



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF
SAN DIMAS CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010, 6:15 P. M.
SENIOR CITIZEN/COMMUNITY CENTER
201 E. BONITA AVE.

PRESENT:

Mayor Curtis W. Morris
Mayor Pro Tem John Ebner
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 Public Works Krishna Patel
Director of Parks and Recreation Theresa Bruns

Stephen Gaffney, AIA, Nestor+Gaffney Architects
Gary Chubb, Vice President, Griffin Structures, Inc.

ABSENT:

Director of Development Services Dan Coleman

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 6:15 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. Tour of the San Dimas City Council Chambers to review proposed project.

At 6:16 p.m. the City Council, Staff and members of the public recessed to the Council Chambers at the City Hall construction site.

Architect Gaffney described the proposed audience seats and said space between seats would be approximately 44-inches and with the seat down, it would be 25-inches and would provide adequate legroom. He said originally there were 72 seats and no handicapped access. Council is being asked to consider expanding audience seating to a total of 80 seats that will be ADA accessible.

Mayor Morris stated that the ability to add over-flow chairs is necessary and the ten additional seats do not make a significant difference.

It was the consensus of the City Council that the additional seats were unnecessary.

Mr. Gaffney said the existing staff table would be realigned to the railing, which would be a solid wall, and the lectern would be moved slightly to the north of the railing near the handicapped ramp on the north side.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebner stated he would prefer the railing be left open.

Mayor Morris said he would support the Architect's recommendation.

Once Mr. Gaffney described the minimal length of wall available after the staff table was integrated into the railing, it was the consensus of the City Council to support the Architect's recommendation.

Mr. Gaffney reported that the existing paneling is thin veneer that would be difficult to refinish. He recommended replacing the paneling with longer lasting paneling materials.

In response to Councilmember Templeman, Mr. Gaffney said a film can be applied to windows above the dais to minimize sun glare.

City Manager Michaelis asked the City Council to decide whether or not to proceed with the installation of bullet guard material on the dais. He said the cost is included in the bid amount and can be deleted if the City Council opposes the installation.

Mayor Morris said the prior vote on this item was tied 2.2, with one abstention, and concern was expressed with staff in front.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebner said he had second thoughts contingent upon the railing being left open.

Councilmembers Badar and Templeman supported the installation. Councilmember Bertone expressed his opposition.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morris adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m. The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ina Rios, CMC, City Clerk