



**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2011, 7:00 P. M.**  
**SAN DIMAS COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**245 E. BONITA AVENUE**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor Curtis W. Morris  
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Templeman  
Councilmember Emmett Badar  
Councilmember Denis Bertone  
Councilmember John Ebiner

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 AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Introduce Little Miss San Dimas Carlie Pastran to the community

Mitchel Crawford, Chair, Chamber of Commerce, introduced Lisa Crane, Platform Color Salon, Chair of the Little Miss San Dimas Committee.

Lisa Crane, Platform Color Salon, Little Miss San Dimas Chair, gave a brief background on the Little Miss San Dimas Pageant and introduced Carlie Pastran, Little Miss San Dimas, who represents San Dimas at the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, the Fairplex Parade, and other events.

In response to Council, Carlie Pastran, Little Miss San Dimas, said she is in the fourth grade at Shull Elementary School and her talent is singing. She extended happy Thanksgiving to the City Council and the public.

- Downtown Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, December 3, 2011, 1:00-7:00 p.m., Walker House

Recreation Coordinator Rodriguez encouraged families to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Downtown Holiday Extravaganza from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the Walker House on December 3, 2011. She said the Chamber of Commerce, Festival of Arts, Historical Society, Downtown Merchants, and Marstellers at the Walker House, have joined the City's Parks and Recreation Department to provide a holiday Santa Claus display, music, carolers, fun activities, arts and crafts, live entertainment, nine tons of snow, pony rides, and Santa's hay ride to Rhoades' Park for the Christmas tree lighting at 6:00 p.m. She said the Downtown merchants will be decorating their windows and participating in their annual holiday treasure hunt and Marstellers will provide free cookies to decorate.

Coordinator Rodriguez thanked the San Dimas Senior Citizens Club for sponsoring the snow; San Dimas Community Hospital for sponsoring the hay ride; and San Dimas Ace Hardware for offering a 50% discount on lights for any families in the route area to decorate their homes.

In response to Council, Coordinator Rodriguez said the cost for the hay ride is \$1 per person and the rain date is December 10, 2011. She added that a recording will be available on the Parks and Recreation phone line at 909.394.6230.

Councilmember Bertone thanked Margie Green, Chair of the Chamber of Commerce, for her participation.

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

Pui-Ching Ho, Library Manager, encouraged sign-up for the special holiday art activity for children on Saturday, December 3, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. She said the Book Party Group will discuss *Growing Up Laughing* on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizen/Community Center. She invited attendance at the free holiday music concert by Dmitry Koudymov and Brian Barany on classical guitar. Listen to great stories and sing children's songs at Preschool Story Time every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. and join special guest Ken Frawley in the Wonderful World of Stories and Songs on December 16<sup>th</sup>. She thanked the City Council and staff for their continued support and extended her wish for a Happy Thanksgiving.

**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) Susie Crawford, Historical Society, invited the community to enjoy the Santa Claus is Coming to Town display at the Historical Society Museum at the Walker House on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; December 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and on December 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Festival of Arts 2<sup>nd</sup> Story Gallery, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. She said the collection of Santas on display are from the 1800's to the present day.

2) Gary Enderle, San Dimas HEROES, reported that the unveiling of the monument site was conducted at the site on November 11, 2011, with several hundred people in attendance. He said the actual panels will be installed on the monument Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and the flag pole will go up next week. He anticipated Phase I to be completed within the next two weeks, after which Phase II will begin. He said the next goal is to add the fountain to the monument, install pergolas, and erect the walls. He indicated that the organization will be conducting several fundraising events starting with the sale of an afghan made in support of the project, depicting the five branches of service and the monument. The afghan will be available at the Holiday Extravaganza, online, and Facebook, for \$48 each and proceeds will be applied to Phase II of the project.

#### 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.)

City Manager Michaelis explained that Proposition 1C is a bond measure that allows for grants to be available for the rehabilitation of units. In the case of item a.2, Resolution No. 2011-55, Mr. Michaelis said the City has applied for funding on housing and development and is looking for other ways to supplement the housing rehabilitation program. He said if the application is successful, the City will be able to rehabilitate 15 additional homes.

It was moved by Councilmember Bertone, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Templeman, 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. 2011-54**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2011.
  - (2) **Resolution No. 2011-55**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE CALHOME PROGRAM.
- b. Approval of minutes for the joint City Council/Planning Commission special meeting of October 19, 2011 and the regular City Council meeting of November 8, 2011.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

#### 5. OTHER MATTERS

- a. Request from Waste Management for annual rate increase of 3.40% for residential and commercial refuse services.

Assistant City Manager Duran reported that the City's Franchise Agreement with Waste Management allows for an annual rate adjustment based upon the Consumer Price Index (CPI), fuel cost index and landfill or disposal costs. He said the City Council conducted a public hearing in March to review the performance of Waste Management and found there were no significant issues raised. He stated that State legislature was passed effective July 2012 mandating recycling for all commercial businesses and multi-family developments in San Dimas. He said the City is working with Waste Management to establish programs and implement mandatory recycling for businesses. He presented a request from Waste Management and recommended approval for an increase of 3.40% for residential and commercial refuse services. He said Carolyn Anderson representing Waste Management is in attendance.

Mayor Morris said although this is not a public hearing, the rate increase affects residents. He invited Ms. Anderson to comment and said the public will then be given the opportunity to comment.

