



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2010, 7:00 P. M.**  
**MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**  
**SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**201 E. BONITA AVENUE**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor Curtis W. Morris  
Mayor Pro Tem John Ebiner  
Councilmember Emmett 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 7:01 p.m. and led the flag salute.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 50th Anniversary Flashbacks

**Bill Emerson**, Representative, San Dimas Historical Society, listed San Dimas Councilmembers: C. Francis Harbin 1960-66; Lloyd Rouse 1960-66; Harry A. Whipple 1960-62; Theodore Glauthier 1960-68; Jerry R. Adams 1962-66; Loyd A. Salisbury 1966-74; Henry E. Houston 1966-70; Keith S. Brogan 1972-76; Ray Miracle 1974-76; James McLean 1974-78; Phil Wax 1976-80; Keith J. Clark 1978-79; Nick Martocchio 1982-86; Maria Tortorelli 1984-90; and Sandy McHenry 1986-2007.

Mr. Emerson shared an email sent by Mark Carleson advising that his father Robert Carleson, at age 29, was San Dimas' first City Manager from 1960-1964. Mr. Carleson left to accept the City Manager position at Pico Rivera, and was recruited into the Ronald Reagan administration where he served as Chief Deputy Director of Public Works and then as Reagan's Welfare Director during the reform. In 1973-75 he served as U. S. Commissioner of Welfare in the Nixon and Ford administrations; in 1980 he served as the head of the transition team to the Department of Health and Human Services. He served as a member of the White House staff for three years. Before he passed away a few years ago, he expressed his fondness for San Dimas.

Mr. Emerson pointed out that while there was a slight decrease in the Los Angeles County population in 1973, San Dimas showed an increase of 830 people since the 1970 census. He said at that time, 15,629 persons resided in San Dimas in 1970, and in 1974 the population increased to 16,500.

➤ Pui-Ching Ho, Librarian, San Dimas Library

**Pui-Ching Ho**, Library Manager, San Dimas Library, said the Library is offering a Summer Reading program to children, teens, and adults until July 30. Prizes will be awarded until the end of August. She outlined the programs offered at the Library: due to space limitations for the July 28 Magic Show, free tickets are available at the reference desk; Board Games are available on July 29 to play with friends or family; Book Discussion Group meets August 2, and the Book of the Month is "*One Thousand White Women*"; on August 12 create beautiful sand paintings at a workshop open to children at least six years old and over. Space is limited to 25 participants who can sign up at the reference desk.

**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) **Gil Gonzales** thanked Director Bruns, Mayor Morris and Councilmember Bertone for taking the time to look at his concern regarding landscape maintenance along foothill Boulevard and San Dimas Canyon Road.

2) **Gil Gonzales** said he suggested to former City Manager Don Pruyn that a moratorium be adopted on any development in the foothills. He said NJD was taken to court, and ultimately agreements were reached to allow two story homes and increased density. He expressed three concerns with the NJD development project: a) He favors a second story only if the second story is smaller than the first floor; b) He suggested adequate space be required in the back yard for storage of RVs, and c) Ensure adequate funds are available to maintain the slopes.

3) **Ted Powl**, CEO/President, Chamber of Commerce, said in just a few days, the City's 50th Birthday Party will be celebrated at Civic Center Park, with plenty of fun activities for the children including pony rides, petting zoo, bouncers, slides, and free entertainment starting at 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. A traditional birthday barbecue with all the trimmings will be served at 5:30 p.m. He reminded everyone to bring their lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy the music performing in the bandstand. He said the multi-purpose room at the Senior Citizen/Community Center will also be available as respite from the heat. In addition to the barbecue, ice cream and cake will be served and at 6:15 p.m. the time capsule will be opened after 25 years. He said the telephone booth reminiscent of the movie *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure* which inspired the theme for the 50th Anniversary will be available for photographs.

4) **Sid Maksoudian** addressed the Mayor on conduct and said there is apathy of the voters in San Dimas.

