



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010, 7:00 P. M.**  
**SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, 201 E. BONITA AVE.**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor Curtis W. Morris  
Mayor Pro Tem John Ebner  
Councilmember Emmett G. Badar  
Councilmember Denis Bertone  
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 Development Services Dan Coleman  
Director of Public Works Krishna Patel  
Director of Parks and Recreation Theresa Bruns

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

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the flag salute.

**2. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

- Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs - ALADS recognizes City of San Dimas for ongoing support

On behalf of more than 8,000 Deputy Sheriffs and District Attorney Investigators, **Steve Remige**, President of ALADS, presented a plaque to Mayor Morris in appreciation of the City Council's commitment to safety and support to Deputy Sheriffs in Los Angeles County.

Mayor Morris said the City Council enjoys the good relationship with the Deputy Sheriffs and representatives.

- Bob Hardcastle to present check in the amount of \$6,028 from Ride for Life to the San Dimas Relay for Life Committee and San Dimas Team

On behalf of the San Dimas Ride for Life, **Bob Hardcastle** presented a check in the amount of \$6,028 to Kevin Frey, for the San Dimas Relay for Life Committee and San Dimas Team. Mr. Hardcastle said his goal for next April is to raise \$15,000 and to expand the Ride for Life event.

**Kevin Frey**, Team City Hall, thanked Mr. Hardcastle for the check and said the Relay for Life raises funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society. The event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 15-16, 2010, at Horsethief Canyon Park in San Dimas. The goal of the Team is to keep one person walking throughout the 24 hour period. He invited the community to participate and enjoy live entertainment, food donated by several businesses, games, and various fun activities.

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### a. 50th Anniversary Flashbacks

**Susan Davis**, San Dimas Historical Society, provided highlights of 1961, the year the City adopted the first Zoning Code; Puddingstone Shopping Center, the City's first shopping center, opened; McKinley Home for Boys was completed; Belknap Agency was sold; first portion of the Via Verde area was annexed; and *Profile of San Dimas* by J. Howard Hoover was published.

**4. 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) **Paula Donahuy**, Heart of the Village Antique Mall, downtown, expressed her appreciation for the Gala Garden affair, and Art Festival on April 25, 2010. She said the support and cooperation is wonderful between the Chamber of Commerce and the City.

2) **Margie Green**, said the Festival of Arts just completed their annual Western Art Exhibition and Sale in conjunction with the Downtown Merchants Garden Affair, including David Dreier's Congressional Art Show, in the historic Walker House. She invited the community to the 2nd Story Gallery on Friday and Saturday, May 14-15 and 21-22, in the Walker House featuring paintings by four Plein Air Artists Richard Meyer, Charles Fogg, Anton Ruf, and Mike Johnson. The event is free for everyone to enjoy.

3) **Brianna Celaya**, ASB President, San Dimas High School, thanked the City Council for the opportunity to report their school activities. On May 3, Scholar-Athlete Banquet; May 21, Choir Spring Performance at Lone Hill Middle School; May 22, Prom at the Queen Mary; May 28, Renaissance Assembly. She said the High School will also have a team at Relay for Life.

Councilmember Templeman introduced Yvette Picconi the new Equestrian Commissioner.

4) **Yvette Picconi**, representing the Equestrian Commission for San Dimas, said the Commission is sponsoring a trail cleanup event starting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday May 22, at Horsethief Canyon Park, to maintain Sycamore Canyon Trail. She invited students and anyone interested in assisting to join them for a few hours of work and a barbecue lunch. To sign up, contact Teddie Main at Temporary City Hall.

5) **Charles McCants** said he is unable to participate in this year's Relay for Life and presented a check to Kevin Kenney, as his donation for the Relay for Life.

6) **Ted Powl**, President/CEO, Chamber of Commerce, announced the following:

a) May 12, 2010 Teacher of the Year recognition dinner at San Dimas Canyon Golf Course Clubhouse;  
b) May 24, 2010 The Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament in Via Verde; \$150 per golfer; \$500 per four-some;

c) June 24, 2010 Annual Installation and Awards dinner to recognize Business of the Year, New Business of the Year, Businessperson of the Year, New Commercial Building of the Year and Renovated Commercial Building of the Year; he said there is still time to submit nominations.

d) August 7, 2010, City's 50th Anniversary-Birthday Barbecue celebration at Civic Center Park, with lots of food, entertainment by The Answer, and fun activities.