1) Carolyn Anderson Corrao stated that Waste Management will be working to address upcoming legislated unfunded mandates with commercial and multi-family units in the city. Mrs. Corrao announced a new program "At your Door," to pick up household hazardous waste at the curb. Also, in partnership with Recycled Bank, another program is available to provide the incentive to recycle by granting points to apply toward discounts and coupons to local vendors and businesses in the area. Mrs. Corrao said they had experienced challenges finding retail outlets for Bagster, a dumpster in a bag, due to an exclusive

Franchise to another vendor. She proudly announced that San Dimas Ace Hardware Store will be the exclusive provider in San Dimas to provide Bagsters at a cost of \$29.95. At their convenience, residents can then call Waste Management for pickup for a fee of \$130.

In response to Mayor Morris, Mrs. Corrao replied that almost everything is recyclable and residents can reduce their trash bill by recycling more. She said if it's ooey, gooey, or chewy, it goes in the trash can. If it is not ooey, gooey, or chewy, it goes in the recycle bin. She introduced her new husband, Bill Corrao and said they were married in September.

It was moved by Councilmember Bertone, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Templeman, to approve the 3.40% rate increase for residential and commercial refuse services.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Templeman, Mrs. Corrao replied that through January, residents can take advantage of the Fall Leaf program in which residents can place extra leaves and green waste into plastic bags for pick up at the curb. She said it is Waste Management's goal to be able to distribute biodegradable bags and all leaves and tree branches could be composted and turned into some renewable use.

The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Request to hear appeal from the Heatherglenn HOA of the Traffic Safety Committee's decision to decline the addition of red curbs to the approved parking restriction signs on Puente Street from Via Verde Park to San Leandro. Decide if the appeal will be scheduled for hearing before the City Council. If so, set the date and time for the hearing to consider the appeal.

Public Works Director Patel reported that a request was received from Heatherglenn Homeowners Association to appeal the Traffic Committee decision to decline the painting of an additional 1,200 linear feet of red curbs on Puente Street. He said the Traffic Committee previously approved red curb painting on Avenida Fernando due to the visibility and constricted space issues created by parked cars on this street. The request for additional red curb painting at 1021, 1025, and 1027 Puente, was denied because the Traffic Committee thought it was more of a personal appeal for the three homes which are adjacent to Via Verde Park.

Director Patel said the new larger parking restriction signs were installed behind the curb in October, and staff felt it was premature to hear the appeal. Staff recommended upholding the Traffic Safety Committee decision of October 19, 2011 to defer review of the matter until July 2012 to allow for a complete study to measure and gauge the effectiveness of the signage during the peak season. The second option is to direct staff to schedule the appeal of the Homeowner's Association at the December 13, 2011 regular City Council meeting.

Councilmember Bertone said it is important to note that when the Traffic Safety Committee met, none of the neighbors were in attendance and none are present at this meeting tonight.

Mayor Morris stated that notices were sent to Heatherglenn Homeowners Association. He invited representatives from Heatherglenn Homeowners Association to comment, and, no one from Heatherglenn Homeowners Association stepped forward to comment.

It was moved by Councilmember Bertone to uphold the decision of the Traffic Safety Committee to defer review of the appeal until July 2012 and to direct staff to conduct a study of the area during peak season.

Mayor Pro Tem Templeman seconded the motion to include neighbor input. He said the road narrows substantially in that complex and he would like to ensure there is sufficient space for a fire truck to pass through.

Councilmember Ebner stated that historically appeals are heard by the City Council, however, in this case, he will support the motion because a review will be conducted in a few months with homeowner input.

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 City Council meeting reconvened at 7:58 p.m..

## 7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

- 1) James McCants, 813 Oceanbluff, said the opportunity presented itself to utilize emergency services at San Dimas Emergency Hospital and he could not have asked for better service. He highly recommends anyone who has gone to other facilities in the past to try San Dimas Emergency Hospital.

- b. City Manager

City Manager Michaelis said December 13, 2011 will be the last City Council meeting for the year, at which time the Public Safety Dinner is held for on duty Fire and Sheriff personnel and volunteers. He will be getting information to the City Council shortly.

- 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.

There were no comments.

- 2) Individual Members' comments and updates.

- 1) Mayor Pro Tem Templeman said he received several complaints from the community asking why the City did not repair the trees and sidewalk on the walkway between the Library and the City Building during the Civic Center remodel, and he informed complainants that Los Angeles County is the property owner. He noticed the Library roof was covered in plastic and contacted Supervisor Antonovich's office to look into these matters. County Maintenance crew came out to investigate shortly thereafter. Mr. Templeman said although a leaky roof at the Library is not the City's responsibility, it is important to be supportive of our Librarian.

- 2) Councilmember Bertone stated that at a San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting, he learned that the President of the Gold Line Construction Authority gets a salary of \$275,000 per annum. Mr. Bertone said it is his feeling that anyone in city government who makes over \$150,000 is overpaid. As the representative to the Joint Powers Authority, he will continue to oppose this type of salary to government workers unless the City Council directs him otherwise.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Morris adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The City Council will next meet on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 7:00 p.m. He encouraged the community to come out to enjoy the Holiday Extravaganza and extended wishes for a happy Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ina Rios, CMC, City Clerk