**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 or audience requests separate discussion.)

Mayor Pro Tem Ebiner requested an explanation of item 4.g regarding work at Marchant Park, paid from Fund 20.

g. Budget adjustment in the amount of \$10,000 for ADA access project at Marchant Park.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Ebner, Director Bruns explained that the majority of work is ADA access routes throughout the park and the \$10,000 budget adjustment is under the threshold for public bid. She mentioned that the current concrete contractor submitted a substantially reduced concrete bid.

It was moved by Councilmember Bertone, seconded by Councilmember Badar, and carried 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. 2010-41, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2010.**
- b. Approval of minutes for the regular City Council meeting of July 13, 2010, and special meeting of July 13, 2010.
- c. Authorize the Payment of \$115,994 from Reserve Funds to the C.J.P.I.A. for Early Payment of the Outstanding Retrospective Deposit Balance
- d. Renewal of Cash Contract No. 2009-11, Concrete Maintenance Project- Various Citywide Locations to Grigolla & Sons Concrete
- e. Renewal of a two year Traffic Signal and Street Light Maintenance Contract with Computer Services Company, Inc.
- f. Renewal of the "Asphalt Maintenance Contract for Asphalt Repairs at Various Citywide Locations" with Paveco Construction, Inc.
- g. Budget adjustment in the amount of \$10,000 for ADA access project at Marchant Park.
- h. Reject claim for damages from Michael Urratia, Jr.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

## 5. OTHER MATTERS

- a. Consider request for Five Cities Marathon Running Events 10K run on November 6, 2010.

Parks and Recreation Director Bruns summarized a brief background of the proposal from Five Cities Marathon to conduct a 10K running event on San Dimas streets on Saturday, November 6, 2010, from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with approximately 300 to 500 participants anticipated. She said there are three significant impacts of this event: 1) exclusive use of the Civic Center facilities makes the Senior Citizen/Community Center unavailable for use or rent; 2) other major community events being conducted within a one month period; and 3) a 10K route through the town core on a Saturday morning will impact city streets for a minimum of six hours, including traffic control set up and tear down. Ms. Bruns asked for direction as to whether or not to proceed with the Temporary Use Permit process and said the Five Cities representative is in the audience to answer questions.

In response to Councilmember Bertone, Director Bruns replied that the event follows several major events within a one-month time frame including Western Days, Parade, San Dimas Rodeo, City's 5K Run, Bonelli Park Turkey Trot Run, and said the sheer number of events held so closely impact the community and staff. She added that the S.C. Velo is a for-profit organization that conducts the annual Bicycle Stage Race.

In response to Council, Director of Public Works Patel replied that for-profit groups utilize the parking lot for staging. He added that staff time will be paid for approximately four hours to setup, take down, and clean up after the event. He further replied that staff time increases to eight hours for the Bicycle Race.

In response to Councilmember Badar, Director Bruns stated that the recommendation is to have a staff person available on site to handle any issues that may arise during the event.

Mayor Morris invited representatives of the proponent to comment.

**Vince Calderon**, Executive Director, The Five Cities Marathon, said they have filed an application for nonprofit status which should be approved in approximately two months. He said part of the proceeds from the 10K event will be donated to the Asthma/Allergy Foundation. He mentioned the group is willing to pay for the rental of the Senior Citizen/Community Facility and they would utilize the parking lot to not affect the Park. He stated they are also organizing a marathon event for 2011 and are currently seeking approval from the City of Glendora as a turn-around point.

In response to Councilmember Bertone, Mr. Calderon stated that the 26.2 mile marathon event will be conducted in the cities of Pomona, Claremont, La Verne, San Dimas, and Glendora. He said the 10K event is being conducted in the City of San Dimas adding 3.1 miles to the City's 5K run route to complete 6.2 miles.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebiner expressed concern about 1) access to Albertson's and other traffic going on Bonita Avenue and suggested not all lanes need be closed; and 2) parking at the Library; he said the Library has limited hours of operation and opens at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Mr. Calderon replied that the event will use one lane on Bonita Avenue and the run is not more than one hour, twenty minutes; the organization has instructed participants to use the Municipal parking lots and will be distributing maps showing what lots are available for use. He said Civic Center parking lot will be used as a staging area including registration, first aid station, fluid center, and portable restrooms.

