

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
July 19, 2000 - 7:30 A.M.
City Council Conference Room
100 N. Garfield Avenue

SPECIAL MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Bogaard called the special meeting with Supervisor Michael Antonovich to order at 7:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Bill Crowfoot
Councilmember Steve Haderlein
Councilmember Chris Holden (Absent)
Councilmember Paul Little (Absent)
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Joyce Streater
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr. (Absent)

Staff:

City Manager Cynthia J. Kurtz
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Jane Rodriguez

OPENING

Mayor Bogaard welcomed Supervisor Michael Antonovich and his staff and thanked the Supervisor for this opportunity to meet formally with him.

TRANSPORTATION/METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY (MTA) RESTRUCTURING TRANSPORTATION

Supervisor Antonovich briefly discussed the current configuration of the MTA and stressed the need to increase the size of the MTA with an additional member from the independent cities, or decrease Los Angeles' representation from four members to three members. He briefly discussed proposed state legislation which had died on this issue. Supervisor Antonovich also stressed the need for Los Angeles, the core city, to have higher density and higher growth. He discussed the need for a true regional rail component, and noted everyone does not live and work in central Los Angeles.

The Supervisor also discussed another proposal, which he stated the Board of Supervisors was advocating for, to use the 134 Freeway to hook east to the Blue Line Marengo Station. He noted this would give additional light rail opportunities to the San Fernando Valley, and the line could go west from the Burbank Media Center on the 134 Freeway to the 101 Freeway. He clarified this proposal was for an at-grade or above-grade light rail line. Supervisor Antonovich noted the MTA had turned down this proposal. He stated the Board of Supervisors would like to go back and re-group its thinking on this proposal, and expressed his hope that, in time, the proposal would be supported by the MTA, much like the Blue Line is now supported.

Mayor Bogaard suggested that more information be gathered on this proposal, as well as information on the current thinking of our State representatives, and have this information go through the Council's Legislative Policy Committee to consider which direction seems consistent with the City's best interest. Vice Mayor Crowfoot suggested that some of the information which will be gathered be included in the City Manager's weekly letter to Council. The City Manager responded that background information will be put together, and noted the Legislative Policy Committee will meet next month.

Supervisor Antonovich suggested the City may want to obtain a copy of the City of Artesia's resolution on this issue, and also suggested the Harrison Group might be able to put information together and give the City Council a briefing or workshop.

CHARTER REFORM TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE FINAL REPORT

The City Clerk briefed the Supervisor on the status of the Task Force's work, and noted the Task Force had presented its final report to Council on June 26. The City Clerk reviewed three Task Force recommendations for proposed Charter amendments, noted there are 48 policy recommendations from the Task Force, and reviewed the transition and implementation component of the Task Force's final report.

Councilmember Haderlein, a member of the Charter Reform Task Force, stressed the importance of the implementation component and the need for follow-up to ensure that the Task Force report does not sit on a shelf. He noted this was a concern of the Task Force and it was reflective of community concerns.

It was noted the City Council and Board of Education have scheduled a joint meeting on August 1 to further discuss the Task Force's final report and what the Board sees as its next steps.

Mayor Bogaard thanked Supervisor Antonovich for his involvement in this effort and monetary contribution to the Task Force's work.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT ALTADENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The City Manager introduced this item and expressed appreciation to Supervisor Antonovich for giving guidance to the City last year in obtaining Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for after school programs. The City Manager expressed concern that this year the City was declined when it requested CDBG funding.

Supervisor Antonovich and his staff expressed hope that there will be more funding, and noted the County also took a big hit in decreased funding.

In response to a question, Patsy Lane, Director of Human Services and Neighborhoods, offered to provide the Supervisor's staff with the number of children whose parents received AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children).

Ms. Patsy Lane, Director of Human Services and Neighborhoods, and Katherine Barger, Deputy, discussed after school money which funds the Boys and Girls Club, the need to coordinate with the School District on how that money is allocated, and possible shifting of funding for an after school program at Altadena Elementary School. Ms. Lane and Ms. Barger agreed to follow-up with each other to further discuss this issue.

