

MINUTES
City of San Dimas
City Council meeting with Supervisor Mike Antonovich
March 25, 2009 8:00 a.m. meeting
City Council Conference Room
245 East Bonita Avenue

PRESENT:

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

City Clerk Ina Rios
Assistant City Manager of Community Development Larry Stevens
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran
Director of Parks and Recreation Theresa Bruns
Senior Engineer Shari Garwick

Supervisor Michael Antonovich
Deputy Chief Jay Gomez
Deputy Paul Novack, 5th District
Captain Joe Hartshorne, San Dimas Sheriff's Station
Assistant Fire Chief Ron Watson, Los Angeles County Fire Department
Menerva Ariki, Department of Public Works/City Services
Betty Gobst, Asset Planning & Strategy/Chief Executive Office

ABSENT:

Councilmember John Ebner
Councilmember Jeff Templeman
City Manager Blaine Michaelis

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

2. MEETING WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH

- a. Appreciation from the City of San Dimas for the continued support and cooperation from the Supervisor's office, staff, and county departments.**

Mayor Morris stated that work between the City and County works very well, and it is a pleasure to have Mr. Antonovich as our Supervisor.

b. Administrative matters:

- i. Walnut Creek Open Space Program update.**

Assistant City Manager Stevens reported that the City, together with the Rivers & Mountains Conservancy (RMC), acquired 60 acres of Walnut Creek property from Dentec Holdings. However, he said due to problems with RMC's funding the planning process will be started in the short term and staff will work with surrounding neighbors, the County, and Tsu Chi to figure the

best open space utilization and how it would affect their properties. He said in the interim, maintenance has been completed on the property and the City has obtained a County building permit to demolish one of the buildings. He said the property is in unincorporated area and the land use process would be brought back through the County planning process. He said it is unlikely the property would be annexed unless he is able to get an agreement with the Buddhist Foundation. He is looking at a land exchange with the Buddhist Foundation to enhance the wilderness property, however, they want better access and that will be resolved through the process. He will keep the County involved as he goes through the planning process.

ii. Possibility of County participation toward a Northern Foothills Open Space acquisition in San Dimas.

Assistant City Manager Stevens reported that the cities of San Dimas and Glendora are attempting to acquire 500 acres of land in the northern foothills owned by NJD Properties. He said an appraisal was conducted and Belinda Faustinos met with the Trust for Public Land and Wildlife Conservation Board who expressed an interest in the northern foothills and she is aggressively working through Sacramento to find State funding sources for a phased acquisition of the property. Mr. Stevens said the City of San Dimas is looking at some type of participation from the County, RMC, and City of Glendora. He expects that Mr. Kim Scott of NJD will attempt to force a development application and CEQA analysis to put 125 houses on the 500 acres.

Deputy Chief Gomez requested that the City keep them informed of any progress.

c. Linger matters:

i. Disposition of the county owned property on San Dimas Avenue – the Old Sheriff's Station.

Ms. Gobst, Asset Planning & Strategy/Chief Executive Office, reported that Search & Rescue remains in the old Sheriff's Station site. Internal Services Department has assessed the property which was vacated in 2005-06 and has surveyed other users to see if they need the space. The County will continue to survey departments and if not interested due to economic times, staff will look at costs to remodel or lease at fair market value. She will defer to the Supervisor's Office if he is interested in selling the site.

In response to Councilmember Bertone, Mr. Duran said there is strong interest in acquiring the property and if it came up for sale, staff would bring it to the City Council for decision.

d. Items of County interest or concern.

Supervisor Antonovich mentioned that legislation by Assemblyman Steve Knight would convert one of three Los Angeles Mayor-appointed positions of the MTA to a dedicated North Los Angeles County Seat, which would rotate between the cities of Santa Clarita, Palmdale and Lancaster. He added that Mayor Villaraigosa has been unable to find a replacement for Bernard Parks and along with his Subway project, has added another subway from Hollywood Parks. He praised the Council of Governments for being very constructive.

Councilmember Bertone expressed appreciation for Supervisor Antonovich's efforts on the part of the Gold Line and praised John Fasana.

Supervisor Antonovich reported on various subjects and said the State would benefit from a two-year budget and give them stability.

Mayor Pro Tem Bertone praised Deputy Chief Gomez who is always responsive to the City's needs.

Councilmember Badar praised the San Dimas Sheriff's Station and Fire Department and said the community is very happy with and supportive of both organizations.

In response to Mayor Morris, Supervisor Antonovich said we need to aggressively explore getting liability insurance from private insurance firms to help with law enforcement sex crime cases.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

a. Members of the Audience

San Dimas Community Hero **Charles McCants** thanked Supervisor Antonovich and Deputy Chief Gomez for co-sponsoring the Ride-for-Life for the American Cancer Society at the Fairplex.

Supervisor Antonovich thanked Mr. McCants for his leadership and said he is pleased to co-sponsor the event.

Deputy Chief Gomez said other cities conduct a Relay for Life and the equestrian Ride-for-Life is phenomenal.

b. City representatives

There were no comments.

c. County representatives

In response to **Captain Hartshorne**, Supervisor Antonovich said the merge with Ops is still under review.

4. ADJOURNMENT – 9:06 a.m.

The next meeting of the City Council will be April 14, 2009 7:00 p.m. Regular Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Ina Rios, CMC, City Clerk