



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING December 2, 2005 SANTA BARBARA SCHOOL DISTRICTS ADMINISTRATION CENTER BOARD ROOM 720 SANTA BARBARA STREET

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### JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SANTA BARBARA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING (150.05)

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Board of Education President Lynn Rodriguez called the joint meeting of the Board and the City Council to order at 1:35 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Brian B. Barnwell, Iya G. Falcone, Roger L. Horton, Helene Schneider, Dan B. Secord, Mayor Marty Blum.

Councilmembers absent: Das Williams.

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

School Board members present: Nancy Harter, Laura Malakoff, Robert Noel, Vice-President Annette Cordero, President Rodriguez.

Board Staff present: Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Administrator James L. Armstrong.

#### 3. Spanish Translation/Traduccion en Espanol

Naomi Vasquez introduced herself and stated she was available for translation.

#### 4. Public Comments

Speakers: Kate Smith and Eva Inbar.

## **5. Statement of Purpose for Joint Meeting**

### Documents:

- December 2, 2005, joint agenda report from the School Board Superintendent and City Administrator.
- December 1, 2005, memorandum from Councilmember Williams.
- December 2, 2005, letter from Washington School Parent Teacher Organization President Harriet Whaley.
- December 2, 2005, Santa Barbara School Districts Measure R Bond-Funded projects submitted by Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, Mary Stark.
- December 2, 2005, letter from the Fifteenth District Parent Teachers Association.

### Discussion:

Board President Rodriguez and Mayor Blum provided background information and an overview of the purpose of the joint meeting.

## **6. Report on School District Environmental and Sustainability Programs**

See agenda report for information on the following:

- Integrated Pest Management
- Recycling Efforts
- Solar Roofs

### Discussion:

Board President Rodriguez asked the Board and Council if there were any questions or comments on the agenda report; there were none.

## **7. Report on Status of Joint Use Activities and Projects**

See agenda report for information on the following:

- Renewal of Joint Use Agreement
- After School Programs
- Park Rangers/After Hours Campus Security
- Field Scheduling/Monitoring

### Discussion:

Board President Rodriguez asked the Board and Council if there were any questions or comments on the agenda report; there were none.

## **8. Report on Status of City Projects**

See written report for information on the following:

- Ortega Park Sports Field Improvement Project & Santa Barbara Junior High (SBJH) Realigned Drop-off
- Coronel Street/McKinley School Slope Stabilization & Pocket Park

Discussion:

Board President Rodriguez asked the Board and Council if there were any questions on the agenda report; there were none. Board Member Dr. Noel commented that the drop-off site at the Santa Barbara Junior High School is a major improvement and deeply appreciated.

## **9. Report on Administrative Procedures for Joint Review of Proposed Development and Construction Projects**

See written report for information on this item.

Discussion:

Board President Rodriguez asked the Board and Council if there were any questions or comments on the agenda report; there were none.

## **10. Report on Board of Education Consideration of Unification of the Santa Barbara Elementary District and the Santa Barbara High School District**

Presenter: Craig Price, General Counsel, Griffith & Thornburgh, LLP

Speakers:

- School Board Staff: Superintendent Brian Sarvis.
- Griffith & Thornburgh, LLP: General Counsel Craig Price.
- Members of the Public: Michael Zoradi; Roseanne Crawford, Citizens for Neighborhood Schools. (Board Vice-President Cordero stated that Ms. Crawford had also submitted a request to speak under public comment, and public comment was already taken; however, Ms. Crawford may submit her comments in writing.)

Discussion:

Background information and recommendations regarding district organization were presented. The process for unification was reviewed. If unification is pursued the district would gain about \$3 million annually in state revenue and the Board may consider being separated from the City Charter and becoming a general law school district. The purpose of advisory committees was discussed and the Council suggested that advisory committees be created and utilized to facilitate the processes.

## 11. Report on Use and Development of School District Properties and Facilities

- **Bond Construction Projects**

Presenter: Mary Stark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Speakers:

School Board Staff: Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Mary Stark.

Discussion:

Staff presented an update on voter approved General Obligation Bond projects and utilization of the funds.

- **Feasibility Study of Hidden Valley and Tatum Properties Being Conducted by UniDev, LLC**

Presenter: Brian Sarvis, Superintendent

Speakers:

- School Board Staff: Superintendent Brian Sarvis.
- City Staff: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, Community Development Director Paul Casey.

Discussion:

Staff presented a report regarding an approved feasibility study for the use of district properties in Hidden Valley and the Tatum site to address the needs of the school districts. The Council's questions regarding enrollment were answered. Community Development Director Paul Casey stated that if the Board decides to go with housing on the Hidden Valley site, then the project would go through the City's discretionary review process.

- **Downtown School and Possible Relocation of District Maintenance and Operations**

Presenter: Brian Sarvis, Superintendent

Speakers:

School Board Staff: Superintendent Brian Sarvis.

Discussion:

Staff provided an update on the building out of Santa Barbara Community Academy and the relocation of the District Office and Maintenance and Operations. At this time there are no funds to move forward; decisions on what to do with Hidden Valley will allow the Board to make decisions on the relocation of Maintenance and Operations.

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## 11. (Cont'd)

- **District Facilities Master Plan Update**

Presenter: Pat Saley, School District Land Use Consultant.

Speakers:

School Board Staff: Superintendent Brian Sarvis; School District Land Use Consultant Pat Saley.

Recess: 2:48 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Councilmember Secord left the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Discussion:

Staff presented an overview of the Facilities Master Plan Update and reviewed the process, which began with community meetings in May of 2005. Completion of the draft Facilities Master Plan Update is expected in early 2006. Questions from the Board and Council were answered. Safe routes to school, parks and other facilities for children, private schools and home schooling were also discussed. Pat Saley said she could meet with each Councilmember separately to obtain their input.

## 12. **Additional Matters for Placement on a Future Agenda**

This is an opportunity for Board and Council Members, and the Superintendent and City Administrator, to consider other matters of mutual interest for placement on an agenda for a future meeting.

Discussion:

Councilmember Falcone spoke about the Armory project and requested that a tentative agenda item be added so that she may provide an update on the project. Councilmember Schneider expressed concern regarding better coordination between the City and the District in regards to integrated pest management. She also suggested that a member from the Coalition for Sustainable Transportation attend a future meeting to discuss safe routes to schools. Councilmember Horton spoke about the Santa Barbara County First 5 Commission Advisory Board and requested that a method for forwarding information from First 5 to the School Districts and then to parents and students be developed. Board Member Harter requested a report on the UniDev Feasibility Study. By consensus, joint meetings of the Board and City Council will be held twice a year instead of once a year; the next meeting will be scheduled in June 2006. The Board will work with the City to develop the agenda for the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Rodriguez and Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

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