



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF
SAN DIMAS CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2010, 6:00 P. M.
SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER
201 E. BONITA AVE.

COUNCIL:

Mayor Curtis W. Morris

Mayor Pro Tem John Ebner (arrived 6:09 p.m.)

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

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 PLANNING MATTERS

- a. Review of renovation work for the City Council Chambers. Provide direction.

Stephen Gaffney, Architect, Nestor-Gaffney, said the City Council recently visited the city hall to consider a proposal to enhance the function and layout of the Council Chambers. At that time, the City Council directed staff and the architect to prepare cost estimates comparing repairs to replacements. He said the Guaranteed Maximum Price includes modifications to the dais, installing an ADA accessible ramp, refinishing wood surfaces, addressing air conditioning issues, replacing carpet, ceiling tiles, and reupholstering audience seating.

Mr. Gaffney reviewed the use of durable materials for the counters, and said the new dais is fully ADA accessible; and includes a new enhanced AV system, electronics, fully ADA compliant lectern, and an additional staff table. He said for added level of protection one alternative is to consider the installation of bulletproof materials on the front of the dais.

In response to Council, Mr. Gaffney replied that the additional staff table works best facing the City Council; it costs less to purchase new seats than to refurbish the existing chairs with the option to add ten additional audience seats and still provide extra space for overflow chairs with ample leg room; and cable interface will be installed for the current technology.

City Manager Michaelis asked for direction on whether or not the City Council supported the installation of additional audience seats at an additional cost of \$3,000.

Councilmember Bertone felt 72 seats were adequate. Mr. Gaffney stated that the total number of seats would be 70. The majority of the City Council supported additional audience seating.

Mr. Michaelis said it will cost approximately \$70,000 to demolish and remove existing millwork, rebuild the dais with solid surface tops; bring the dais into full ADA compliance, move existing staff table and add a new staff table, rebuild podium and circular railing, address audio visual, data and telecommunication needs; and \$30,000 to install a new backdrop behind the dais.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebner suggested adding a chair rail against the paneled wall. He stated that he would like to see the distance between seats before he can vote on these issues.

Councilmember Bertone opposed spending an additional \$30,000 for backdrop paneling.

In response to Councilmember Badar, Mr. Gaffney said the item will go out to bid for a specific cost that the City Council can authorize. He added that an addendum can be included on the request for bid to provide a price to refurbish existing panels in lieu of providing new panels.

Mayor Morris called for a vote on the issue of replacing backdrop walls at a price of approximately \$30,000.

AYES: Councilmembers Badar, Templeman, Morris
NOES: Councilmember Bertone
ABSTAIN: Mayor Pro Tem Ebner

Mayor Pro Tem Ebner expressed concern about the solid wall below the circular railing. Mayor Morris shared Mr. Ebner's thoughts and suggested a possible opening on the north side railing.

Mr. Gaffney stated that the ADA ramp would be installed on the north wall and an enclosed wall is required. He offered that the railing on the south side of the podium could be left open.

Councilmember Templeman stated that it would be safer to enclose the railing and suggested protecting staff with bullet proof paneling. Mayor Morris and Councilmember Bertone felt it was not necessary to install bullet proof paneling with taxpayer funds.

Mr. Michaelis requested direction on how to proceed in the bid process and asked if he should include the installation of bullet proof panels for the dais.

The current vote is 2.2; and Mayor Pro Tem Ebner abstaining.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebner stated he would vote in favor of bullet proof paneling for the dais if the railing is kept open.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morris adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m. The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, August 24, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ina Rios, CMC, City Clerk