Mayor Bogaard briefly discussed the benefits of after school programs, and the importance of supporting this effort.

Councilmember Streater questioned if the shifting of funds doesn't work, is there a possibility of utilizing County recreation funds for this after school program? The Supervisor stated he would check into this and respond back.

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICE WORKER WAGE

The City Manager introduced this item and noted this issue was brought to the attention of the City Council through a citizen speaking at public comment, and the matter was referred to the Legislative Policy Committee.

Ms. Patsy Lane, Director of Human Services and Neighborhoods, stated our primary concern is the issue of whole wages and making sure wages are not eroded. She noted there are a significant number of people in the community who rely on in-home service workers in order to live independently.

Supervisor Antonovich and Katherine Barger, Deputy, provided a brief history on the wage issue, noted a public authority has been formed that negotiates wage rates with union representatives, and discussed differing opinions of the State and County as to which jurisdiction is responsible for wage increases. Supervisor Antonovich noted the Board of Supervisors gave workers a 15% wage increase in February, with the agreement that the State would be responsible for providing additional increases as necessary. He noted that because this is a State program, it should be funded by the State.

Supervisor Antonovich noted the recent demonstrations protesting the wages violates the agreement with the County, and stated the County has been very frank with worker representatives on this issue.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the impacts on residents who rely on these workers to live independently, and concern that the State is trying to push financial responsibility for the State program onto the County. In response to a question as to how cities can assist in resolving the impasse on this issue, Supervisor Antonovich suggested cities talk with their State legislative representatives and encourage them to resolve the issue and take responsibility for this State program. The Mayor noted Pasadena would communicate with its State representatives.

The Supervisor and his staff commended the Pasadena Police Department on its handling of demonstrators and crowd control, and a good job in coordinating with the County Sheriff's Department.

PROPOSED HOME DEPOT IN NORTHWEST PASADENA/ALTADENA

City Manager Cynthia Kurtz introduced this item, noted that several projects have been discussed with several different developers that share land between the City and County along the Altadena border. She stated, at this point, it is too early to tell whether any one project will move forward. It was noted that most project discussions have been between the County and developers, and the City and developers, and the need to have coordination among the County, the City, and developers was stressed.

Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Development and Housing, displayed maps of the site and responded to questions regarding the proposed Home Depot project.

The City Manager encouraged Supervisor Antonovich to contact the City if any concerns arise as the project moves forward, and noted the City will do likewise. Ms. Ollie Blanning, Senior Deputy, suggested a joint meeting be scheduled with the County, the City,

and developer representatives. Mr. Bruckner offered to coordinate such a meeting.

Councilmember Haderlein requested to be kept informed as this project moves forward, as the likelihood of this project affects whether a Home Depot in east Pasadena should be pursued.

On the topic of a Home Dept in east Pasadena, Vice Mayor Crowfoot relayed community concerns regarding the need to have landscaped media islands on Rosemead Boulevard (a State highway), noted Rosemead is a principal boulevard into Pasadena, and the ugliness of the boulevard brings down the area.

Supervisor Antonovich responded that meetings have been held with State legislative representatives and Caltrans officials, and he noted the need of the State to maintain its highway.

Brief discussion ensued regarding costs to install and maintain median islands, whether Home Depot wants to have both projects, and if so, the Vice Mayor suggested that Home Depot be encouraged to put in median islands on Rosemead Boulevard.

Ms. Ollie Blanning noted that median island cost estimates for this area are over \$1.5 million, and maintenance costs can be significant.

There was no further discussion.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDING FOR HEALTH PROGRAMS

The City Manager introduced this item, noted it is the City's understanding that the County will be receiving approximately \$3.5 billion dollars of tobacco settlement funds over the next 25 years, and encouraged the Board of Supervisors to keep Pasadena's Health Department in mind as the Board considers how it will allocate these funds.

Supervisor Antonovich responded that the Department of Health will receive \$300 million of those funds over a 5-year period for health labor. He noted the County will have a difficult time committing to future appropriations as final dollar amounts will not be known until all the State's litigation goes through the legal process. He noted a task force is in place to make recommendations to the Board regarding the allocation of those funds.

Ms. Katherine Barger, Deputy, noted the latest figures are \$121 million per year will be received, and of that amount, \$60 million is committed to the 1115 waiver per year contribution. She noted Community Health Alliance of Pasadena (CHAP) is a partner in the 1115 waiver and has a contract with the County to receive some of

that funding. She further noted that CHAP representatives are discussing a dental component, and conceivably some of the settlement money could be put into that program. Ms. Barger noted that of the \$60 million for direct services, CHAP will receive a portion of that. Of the remaining funds, the task force will make recommendations on allocating funds for health services, and as the task force moves forward, Ms. Barger noted Pasadena will be considered for funding, especially for its tobacco-related programs.

The City Manager stated Pasadena officials will continue to work with the task force. She encouraged Supervisor Antonovich to keep Pasadena in mind when the task force recommendations come before the Board of Supervisors, in the event Pasadena is not successful with task force funding recommendations.

JOINT USE OF INDOOR FIRING RANGE

Councilmember Haderlein introduced this item and relayed his constituents' concerns regarding the firing range as follows:

- (1) Noise and very loud echoes disturbs the peaceful setting in the area.
- (2) Stray bullets which can ricochet into neighborhoods.
- (3) Fear that bullet casings can start a fire, and referred to the recent July 7 fire.

Discussion ensued regarding the desire to have an indoor range, estimated cost of \$5 million which also includes a training facility, joint use of new facility with other governmental/law enforcement agencies and possibly private security companies, and the need to secure federal funding. The City Manager noted the timeline for an indoor range is driven by the ability to obtain federal funding and have a financing plan in place.

Ms. Jennifer Plaisted, Deputy, asked City staff to put a formal plan in writing and forward it to the Supervisor's office.

The City Manager discussed the City's desire to also include in the new facility fire training and laser training components. She noted these components would be included in the City's written proposal. Mayor Bogaard suggested City staff submit a draft proposal to the Supervisor's office, as the County may have additional suggestions that make the end product more appealing.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Ron Woodford, representing Friends of Eaton Canyon, spoke in support of securing federal funding for a new facility, urged Pasadena officials to work with Congressman David Dreier's office to submit a written funding request, and suggested the new facility go below the Marine Corps Center, or as an alternative, in Memorial Park or under the turf parking at the Rose Bowl.

Dr. Loren L. Lutz, representing the Society for Preservation of Wildlife, spoke in support of having the new facility at the Marine Corps Center. He expressed his opinion that Congressman Dreier's office will cooperate in helping to secure federal funding.

Mr. David Blacher, Pasadena resident, spoke in support of the current location for the firing range, but stressed the need to have a new facility with a different configuration. He noted if the facility was moved to a new location, there would need to be a lot of environmental clean up at the current site.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the location of the current range, and the need to have a newer facility that can be shared by regional and federal agencies.

Following discussion, staff was encouraged to contact Congressman Dreier's office to explore whether federal grants are available for this project.

In response to public comment speakers, the Mayor noted the City will look into the program it is pursuing, and will also get information on alternatives suggested. Dr. Lutz offered his assistance if needed.

REGIONAL SPORTS FIELD PLAN

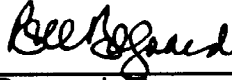
The City Manager briefly discussed a joint task force to identify new athletic fields, and thanked Supervisor Antonovich for his cooperation on the task force and for the County's commitment to pay for various costs related to two athletic fields at Audubon School. She expressed the City's desire to continue to work with the Supervisor's office and other jurisdictions to identify additional athletic fields. Vice Mayor Crowfoot concluded discussion of this item by stressing the importance and high priority of having additional athletic fields in the community. The Supervisor concurred with the need to identify additional fields.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENT

Supervisor Antonovich stressed the importance of rail haul and the need to work with the Sanitation District to find some transfer stations. He stated the Sanitation District is concerned with costs, but noted those costs can be negotiated and prices can be adjusted. He expressed concern that it will take a few years to get the transfer stations in place; noted that our urban landfills are quickly filling up, even with recycling efforts; and stressed the importance of converting waste to energy and having rail haul lines in place.

ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



Jane L. Rodriguez
City Clerk
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