



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 20, 2012 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 Helene Schneider called the joint meeting of the City Council and the Board of Education to order at 2:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Dale Francisco, Frank Hotchkiss, Grant House, Cathy Murillo, Randy Rowse, Bendy White, Mayor Schneider.

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, Edward Heron, Monique Limon, Kate Parker, President Susan Deacon.

Board Members absent: None.

Staff present: Superintendent David E. Cash.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Schneider.

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

Carlos Cerecedo stated he was available for Spanish translation.

9. Performance - Students

Speakers:

Santa Barbara Unified School District: Superintendent David Cash, who introduced a musical performance by students as a demonstration of the purpose of parcel tax measures previously approved by local voters.

Performance:

Seven elementary school students playing various instruments were joined by two of their teachers in the performance of two songs; a third song was played by one of the students on his violin as a solo.

4. Public Comments

No one wished to speak.

5. Statement of Purpose for Joint Meeting

Mayor Schneider mentioned that the regular joint meeting of the City Council and Board of Education presents an opportunity for the two agencies to explore connections and discuss challenges being faced by both. Board President Deacon added that the meeting allows the sharing of mutual concerns and collaboration on common goals related to the community's youth.

Agenda Item Nos. 6, 7 and 8

Mayor Schneider stated that Agenda Item Nos. 6 - 8 are based on written reports and asked if anyone had questions regarding these items. No questions were raised.

6. Report on Joint City/School District Programs

Documents:

April 20, 2012, written report prepared by Sarah Hanna, City Recreation Programs Manager, regarding the following subjects:

- City/School District Joint Use Committee
- Field Scheduling and Monitoring
- Field Maintenance
- Afterschool Programs
- Summer Drop-In Recreation
- Ranger Program

7. Update on the South Coast Gang Task Force Activity

Documents:

April 20, 2012, written report prepared by Saul Serrano, Acting Coordinator of Task Force on Yough Gangs, and Fran Foreman, Executive Director, Community Action Commission of Santa Barbara County, Inc.

8. Update on the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Ordinance

Documents:

April 20, 2012, written report prepared by Danny Kato, City Senior Planner.

9. Overview of the Parcel Tax Measures W2012 and X2012 on the June 2012 Ballot

Speakers:

- Santa Barbara Unified School District: Superintendent David Cash.
- Members of the Public: Lynn Rodriguez, Margie Yahyavi.

Discussion:

Superintendent Cash explained that Parcel Tax Measure W2012 would extend the provisions of Measure H2008, approved by the voters to provide music, theater, arts, math, science, technology, and foreign language classes, as well as instructional materials for secondary schools in the area. Measure W would also add trade-related classes. Measure X2012 is an extension of Measure I2008, which funded similar services and materials for elementary schools.

10. Presentation on City and School District Budget Planning for the Upcoming Fiscal Year

Documents:

PowerPoint presentations prepared and made by Staff of the City and the School District.

Speakers:

- City of Santa Barbara: Finance Director Robert Samario.
- Santa Barbara Unified School District: Assistant Superintendent Meg Jetté.

(Cont'd)

10. (Cont'd)

Discussion:

City Finance Director Samario presented an overview of the City's General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13, including position totals, the outlook for major revenues as a result of the improving economy, pension costs and infrastructure financing. School District Assistant Superintendent Jetté explained how California schools are funded and the impact of the economic downturn and of actions by the State government on school revenues. Questions from Councilmembers and Board members were answered.

11. Presentation on the Status of the Dissolution of the City's Redevelopment Agency

Documents:

PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

Speakers:

- City of Santa Barbara: Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director Paul Casey.
- Santa Barbara Unified School District: Assistant Superintendent Meg Jetté, Superintendent David Cash.

Discussion:

Assistant City Administrator Casey described the purpose of redevelopment and how it is financed, the many projects the Agency has accomplished over time, and the process for dissolution of the Agency (including legislation pending to clarify remaining issues). School District Assistant Superintendent Jetté explained the likely reduction in state funding to the School District as a result of the Redevelopment Agency dissolution. Questions from Councilmembers and Board members were answered.

12. Additional Matters for Placement on a Future Agenda

Discussion:

Councilmember Murillo requested agenda items to discuss restorative policing at schools, pedestrian safety around school properties, and additional City/School District collaboration regarding library services. Councilmember White asked for an item presenting options for increasing the safety and utility of playfields. School Board member Heron requested an update on the proposed acquisition of the Armory property.

(Cont'd)

12. (Cont'd)

Discussion (Cont'd):

School Board President Deacon echoed Councilmember Murillo's request related to pedestrian safety around school properties and commented on a pilot program to establish restorative justice discipline at Santa Barbara Junior High School. Councilmember House suggested that the Council and School Board discuss at some point proactive ways to solve the financial problems being experienced by both agencies.

City Administrator Armstrong mentioned a letter recently received from the Parks and Recreation Community Foundation regarding the Armory property and stated he would forward it to Superintendent Cash for distribution to the Board of Education. He also advised that the April 24, 2012, City Council agenda includes an item to award a contract for the construction of safe routes to school at the intersection of Modoc Road and Portesuello Avenue.

The Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK