



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011, 7:00 P. M.
SAN DIMAS COUNCIL CHAMBERS
245 E. BONITA AVENUE

PRESENT:

Mayor Curtis W. Morris
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Templeman
Councilmember Emmett Badar
Councilmember Denis Bertone
Councilmember John Ebner
City Manager Blaine Michaelis
City Attorney J. Kenneth Brown
City Clerk Ina Rios
Assistant City Manager for 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
Recreation Coordinator Erica Rodriguez

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the flag salute.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Announce Downtown Holiday Extravaganza event for December 3, 2011 at the Walker House and Bonita Avenue

Recreation Coordinator Rodriguez announced the 2nd annual Downtown Holiday Extravaganza from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the Walker House on December 3, 2011. She invited everyone to come enjoy holiday Santa Claus display, music, carolers, fun activities, arts and crafts, live entertainment, snow, and Santa's hay ride to Rhoades Park for the Christmas tree lighting from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. She said the Downtown merchants' will be decorating their windows and participating in the annual holiday treasure hunt.

- Walnut Creek Community Meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Stanley Plummer Community Building.

Assistant City Manager Stevens said the City of San Dimas, in partnership with the Watershed Conservation Authority invites the community to attend a second visioning workshop on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Stanley Plummer Community Building, to learn about the master planning efforts for the Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space Project. Additional information is available at www.watershedconservationauthority.org; www.cityofsandimas.com; and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/walnutcreekhabitat.

- Pui-Ching Ho, Library Manager, San Dimas Library

Pui-Ching Ho, Library Manager, invited the community to enjoy great stories and learn children's songs and art activities at Preschool Story Time on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.; she invited the community to join them on Wednesday, November 16th, at 6:30 p.m. for music with Chaz Ross to learn about and play a variety of percussion instruments; the Evening Book Club will discuss the book for November Steve Martin's *The Pleasure of My Company* on Thursday, November 17th; She said Christmas is coming and on Saturday, December 3rd, the Library will present a Children's Sand Art Santa Workshop.

Materials will be provided and each child will take home a completed picture. Space is limited. For detailed information, contact the Library at 909/599-6738.

2) Mayor Morris announced that before he opens Oral Communications, City Manager Michaelis will briefly report on the Pay/Reimbursement Plan for city employees listed under the consent calendar.

City Manager Michaelis explained that the City wanted to maintain financial strength over the past 3.5 years and during that period, the city has not provided any salary adjustment or health plan contribution for employees. He stated that over that same period of time, the consumer price index was close to 4.2% and in the consent calendar, Resolution No. 2011-53 proposes a 2.5% increase in employees' salaries and a \$50 per month increase in health insurance benefits. He said the announcement is being made prior to oral communications so the public is made aware of the proposal the City Council is considering and give the public an opportunity to ask questions.

Councilmember Bertone requested that revised salary information be posted online.

Mayor Pro Tem Templeman said the City Manager waited until the final audit was completed to ensure the revenue stream was in a position to approve the modest increase.

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

In response to David Harbin, 242 E. 4th Street, City Manager Michaelis said both the 2.5% increase in salary and \$50 increase to the health plan go into effect December 1, 2011 and the annualized total approximately is \$240,000 on an ongoing basis. He further explained that the Reimbursement schedule covers employees' costs of using their own vehicles on the job site, however, there is no change or increase to that part of the Resolution.

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 requests separate discussion.)

Councilmember Bertone requested that item 4.a.2 be considered separately.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Templeman, seconded by Councilmember Bertone, and carried to accept, approve and act upon the consent calendar, as amended, as follows:

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

(1) Consider approval of Warrant Register:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-52, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 2011.

b. Approval of minutes for the Council/Staff Retreat meeting of October 17, 2011 and regular City Council meeting of October 25, 2011.

- c. Reject claim for damages from Martha Gudino.
- d. Reject claim for damages from Andrea B. Miller; Andrea B. Miller Booker.
- e. Request from HEROES organization for street closure of Commercial Street on November 11, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- f. California Air Resources Board (CARB) Diesel Compliance
 - 1) Appropriation of \$12,000.00 from AQMD Funds to complete the fulfillment of compliance of City trucks
 - 2) Waiver of Formal Bid Process to retrofit City diesel fueled trucks in the amount not exceeding \$42,000.00 to Ironman, Inc.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

4.2) RESOLUTION NO. 2011-53, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Dimas, California, adopting and extending the pay plan and reimbursement schedule for City employees.

It was moved by Councilmember Bertone, seconded by Councilmember Badar, to waive further reading and adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-53**, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Dimas, California, adopting and extending the pay plan and reimbursement schedule for City employees. The motion carried unanimously.

5. SAN DIMAS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Mayor Morris recessed the regular meeting at 7:20 p.m. to convene a meeting of the San Dimas Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors. The regular City Council meeting reconvened at 7:22 p.m..

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

There were no comments.

- b. City Manager

City Manager Michaelis proudly announced that the Southern California Chapter of the California Public Works Association chose to award its 2011 Capital Improvement Project of the Year to the City of San Dimas for its civic center expansion and renovation project, at the Awards Luncheon to be held on December 7, 2011.

- c. City Attorney

There were no comments.

d. Members of the City Council

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

a) Councilmember Badar reported that he attended the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority 16th annual Risk Management Educational Forum on Wednesday through Friday, October 26-28, 2011, in Indian Wells. He learned that over 40% of cases are based on public works incidents, resulting in 52% of payouts from the risk management fund, and discussions centered on minimizing the City's and community's risk for lawsuits. He commended Public Works staff for their record keeping and efficient maintenance schedules.

b) Mayor Pro Tem Templeman said he also attended the Joint Powers Insurance Authority Risk Management conference. He found many of the educational sessions worthwhile and stated that the Authority also has available an online library.

c) Mayor Morris stated he is a member of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority and attended the risk management forum at their expense. He said in a difficult financial economy, the Authority has put on training sessions at no cost to the Cities. He indicated that the Authority does a great job of presenting their risk management conferences and the online library is a great training program. He added that San Dimas is one of the 33 cities that founded the Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

2) Individual Members' comments and updates.

a) Councilmember Ebiner reminded the community that Friday is Veterans Day and extended an invitation to honor all Veterans by joining the HEROES Organization for the unveiling ceremony of the Veterans Monument at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, November 11, 2011, at the corner of Commercial Street/San Dimas Avenue.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morris adjourned the regular meeting of the City Council at 7:31 p.m. The next meeting is on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ina Rios, CMC, City Clerk