7) **Stephanie Garcia** said students from La Verne University, are present to take notes for their final project on News Reporting.

8) **Sid Maksoudian** invited the City Council to view his tapes of Bonita Avenue during the Garden Affair.

## 5. 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 Pro Tem Ebiner requested item 5.a.2 be removed for separate discussion.

It was moved by Councilmember Bertone, seconded by Councilmember Ebiner, and carried unanimously to accept, approve and act upon the consent calendar, as follows.

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

(1) **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-19**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, 2010.

b. Ordinances read by title, further reading waived, passage and adoption recommended as follows:

(1) Municipal Code Text Amendment 10-01 - A request to amend Chapter 18.14 of the City's Municipal Zoning Code, regarding Water Efficient Landscaping, to bring the City in compliance with SB 1881.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1196**, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS APPROVING MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 10-01, TO AMEND CHAPTER 18.14 OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL ZONING CODE. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION**

c. Approval of minutes for regular meetings of April 13, 2010, April 27, 2010, Special meeting of April 27, 2010, and City Council/Staff Retreat of April 19, 2010.

d. Approval of City's Statement of Investment Policy: This investment statement outlines the policies for maximizing the efficiency of the City's cash management system.

e. Reject claim for damages from Frederick Baisley.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

**5.a.2 RESOLUTION NO. 2010-20**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE GENERAL CLOSURE OF CERTAIN STREETS FOR CITY SPONSORED OR OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Ebiner, Public Works Director Patel explained that events listed on Resolution No. 2010-20 are noticed to the City Council through the Traffic Safety Committee reports and the purpose of asking for authority to close certain streets is to improve efficiency and operations from

day to day. He said the Traffic Safety Committee meeting is posted as a public meeting and staff will continue to provide traffic review updates to the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebner felt the public would more readily voice their concerns at a City Council meeting than at the Traffic Safety Committee meeting. He said he supports all street closures throughout the year, however, he prefers to keep the existing policy to bring back street closures to the City Council for approval.

In response to Councilmember Bertone, Assistant City Manager Stevens replied that all events, with the exception of city events on city property, go through the Temporary Use Permit process. He said only street closures are brought to the City Council for approval.

In response to Councilmember Templeman, Director Patel stated that the recommendation is to specify specific streets and any changes will be brought to the City Council for approval.

After the title was read, it was moved by Councilmember Templeman, seconded by Councilmember Badar, to waive further reading and adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 2010-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE GENERAL CLOSURE OF CERTAIN STREETS FOR CITY SPONSORED OR OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS.**

The motion carried 3:2; Councilmembers Bertone and Ebner opposed.

## **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **a. 2010-11 Annual City Budget**

#### **1) Presentation of preliminary budget highlights**

City Manager Michaelis explained the budget process and said the budget represents the spending plan for upcoming Fiscal Year 2010-11. He said staff is presenting to the Council a balanced budget that maintains current service levels with a conservative approach in their estimates to account for the current economic situation.

Assistant City Manager Duran presented a narrative and summary of the 2010-11 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 2010-11 financial plan.

#### **2) Question and Answer Period/General Discussion**

Councilmember Badar noted that the City Council conducted a study session on the budget prior to the regular session this evening.

Mayor Morris opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to ask questions or make comments on the proposed 2010-11 budget. There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Morris closed the public hearing.

City Manager Michaelis said the Budget is scheduled for approval at the June 8, 2010 City Council meeting. He and Mr. Duran are available to respond to any questions concerning the budget.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Ebner, Mr. Michaelis said the budget can be placed on a separate link on the City's website for the public.

Councilmember Templeman stated that in spite of the State take-away in the amount of \$2 million, the City of San Dimas is fortunate to have healthy reserves.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebner commended City Manager Michaelis for budgeting conservatively. It is his hope that at end of calendar year, if surplus funds are available, the Community Park Fund 20 can be allocated a portion of those surplus funds.

