



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 28, 2016, 7:00 P. M.
SAN DIMAS COUNCIL CHAMBERS
245 E. BONITA AVE., SAN DIMAS, CA

CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Curtis W. Morris
Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Badar (absent)
Councilmember Denis Bertone
Councilmember John Ebner
Councilmember Jeff Templeman

STAFF:

City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Assistant City Attorney Adrian Guerra
Assistant City Manager Development Services Larry Stevens
Director of Parks and Recreation Theresa Bruns
Director of Public Works Krishna Patel
Associate Engineer Steven Barragan
Assistant City Clerk Debra Black

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE – Mayor Morris called the meeting to order and led the flag salute at 7:00 p.m.

RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- Recognize Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Public Safety Employee of the Year

Captain Duane Harris provided the bio on Deputy Ojeda and Mayor Morris made the presentation of a plaque from the city to Deputy Ojeda.

Deputy Ojeda thanked the city for the recognition and spoke about his commitment and values for his career.

- Recognize Los Angeles County Fire Department Public Safety Employee of the Year

Acting Assistant Fire Chief Jim Enriquez provided the bio on Paramedic Herbert Johnson and Mayor Morris made the presentation of a plaque from the city to Paramedic Herbert.

Paramedic Herbert thanked the city for the recognition and stated that he considers it an honor to serve in his position.

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.)

Members of the Audience

Michael Huff resident spoke regarding an Oak Tree to be removed as part of the project on Golden Hills Road.

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.)

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

RESOLUTION 2016-37, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2016.

Approval of minutes for City Council Study Session of June 14, 2016 and regular City Council meeting of June 14th, 2016.

Salary Resolution Revision

Councilmember Templeman recused himself from the approval of the warrant register (item 155760, page 10). There being no further considerations or requests the following action was taken to approve the consent calendar:

MOTION: Bertone
SECOND: Ebner
AYES: Ebner, Bertone, Morris, Templeman
NOES: None

The motion carried by vote of three to zero. **(3-0)**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

OTHER MATTERS

Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter providing comments to the Federal Railroad Authority regarding train horns

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign letter to the Federal Railroad Authority.

Director of Public Works Krishna Patel presented staff's report on this item.

City Manager Blaine Michaelis explained that the presentation tonight was due to the small window of opportunity for comments to be presented to the FRA and to receive approval to send the letter. Staff will bring a full report on what constitutes a quiet zone to council at a later date.

Councilmember Templeman stated he favored the letter but felt that the element of the relationship between the horn that alerts people at the intersection and the speed of the train was missing. He also stated that the city would have a better chance at getting money from Metro than the Federal Government for the Quiet Zones.

There being no further discussion the following action was taken to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to be sent to the Federal Railroad Authority.

MOTION: Councilmember Bertone
SECOND: Councilmember Templeman
AYES: Bertone, Ebner, Templeman, Morris
NOES: None

The motion carried by vote of four to zero. **(4-0)**

Gil Gonzalez resident expressed concern with providing false hope to residents with taking these actions.

Approval of the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration as Required to Obtain Los Angeles County Flood Control Easements for the Re-alignment and Reconstruction of Golden Hills Road through the San Dimas Debris Placement Site (a Flood Control Property)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Associate Engineer Steven Barragan presented staff's report on this item continued from the meeting June 14, 2016.

Council and staff discussed possible options to keeping the tree as well as possible liability to the city if the tree does not survive after the project is completed. The consensus was to have an arborist examine the tree.

There being no further discussion the following action was taken to approve the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration:

MOTION: Councilmember Templeman
SECOND: Councilmember Bertone
AYES: Bertone, Ebner, Templeman, Morris
NOES: None

The motion carried by vote of four to zero. **(4-0)**

Approval of Transfer of Development Agreement from NJD, Ltd. to Brasada Home Land, LLC and Transfer of Agreement to Modify Development Rights and Obligations for the Northern Foothills Project for 65 lot residential development project at the northerly terminus of Cataract Avenue

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Based upon information provided at the June 27, 2016 meeting between the city, NJD and BLH, staff may recommend granting consent or delaying consent until the next Council meeting to secure additional information.

Assistant City Manager Development Service Larry Stevens presented staff's report on this item.

Stan Stringfellow provided a brief overview of the latest developments with the project.

Lawrence Wang of Grandway Asset Management, Inc. provided the council with a narrative of the company and the goals of the project and asked for the council's approval of the request of transfer.

Gil Gonzalez resident asked that the project protect the environment of the foothills.

Mr. Wang responded that they would be mindful and sensitive of the foothills.

Councilmember Bertone asked if the company had read the EIR.

Mr. Wang responded that they have read the report.

There being no further discussion the following action was taken to authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents approving the requested transfer of the NJD Development Agreement to Brasada Homes Land LLC as approved by the City Attorney once escrow has closed:

MOTION: Councilmember Bertone
SECOND: Councilmember Templeman
AYES: Bertone, Ebner, Templeman, Morris
NOES: None

The motion carried by a vote of four to zero. (4-0)

Verbal report providing an update of the Downtown Wooden Sidewalk Replacement project. Request to reconsider the removal of the Sycamore and London Plane trees on the north side of the 100 West Bonita Avenue Block as part of the project.

City Manager Blaine Michaelis advised council that staff would be providing a verbal report on the project at every council meeting as well as providing the information on the city's website.

Mr. Patel provided the report/update on the project.

Councilmember Ebner provided suggestions/ideas to keep the trees or provide some other decorative feature to soften the starkness of what the downtown will look like when the trees are gone.

In response to Councilmember Ebner's question regarding the sloping walkway in some sections Mr. Patel stated that people would be able to walk on them.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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

Gil Gonzalez shared suggestions for the Golden Hills Road Project.

Jim Enriquez with the Los Angeles County Fire Department gave an update on recent training activities and announcements on the prohibition of fireworks.

City Manager

Mayor's call in show will feature Chris McKenzie from the Sherriff's Department.

City Attorney

Nothing reported.

Members of the City Council

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

Nothing reported.

- 2) Individual Members' comments and updates.

Councilmember Templeman attended a meeting with local merchants and the Chamber of Commerce Installation Luncheon. He expressed concern with a member of the Design Plan Review Board as project manager for a project in the downtown area.

Assistant City Manager of Community Development Larry Stevens answered that this was reviewed with the City Attorney and there are specific rules that the FPPC has for Architects serving on Architectural Review Boards that differ from the Conflict of Interests standards for City Council or Planning Commission.

Councilmember Bertone thanked staff for going out of their way in trying to preserve the tree at Golden Hills Road.

Mayor Morris also thanked staff for their time spent on the tree.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. in memory of Frank Basile – long time Public Works Director for the City of San Dimas. Frank passed away June 12, 2016. The next meeting is July 12th, 2016, 7:00 p.m.



Debra Black, Assistant City Clerk



Curtis W. Morris, Mayor