



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
February 12, 2009**

DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, 630 GARDEN STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marty Blum called the joint meeting of the Council and the Planning Commission to order at 9:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Iya G. Falcone (9:38 a.m.), Dale Francisco, Roger L. Horton, Grant House, Helene Schneider, Das Williams, Mayor Blum.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Planning Commissioners present: Bruce Bartlett, Charmaine Jacobs, John C. Jostes, Sheila Lodge, Addison Thompson, Harwood A. White, Jr., Chair Stella Larson.

Planning Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, City Attorney Stephen P. Wiley, Deputy City Clerk Brenda Alcazar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Monday, February 9, 2009, posted this agenda in the Office of the City Clerk, on the City Hall Public Notice Board on the outside balcony of City Hall, and on the Internet.

WORK SESSIONS

Subject: Planning Division Work Program Activities (650.01)

Recommendation: That Council hold a joint work session with the Planning Commission to receive status reports and discuss major work program activities in the Planning Division, including the Plan Santa Barbara Phase III Work Program, the Alternative Building Height Charter Amendment, and Highway 101 Operational Improvements.

Documents:

- February 12, 2009, report from the Community Development Director.
- February 20, 2009, Draft Plan Santa Barbara Process Timeline.
- February 12, 2009, written comments submitted by Water Commissioner Russell Ruiz.

Speakers:

- Staff: Principal Planner John Ledbetter, Principal Transportation Planner Rob Dayton, City Planner Bettie Weiss, City Attorney Stephen Wiley.
- Architectural Board of Review: Member Christopher Manson-Hing.
- Historic Landmarks Commission: Commissioner Don Sharpe.
- Water Commission: Commissioner Russell Ruiz.
- Members of the Public: Dr. Edo McGowan; Mickey Flacks, Santa Barbara 4 All; April Palencia; Lisa Plowman, Santa Barbara 4 All; Detty Peikert, Santa Barbara 4 All; Lawrence Chamberlain, American Institute of Architecture Students; Stephen Yates, Director of American Planning Association of Santa Barbara County; Suzanne Elledge; Jorge Machin, American Institute of Architects, Santa Barbara Chapter; Debbie Cox Bultan, Coastal Housing Coalition; Scott Hopkins, Santa Barbara 4 All; Brian Cearnal; Douglas Scott.

Discussion:

Staff presented a status report on Plan Santa Barbara Phase III Work Program. Staff also made a presentation on an alternative building height charter amendment. Questions from the Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners were answered by staff. Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners provided feedback on both reports. There was a general consensus that staff should move forward with an alternative building height charter amendment. A draft amendment is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the Ordinance Committee on March 3, 2009. Due to time constraints, staff did not provide a status report on Highway 101 operational improvements.