3) Other Items of Community Interest.

There were no comments.

**7. SAN DIMAS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Mayor Morris recessed the regular meeting at 7:51 p.m. to convene a meeting of the San Dimas Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m..

**8. SAN DIMAS PUBLIC FACILITIES FINANCING CORPORATION**

Mayor Morris recessed the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m. to convene a meeting of the San Dimas Public Facilities Financing Corporation Board of Directors. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:23 p.m..

**9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

1) **Sid Maksoudian**, 120 W. Bonita, said based on the loss of funds to the State, the Agency does not have sufficient funds to move forward with the Façade Improvement program. He said a Master Plan is needed to revitalize the Downtown, however, improving the facades will not attract anchor merchants.

- b. City Manager

- 1) Update on City Hall, Civic Center, and Stanley Plummer Community Building expansion and renovation project.

Director of Development Services Coleman provided a slide presentation of the last 30 days progress on the demolition of the interior, exterior, and front of the City Hall building; wing addition to city hall; grading and plumbing, and added footage to the Community Building. He said due to code interpretations, the Plummer Building kitchen was designated as a commercial kitchen. He distributed an overview of LEED Green Building Standard Code and said the building was designed to LEED Certified standards, however, due to the high cost, the City is not pursuing LEED certification. He stated that the slide show reflecting the progress will be posted on the City's webpage.

In response to Councilmember Bertone, Director Coleman replied that during the design state, the architect reached the certification level to pass; however, LEED rating is required prior to construction of the project.

- c. City Attorney

There were no comments.

d. Members of the City Council

1) Reappointments to Parks and Recreation Commission

Mayor Pro Tem Ebner said four Parks and Recreation Commissioners' terms will expire at the end of June and all are eligible for reappointment.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ebner, seconded by Councilmember Bertone, to reappoint Susan Davis, Georgia Florentine, John Margis, and Caryol Smith to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a two-year term through June 30, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

2) Reappointments to Senior Citizen Commission.

Councilmember Bertone said three Senior Citizen Commissioners' terms will expire at the end of May. All are eligible for reappointment, however, two members have declined and one has requested reappointment.

It was moved by Councilmember Bertone, seconded by Mayor Morris, to reappoint Lorous (Connie) Brown to the Senior Citizen Commission for a two year term through May 31, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no comments.

4) Individual Members' comments and updates.

a) Councilmember Templeman said although he agreed that the Downtown needs revitalization, merchants do not have the needed funds to demolish and reconstruct their buildings. He endorsed the Façade Improvement program as a small step toward accomplishing some needed repairs.

b) Mayor Pro Tem Ebner said he attended the Senior Citizen Commission and commended the energetic, great group of people. He said Commissioners Pace and Short had a lot of great comments, one being the limited number of handicapped parking spaces where several senior activities take place.

c) Councilmember Bertone said the Senior Citizen Commission is a great supporter of the Council. He praised the volunteers who do a great job on the Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, Festival of Arts, and the Relay for Life.

d) Mayor Morris mentioned that he filmed the Garden Affair and was surprised by the attendance. He complimented Landscaping Maintenance for the flowers on the corner, and the Historical Society markers.

e) Councilmember Templeman said he and Mayor Morris attended the graduation ceremony for the Citizens Academy and participants enjoyed the event learning about the City, School District and Utility Companies.

## 10. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Morris recessed the regular meeting at 8:51 p.m. to a Redevelopment Agency closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8:

**a. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

Property: 151 West Bonita Avenue

Negotiating Parties:

For Agency: Blaine Michaelis, Executive Director, Larry Stevens, Assistant City Manager of Community Development, and J. Kenneth Brown, Agency Attorney.

For Property: Todd Launchbaugh

Under Negotiation: Possible sale of property and terms and conditions of City/Agency possible participation.

**b. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Pursuant to G.C. Section 54957.6)**

City Representative: Blaine Michaelis

Employee Group: City of San Dimas Employees

**c. Report on closed session items**

There was no action to report on closed session items.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Morris adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 5:30 p.m. for a study session regarding the Tree Ordinance and the Bonita/Cataract Landscaping project.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ina Rios, CMC, City Clerk