



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF
CITY COUNCIL/SAN DIMAS
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2008, 6:15 P. M.
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
245 E. BONITA AVE.

PRESENT:

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

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

Captain Joe Hartshorne, San Dimas Sheriff's Station

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

(For anyone wishing to address the City Council on an item on this 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 are limited to three minutes or as may be determined by the Chair.)

- a. Members of the Audience

There were no comments.

3. STUDY SESSION

- a. Study Session regarding the City Hall project update.

Director of Development Services Coleman provided some brief introductory comments on the City Hall Renovation Project, and said staff has reached a point in the design phase where direction from the City Council is needed regarding parking expansion options. He indicated that a goal has been set to achieve 50 additional parking spaces. He stated that at a recent staff meeting the Architect provided dozens of sketches of parking layouts, some of which could affect the Library, and copies of the plans have been provided to Pui Chang, Branch Manager, San Dimas Library.

Steve Gaffney, AIA, LEED AP, Principal, Nestor+Gaffney Architecture, LLP, distributed a topography of the Civic Center, and said they are looking at areas to expand the city hall building, however, the expansion will take away eight parking spaces. He said the challenge came with trying to come up with additional parking spaces. Mr. Gaffney said they are looking to construct a single level, raised open deck

parking structure over the existing subterranean parking lot. He added that some logistic issues need to be worked out while keeping costs in mind. Mr. Gaffney is also looking at incorporating more efficient parking schemes on Bonita Avenue, vacating First Street from Iglesia Street, and utilizing a portion of the south and east ends of Civic Center Park for additional parking.

The City Council expressed strong opposition to utilizing any portion of the Civic Center Park for parking.

Councilmembers offered suggestions including razing the Plummer Building to build an underground parking lot and a more modern, efficient building; exploring the option of narrowing the Library's drive-aisle and/or taking lawn area; angle parking; one-way aisles; and tandem parking.

After further discussion regarding the need for additional parking spaces and potential areas, Councilmember Templeman said in the past the City Council has had discussions about building senior housing above the Senior Citizens Center. He thought as a future project, a two-story parking structure could be constructed between the Senior Citizens Center and City Hall, architecturally bridging all activities with the new addition.

Mr. Gaffney stated that there is adequate room for a two-story structure and said cost is a factor if a subterranean lot is desired.

He responded to Council's questions regarding the height of the deck; landscaping; and accessible handicap parking requirements.

b. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Captain Joe Hartshorne, San Dimas Sheriff's Station, reported that they are making good progress on the local homicide case and there is no threat to the community. He felt the case would be closed shortly.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morris adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m. The next City Council meeting is July 22, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ina Rios, CMC, City Clerk