon and tee-off at 2:00 pm.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

(All items on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a member of the City Council requests separate discussion.)

Mayor Morris reported a change in item 4(e) to correct the dollar amount from \$11,000 to \$9,500.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Badar, seconded by Councilmember Ebner, and unanimously carried to accept, approve and act upon the consent calendar, as amended, as follows:

a. Resolutions read by title, further reading waived, passage and adoption recommended as follows:

- (1) **RESOLUTION NO. 08-22**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, 2007.

- b. Approval of minutes for regular meetings of April 22, 2008.
- c. Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the purchase of Topdresser equipment for Turf Maintenance.
- d. Bonita Avenue/Iglesia Street Traffic Signal Project - Appropriation of \$23,063 from Proposition C Funds to purchase signal poles from Pacific Lighting Sales/Ameron Pole Manufacturing.
- e. Amelia Avenue between Gladstone Street and Fifth Street - Appropriation of \$11,000 from General Fund to retain services of LAE Associates in the filing of the Safe Route to School (SR2S) Grant for various safety-related improvements on Amelia Avenue. (Amended to reflect appropriation of \$9,500 from the General Fund.)

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

## 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. 2008-09 Annual City Budget

- 1) Presentation of preliminary budget highlights

City Manager Michaelis said the budget is scheduled for approval on June 10, 2008.

Assistant City Manager Duran presented a narrative and summary of the 2007-08 budget proposals and highlights, including an estimate of anticipated revenues and expenditures. He stated that staff is available to receive public comments, suggestions, or reports regarding the City's 2008-09 financial plan.

- 2) Question and Answer Period/General Discussion

Mayor Morris opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to ask questions or make comments on the proposed 2008-09 budget. No one made comments and the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Morris said this is the first presentation of the City budget for public view and the City Council would approve and adopt the budget on June 10, 2008. He added that a review of the budget would be held in August or September after the State adopts their budget.

Councilmember Templeman noted that prior to this meeting the City Council discussed the budget with staff over a two-hour open session.

In response to Councilmember Ebner, Mr. Duran replied that during the two-hour session, direction was given to staff to bring back to the next meeting for Council consideration a contract with Inland Valley Humane Society; a proposal for possibly increasing dog license fees; a proposal for fee increases for business licenses, building permits, and planning fees; and a request from the City Attorney's office for an increase in their rate.

Mayor Morris suggested also placing on the agenda for final action the request by the Chamber of Commerce for the annual financial participation by the City.

Councilmember Ebner noted that this is a very conservative budget and in the Fall, they can look at the hold list and resurrect projects.

- 3) Other Items of Community Interest.

There were no comments.

## **6. SAN DIMAS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Mayor Morris recessed the regular City Council meeting at 7:55 p.m. to convene a meeting of the San Dimas Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

## **7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Members of the Audience (Speakers are limited to five (5) minutes or as may be determined by the Chair.)

There were no comments.

- b. City Manager

There were no comments.

- c. City Attorney

There were no comments.

- d. Members of the City Council

- 1) Councilmembers' report on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency.

Mayor Morris said he attended an annual workshop at the California Joint Powers Authority, not at the expense of the City.

- 2) Individual Members' comments and updates.

1) Councilmember Templeman mentioned that the Equestrian Commission organized a trail clean-up and met at Horsethief Canyon Park. He expressed appreciation to staff and volunteers who helped with the trail clean-up.

2) Councilmember Templeman reported that he and Mayor Morris went to the Civic Academy graduation ceremony and a nice tour of the community.

3) Councilmember Ebner announced the grand opening of Costco at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 16, 2008. Mr. Michaelis said everyone is invited to the V.I.P. preview on Thursday, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

4) Mayor Pro Tem Badar also mentioned the Sheriff's Booster Dinner on Friday night. Councilmember Templeman said the dinner is at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, at Via Verde Country Club, to recognize volunteer services in the community.

5) Councilmember Bertone reported that the Festival of Arts had a successful art show over the weekend and at the Thank Ourselves Party, Karon DeLeon was praised for her hard work.

6) Councilmember Bertone invited the City Council and staff to the SGVCOG's Gang Summit on Friday, June 13, 2008, featuring speaker Attorney General Jerry Brown.

Mayor Morris stated that "Ask the Mayor" on Thursday is being cancelled in order to attend Costco's Grand Opening. He reiterated the invitation to attend the VIP Reception/Open House and said Costco's President/CEO would be there.

3) Senior Citizen Commission Appointments.

Mayor Morris said five Senior Citizen Commissioners' terms will expire at the end of May 2008 and all are eligible for and requested reappointment.

It was moved by Councilmember Bertone, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Badar, to reappoint Lorous (Connie) Brown, Judy Kephart, Janet (Jay) Pace, Prudence Short, and Donald Stevenson to the Senior Citizen Commission for a two-year term to expire on May 31, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

4) Parks and Recreation Commission Appointments.

Mayor Morris observed that terms for four Parks and Recreation Commissioners will expire at the end of June, 2008 and all are eligible and requested reappointment. He said one Commissioner will have completed three terms and is not eligible for reappointment creating a vacancy on the Commission

It was moved by Councilmember Ebner, seconded by Councilmember Bertone, to reappoint Susan Davis, Georgia Florentine, Maurice Kane, Caryol Smith, to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a two-year term to expire June 30, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk was directed to advertise the recruitment for the one vacancy on the Commission.

**RECESS:**

Mayor Morris recessed the regular meeting at 8:47 p.m. to continue the Special meeting in the City Council Conference Room.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Morris recessed the special meeting at 9:15 p.m. to the City/Redevelopment Agency closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

**a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

Property: Fox Project Grove Station L.L.C., San Dimas Avenue  
Negotiating Parties:  
For Agency: Blaine Michaelis, City Manager/Executive Director, and J. Kenneth Brown, City/Agency Attorney.  
For Property: William Fox; Jide Alade  
Under Negotiation: Terms, conditions, pricing and allocation of affordable units and/or Agency participation.

**b. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (G.C. Section 54956.6)**

City Representative: Blaine Michaelis, City Manager  
Employee Group: City of San Dimas employees.

**c. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

Pursuant to Section 54957.7(a), the City Council reconvened in open session to report that no action was taken on closed session items.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Morris adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m. The next meeting is May 27, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Ina Rios, CMC, City Clerk