In response to Councilmember Templeman, Director Patel replied that the south side of Bonita Avenue is open to one-way traffic during the City's 5K run; only the north bound lane of Bonita Avenue is closed. He added that north bound San Dimas Avenue will be closed.

Mayor Morris asked if anyone wished to comment on this item. There being no one else wishing to speak, he brought the matter back to the City Council for decision.

Councilmember Bertone mentioned this is a great event, however, staff has expressed concern with three significant impacts and he is inclined to take staff's recommendation to not approve the event.

Councilmember Templeman said this event would create a substantial burden on the downtown neighborhood and he cannot support the event as proposed; however, he will consider the marathon event in the future.

Councilmember Badar cannot support this event that would impact Albertson's and the Library. He mentioned that the event, in addition to other scheduled activities, would also burden the community. He will keep an open mind to the organization's next project that would present a lower impact to the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebiner stated he supports running events and suggested a different route that would not impact Albertson's, the Library, or the Civic Center Park. He said his concern is reserving the Park for for-profit groups.

Mayor Morris said staff is often asked to work weekends for the various city events and the City should be mindful about placing an additional burden on staff to work on non-city related events.

It was moved by Councilmember Bertone, seconded by Councilmember Templeman, to uphold staff's recommendation to deny the proposal for a 10K running event on San Dimas streets on Saturday, November 6, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

## 6. SAN DIMAS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Mayor Morris recessed the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m. to convene a meeting of the San Dimas Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:51 p.m..

## 7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

1) **Sid Maksoudian** said there are 26,000 registered voters in the city of San Dimas and is bewildered about the low turnout at elections. He was concerned that the incident at the City of Bell could happen in the City of San Dimas if not monitored.

- b. City Manager

There were no comments.

- c. City Attorney

There were no comments.

- d. Members of the City Council

- 1) Reappointment to Equestrian Commission

It was moved by Councilmember Templeman, seconded by Councilmember Bertone, to reappoint Claudia Cook to the Equestrian Commission for an additional two-year term ending on July 31, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There was nothing to report.

- 3) Individual Members' comments and updates.

1) Councilmember Templeman said he takes offense that the City of San Dimas would be compared to the City of Bell. He said the City of San Dimas was not, and is not, near bankruptcy at the time the City Manager was hired, and reported the City Council receives a monthly stipend of \$620 to attend various meetings. He stated that the City Manager's salary is comparable to surrounding cities and the numbers in the budget for the motor Deputies reflect not only salaries, but include overhead for the Sheriff's Department that include vehicles, liability insurance, and supervision.

- 2) Councilmember Badar stated that a survey of surrounding communities is routinely conducted to establish employees' salaries and upon discovery that San Dimas salaries were below medians, they were brought up to a competitive level to attract quality employees. He regrets that Mr. Maksoudian does not appreciate his community.
- 3) Councilmember Templeman said the City Council is aware that voter turnout is low, however, Councilmembers have consistently encouraged citizens to vote at every election.
- 4) Councilmember Bertone said that on June 23, 2009, the City Council adopted Resolution 09-31 endorsing the campaign by San Gabriel Mountains Forever, an alliance of community groups including the Wilderness Society and the Sierra Club to increase wilderness areas in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests. He said the areas include natural forest property and private land is not affected. He was happy to report that Congressman David Dreier has drawn up a bill that will be introduced to designate wilderness area in the National Forests.
- 5) Mayor Morris said the budget goes through the public hearing process for adoption and all public records, including the budget and agendas, are posted on the City's website at [www.cityofsandimas.com](http://www.cityofsandimas.com). He added that the City Manager is available to answer questions.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Morris adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. The next meeting is on August 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ina Rios, CMC, City Clerk