



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING September 12, 2005 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marty Blum called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: None.

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

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order, and the meeting continued in joint session.

Planning Commissioners present: Charmaine Curtis Jacobs, William T. Mahan, George C. Myers, Vice-Chair John C. Jostes.

Planning Commissioners absent: Stella Larson, Harwood A. White, Jr., Chair Jonathan Maguire.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, September 8, 2005, 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

1. Subject: Work Session On Utility Undergrounding (530.07)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Hold a work session with the Planning Commission on Utility Undergrounding; and
- B. Provide direction to staff for continuing the Utility Undergrounding program in the City of Santa Barbara.

Documents:

- September 12, 2005, Public Works Director's report.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Pat Kelly, Principal Engineer Homer Smith, City Attorney Stephen Wiley, City Administrator James Armstrong, Senior Planner Jan Hubbell, Principal Engineer John Ewasiuk.
- Southern California Edison: Region Manager of Public Affairs Jane Brown, Superintendent Mike Binkerd.

Discussion:

Staff's presentation covered a history of the undergrounding of utilities in the City as well as current issues affecting this process; included were a detailed discussion of the California Public Utility Commission's Rule 20, which sets policies and procedures for the undergrounding of overhead utility lines, and methods of funding projects. Several examples of completed and potential projects were provided. By consensus, the Council concurred with Staff's recommendations for moving forward with new projects to convert these facilities.

Councilmember Horton left the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

CYNTHIA M. RODRIGUEZ, CMC
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

MARTY BLUM
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK