



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING July 20, 2005 CABRILLO PAVILION ARTS CENTER 1118 E. CABRILLO BOULEVARD

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marty Blum called the meeting to order at 3:09 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Friday, July 15, 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.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. **Subject: Options For Enhanced Transit Services And Funding (670.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Hold a discussion on options for enhancing transit services and funding in the Metropolitan Transit District Service Area; and

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- B. Create an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of two each from the Planning Commission, Downtown Parking Committee, and Transportation Circulation Committee to explore options for enhanced transit.

The meetings of the Planning Commission, Transportation and Circulation Committee, Downtown Parking Committee, and the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Board of Directors were called to order, and the meeting continued in joint session.

Planning Commissioners present: Charmaine Curtis Jacobs, Stella Larson, George Myers, Harwood White, Jr., Chair Jonathan Maguire.

Planning Commissioners absent: John Jostes, William Mahan.

Transportation and Circulation Committee Members present: Mark Bradley, Michael Cooper, Isabelle Greene, Barry Siegel, David Tabor, Chair Keith Coffman-Grey.

Transportation and Circulation Committee Members absent: William Boyd.

Downtown Parking Committee Members present: Larry Buchanan, Bill Medel, Randy Rowse, Joan Truscott, Chair Marshall Rose.

Downtown Parking Committee Members absent: Dale Lauderdale, Kate Schwab.

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Board Directors present: John Britton, David Davis, Olivia Rodriguez, Brian Fahnstock.

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Board Directors absent: Logan Green.

Documents:

- July 20, 2005, Public Works Director's report.
- PowerPoint presentation made by City staff and by staff of the Metropolitan Transit District.
- July 20, 2005, letters from Cars Are Basic; the Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST).

Speakers:

- City Staff: City Administrator James Armstrong, Public Works Director Anthony Nisich, Transportation Manager Browning Allen, City Attorney Stephen Wiley.
- Metropolitan Transit District Staff: General Manager Sherrie Fisher, Assistant General Manager/Controller Jerry Estrada.

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Discussion:

City Staff and Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) Staff provided background information regarding the history of MTD, the funding of its transit services, and its partnership with the City. They also described the District's currently programmed capital projects to enhance transit services, as well as the City's alternative transportation projects. Possible funding sources for potential projects were discussed. Questions from Councilmembers, Commissioners, Committee Members and MTD Directors were answered.

RECESS: 4:40 p.m. – 4:53 p.m.

Speakers (Cont'd):

- Members of the Public: Timothy Harding, Green Party Transportation Committee; Harley Augustino and Shawn Tallant, PUEBLO; Mickey Flacks, Economic Community Project; Adam Green; Eric Kelley; Gary Longaberger, Harbor Merchants Association; Dennis Story, Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST); Steven Musick; Tom Roberts.

Discussion (Cont'd):

Meeting participants stated their views regarding questions of what additional MTD services should be funded and how.

Action:

By a consensus of the meeting participants, the committee referred to in recommendation B was formed. The committee membership will be as follows:

- Planning Commission: Maguire and Myers
- Downtown Parking Committee: Medel and Rose, with Rowse serving as an alternate
- Transportation and Circulation Committee: Coffman-Grey and Cooper, with Bradley serving as an alternate

Councilmembers Barnwell, Falcone and Williams, and MTD Board Directors Davis and Fahnestock will serve as liaisons to the committee.

The meetings of the Planning Commission, Transportation and Circulation Committee, Downtown Parking Committee, and Metropolitan Transit District Board of Directors were adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

CYNTHIA M. RODRIGUEZ, CMC
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

ATTEST:

MARTY BLUM
MAYOR

SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK