



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
June 9, 2006

DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, 630 GARDEN STREET

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

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Marty Blum called the joint meeting of the Council and the Santa Barbara Board of Education to order at 1:36 p.m.

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

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, Assistant City Attorney Sarah Knecht, Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech.

Board Members present: Annette Cordero, Dr. Laura Malakoff, Nancy Harter, Lynn Rodriguez, Dr. Robert Noel.

Board Members absent: None.

Board Staff present: Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Blum.

3. Spanish Translation/Traduccion en Espanol

Rene Garcia stated he was available for translation.

4. Public Comments

Speakers: Kate Parker.

5. Statement of Purpose for Joint Meeting

Documents:

June 9, 2006, joint report from the City Administrator and School Districts Superintendent, including detailed information for Agenda Item Nos. 6 – 9, 11 and 12.

Mayor Blum and Board President Cordero briefly stated the purpose of today's meeting.

6. Report on School District Environmental and Sustainability Programs

Documents:

June 9, 2006, joint report from the City Administrator and School Districts Superintendent, including information on the following:

- Integrated Pest Management
- Recycling Efforts
- Solar Roofs
- Board Proclamation for Environmental Efforts and Sustainability

Discussion:

School Districts Superintendent Sarvis responded to a question from Councilmember Schneider regarding the Districts' Integrated Pest Management policies.

Mayor Blum inquired of the Council and Board for any questions related to the following three items (Nos. 7, 8 and 9); there were none.

7. Joint Use Committee Annual Report for 2005/2006

Documents:

June 9, 2006, joint report from the City Administrator and School Districts Superintendent.

8. Report on Status of City Projects

Documents:

June 9, 2006, joint report from the City Administrator and School Districts Superintendent, including information on the following:

- Ortega Park Sports Field Improvement Project & Santa Barbara Junior High (SBJH) Realigned Drop-off
- Coronel Street/McKinley School Slope Stabilization and Pedestrian Linkage
- Franklin Center, Eastside Library & Montecito Street Pedestrian Lighting Projects
- City Council Initiation of Sustainable City Program

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

Documents:

June 9, 2006, joint report from the City Administrator and School Districts Superintendent.

10. Report on Board of Education Decision Not to Pursue Unification of the Santa Barbara Elementary District and the Santa Barbara High School District

Speakers:

Santa Barbara School Districts: Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis, General Counsel Craig Price.

Discussion:

The presentation made by School Districts Staff noted that while there are a number of efficiencies to be achieved through unification, the Board of Education's decision not to pursue unification was based ultimately on an anticipated decrease in long-term revenues.

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

- District Facilities Master Plan Update, Including Downtown School

Documents:

June 9, 2006, joint report from the City Administrator and School Districts Superintendent.

Speakers:

Santa Barbara School Districts: Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.

- Bond Construction Projects

Speakers:

Santa Barbara School Districts: Mary Stark, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services; David Hetyonk, Director of Facilities and Operations.

Discussion:

School Districts Staff showed photographs of and presented information about the many school capital improvement projects that have been completed or are underway.

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11. (Cont'd)

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

Speakers:

- Santa Barbara School Districts: Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.
- City of Santa Barbara: City Planner Bettie Hennon.
- Members of the Public: Maeda Palius, Hidden Valley Residents' Association; Judy Orias; Nicholas Arnold.

Discussion:

Mr. Sarvis stated that in an effort to address the School Districts' serious financial needs, a feasibility study is being conducted to propose options for the sale, lease or development of properties owned by the Districts. He also summarized the suggested process for consideration of the options, by both the School Districts and the City. Public comments were taken.

- Request from the School District for the City to Vacate Street Easements on Santa Barbara High School Campus

Documents:

June 9, 2006, joint report from the City Administrator and School Districts Superintendent.

Speakers:

Santa Barbara School Districts: David Hetyonk, Director of Facilities and Operations.

12. Report on the Safe Routes to Schools Program

Documents:

- June 9, 2006, joint report from the City Administrator and School Districts Superintendent.
- Excerpt from City of Santa Barbara Pedestrian Master Plan regarding Safe Routes to School.
- Undated letter from Eva Inbar, Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST).

Speakers:

- City of Santa Barbara: Transportation Manager Browning Allen, Associate Transportation Planner Drusilla van Hengel.
- Member of the Public: Michael Self.

Councilmember Barnwell left the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

13. 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:

The following issues were requested for placement on a future agenda:

- Sustainability
- Increased cost of liability insurance for after-school programs
- Special-Needs children
- Mentoring of high school freshmen and freshwomen
- Alternatives to the development of the Districts' Hidden Valley property

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

CYNTHIA M. RODRIGUEZ, CMC
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

MARTY BLUM
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK