



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING
September 12, 2008
DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM
630 GARDEN STREET**

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Marty Blum called the joint meeting of the Council and the Santa Barbara Board of Education to order at 1:37 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Iya G. Falcone, Grant House, Helene Schneider, Mayor Blum.

Councilmembers absent: Dale Francisco, Roger L. Horton, Das Williams.

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

Board Members present: Annette Cordero, Nancy Harter, Dr. Robert Noel, Vice-President Kate Parker, President Laura Malakoff.

Staff present: Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Blum.

3. Spanish Translation/Traduccion en Espanol and Headsets for Hearing Impaired

City Administrative Services Director Marcelo López stated he was available for Spanish translation.

4. Public Comments

Speakers: Karolyn Renard, Kate Smith.

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

Mayor Blum stated that the Council and the Santa Barbara Board of Education have been meeting jointly since the year 2000 to improve communication and the relationship between the two agencies. She also mentioned that these meetings are held semi-annually and allow the two agencies to collaborate on various programs. President Malakoff commented that a lot has been accomplished during the joint meetings and that more topics/issues to discuss are brought up at each meeting.

Councilmember Francisco entered the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Agenda Items 6 - 11

Documents:

September 12, 2008, joint report from the City Administrator and School Districts Superintendent.

Mayor Blum stated that Agenda Item Nos. 6 - 11 have written reports and asked if anyone had any questions regarding these items. No questions were asked.

6. **Update on Joint City/School District Programs and Agreements**

Documents:

September 12, 2008, written report prepared by Sarah Hanna, City Recreation Programs Manager, and David Hetyonk, School Districts' Director of Facilities and Operations, on behalf of the Joint Use Committee.

7. **Report on District and City Collaboration on Environmental and Sustainability Programs**

Documents:

September 12, 2008, written report prepared by City Environmental Services and School District staff on the following:

- * Recycling and Waste Reduction
- * Water Conservation

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

Documents:

September 12, 2008, written reports prepared by City Public Works and Planning Division Staff for information on the following:

- * Safe Routes to School Project
- * City Construction Projects near School Campuses
- * Proposed Major New Private Development Projects Near School Campuses or Properties
- * PlanSB

9. Report on Status of School Districts' Projects

Documents:

September 12, 2008, written reports prepared by School Districts' staff for information on the following:

- * Career Technical Education Pathways
- * Facilities Master Plan Update
- * Construction Projects (Bond Funds/Developer Fees/Deferred Maintenance)

10. Report on the Status of Efforts to Acquire the National Guard Armory and the Fremont Hall Army Reserve Center

Documents:

September 12, 2008, written reports prepared by Robert Patterson, Parks and Recreation Community (PARC) Foundation Board Member and Co-Chair of The Armory Project Steering Committee, and Don Olson, City Special Projects Manager.

11. Report on the Status of the School Boards' Direction with Respect to the Hidden Valley Property

Documents:

September 12, 2008, written report prepared by the School Districts' staff.

12. Presentation and Recommendations to Resolve Overlapping City and School District Land Title Interests at Various School Campuses

Documents:

September 12, 2008, report entitled "Santa Barbara School Districts Excess City Land Project," prepared by City Staff.

Councilmember Williams entered the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Speakers:

- City Staff: City Administrator's Office Special Projects Manager Don Olson, Senior Real Property Agent Don Irelan.
- Santa Barbara School Districts: Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.

Discussion:

Staff made a presentation on the results of research conducted to identify excess City-owned properties, including residual City interests that could affect various Santa Barbara School District properties within the City limits, recommendations and next steps. Staff responded to questions from the Council and Board members.

By consensus, the Council and Board members directed their respective staff to move forward with the recommendations outlined in the report.

13. Presentation on School District and City Ballot Measures Scheduled for the November 4, 2008, Ballot

Documents:

September 12, 2008, PowerPoint presentations prepared and made by Santa Barbara School Districts Staff.

Speakers:

- Santa Barbara School Districts: Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.
- City of Santa Barbara: Finance Director Robert Peirson.
- Members of the Public: Lynn Rodriguez, Yes on Measures H & I Committee; Susan Deacon; Grecia Lima, PUEBLO; Kate Smith.

Discussion:

Santa Barbara School Districts Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis made a presentation on the measures placed on the November 4, 2008, ballot by the School Districts. Measures H2008 and I2008 pertain to a proposed parcel tax to support student achievement in the High School District and Elementary School District, respectively. If approved by the voters, effective July of 2009, Measure H2008 will impose a parcel tax of \$23 per year for 4 years, and Measure I2008 will impose a parcel tax of \$27 per year for 4 years. Finance Director Robert Peirson made a presentation on a measure placed on the November 4, 2008, ballot by the City of Santa Barbara. Measure G pertains to an update to the City's existing Utility User's Tax (UUT) on telecommunications and video services. If approved by voters, Measure G will reduce the tax rate from 6% to 5.75% for all City residents who use "land line" telephone service, cell phones, cable TV, and similar video services. Staff answered questions from the Council and Board members.

Mayor Blum left the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore House presided for the remainder of the meeting.

14. Presentation on City's and School Districts' Collaboration in Response to Youth Violence

Documents:

- September 12, 2008, PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by City Staff.
- September 8, 2008, South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs Draft Organizational Structures, submitted by City Staff.
- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act Amendments of 1977, submitted by Joan Esposito.

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14. (Cont'd)**Speakers:**

- City of Santa Barbara: City Administrator James Armstrong, Administrative Services Director Marcelo López.
- Santa Barbara School Districts: Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.
- Members of the Public: Joan T. Esposito; Jacqueline Inda, Esperanza; Mayra Romero, Esperanza; Lourdes Uribe; Zoila Aguilar, PUEBLO; Grecia Lima, PUEBLO; Karolyn Renard; Kate Smith; Jordan Richardson, Esperanza.

Discussion:

City Administrator James Armstrong presented background information regarding collaborative efforts by the City of Santa Barbara, the Santa Barbara School Districts and various stakeholders. He also spoke about the formation of the Strategy Planning Committee on Youth Violence, work sessions held by the Committee, and its recommendations.

Administrative Services Director Marcelo López made a presentation on the goals of the Short-Term Summer Program Committee and the program's results. He also spoke about the goals and recommendations of the Long-Term Strategy Steering Committee. He also presented information related to next steps. Santa Barbara School Board Superintendent Dr. J. Brian Sarvis spoke about the proposed Gang Program Outreach Specialists and mentioned that this will be discussed at the next School Board meeting. Staff responded to questions from the Council and Board members.

15. Additional Matters for Placement on a Future Agenda

Mayor Pro Tempore House asked if anyone had any items to be added to a future agenda.

Speakers:

Member of the Public: Karolyn Renard requested that the presence of toxins at El Puente School be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tempore House adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

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