



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING April 23, 2010 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 Council and the Board of Education to order at 1:34 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Dale Francisco, Frank Hotchkiss, Michael Self, Bendy White, Das Williams, Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: Grant House.

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

Board Members present: Annette Cordero, Dr. Robert Noel, Kate Parker, President H. Edward Heron.

Board Members absent: Susan Deacon.

Staff present: Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Schneider.

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

Assistant City Administrator Marcelo López stated he was available for Spanish translation.

Councilmember House entered the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

4. Public Comments

Speakers: Kenneth Loch, Cheri Rae, Karolyn Renard, Janet Rowse, Kate Smith.

5. Statement of Purpose for Joint Meeting

Mayor Schneider and Board President Heron stated that this semiannual meeting presents an opportunity for the two agencies to engage in a public forum and to discuss mutual interests.

Agenda Items 6 - 10

Mayor Schneider stated that Agenda Item Nos. 6 - 10 have written reports and asked if anyone had questions regarding these items. Questions were asked regarding Item Nos. 7 and 9.

6. Report on Joint City/School District Programs

Documents:

April 23, 2010, 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 Renewal of the Agreement for Joint Use, Programming, Maintenance, and Development

Documents:

April 23, 2010, report prepared by Sarah Hanna, City Recreation Programs Manager, and David Hetyonk, School Districts' Director of Facilities and Operations.

Speakers:

City of Santa Barbara Staff: Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna.

8. Report on Completion of Measure V 2000 Bond Projects

Documents:

Report entitled "Road to Renovation," prepared by Santa Barbara School Districts Office of Administrative Services and Communications.

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

Documents:

April 23, 2010, report prepared by Assistant City Administrator Paul Casey.

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Speakers:

City of Santa Barbara Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Rapp.

10. Report on School Districts and City Collaboration on Foodscrap and Recycling Programs

Documents:

April 23, 2010, report prepared by Stephen MacIntosh, City Environmental Services Supervisor, and Brian Tanguay, School Districts Purchasing Coordinator.

11. Presentation on City and School Districts Budget Planning for the Upcoming Fiscal Year

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by City Staff.
- Petitions regarding the funding of school crossing guards.

Speakers:

- City of Santa Barbara Staff: Interim Finance Director Robert Samario.
- Santa Barbara School Districts Staff: Deputy Superintendent Eric Smith.
- Members of the Public: Brent Millhollen, Cricket Wood, Damien Barnett, Virginia Clarke, Eva Inbar, Michael Vail, Beatriz Flores, Lisa Fell, Karolyn Renard, Kate Smith, Tisha Levy.

Discussion:

City and School Districts Staff discussed in some detail the structure of each agency's budget and the challenges faced by both agencies in making adjustments to allow for significant revenue shortfalls. Public comment focused on the proposed elimination of funding for school crossing guards. Council and Board members made comments, and their questions were answered.

12. Presentation on the Fiscal Implications of Becoming a Basic Aid School District

Speakers:

- Santa Barbara School Districts Staff: Deputy Superintendent Eric Smith.
- Public Economics, Inc.: Dante Gumicio.
- Members of the Public: Kate Smith.

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Discussion:

Deputy Superintendent Smith defined the concepts of "revenue limit" and "basic aid" and explained how school districts are funded according to their status as one or the other type. He also described State action to appropriate a portion of basic aid funding. Mr. Gumicio discussed how redevelopment affects the basic aid status of school districts.

13. Update on the South Coast Gang Task Force Activity

Speakers:

- City of Santa Barbara Staff: Assistant City Administrator Marcelo López.
- Santa Barbara School Districts Staff: Superintendent J. Brian Sarvis.
- Members of the Public: Kate Smith, Karolyn Renard.

Discussion:

Assistant City Administrator López summarized the accomplishments of the Task Force convened in 2008, including a summer program, the caseworker model which produces plans specific to individual clients, the securing of a Cal-GRIP grant, and the establishment of many partnerships. He concluded by listing the major elements of the long-term plan to address the issue of gang violence.

Board of Education Member Cordero left the meeting at 3:59 p.m., and Councilmember Self left the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

14. Update on the Medical Marijuana Dispensary Ordinance

Documents:

September 8, 2009, letter from the Santa Barbara School Districts.

Speakers:

- City of Santa Barbara Staff: Assistant City Administrator Paul Casey.
- Members of the Public: Shereen Khatapoush, Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; Mari Mender; Nancy Harter.

Councilmember White left the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Discussion:

Assistant City Administrator Casey answered questions from Board of Education Members regarding the draft ordinance being considered by the City Council's Ordinance Committee to revise the regulations for medical marijuana dispensaries.

15. Additional Matters for Placement on a Future Agenda

Speakers:

Members of the Public: Karolyn Renard.

Discussion:

Board of Education Member Parker requested information regarding the school resource officer position at Santa Barbara High School, and she also suggested that the School Board and City Council collaborate on graffiti education. Councilmember Williams asked that a presentation be made regarding the School Districts' Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team Report.

The Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the City Council meeting at 4:17 p.m.

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK