

CITY OF PASADENA
City Council Minutes
May 11, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.
Pasadena Senior Center, Multi-Purpose Room
85 East Holly Street, Pasadena

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

OPENING: Mayor Bogaard and President Selinske called the special joint meeting of the City Council and Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD) Board of Education to order at 6:37 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Corey Green, student police intern.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers:

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Vice Mayor Steve Haderlein
Councilmember Victor Gordo
Councilmember Chris Holden
Councilmember Steve Madison
Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Councilmember Jacque Robinson
Councilmember Terry Tornek (Absent)

Staff:

City Manager Michael J. Beck
City Attorney Michele Beal Bagneris
City Clerk Mark Jomsky

Board of Education:

President Tom Selinske
Vice President Scott Phelps
Member Renatta Cooper
Member Bob Harrison
Member Ed Honowitz
Member Ramon Miramontes
Member Elizabeth Pomeroy

Staff:

Edwin Diaz, Superintendent of Schools

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (PUSD) BOARD MEMBERS AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Bogaard announced that Councilmember Terry Tornek had been elected to represent District 7 in the City's April 19, 2009 election.

President Selinske introduced newly-elected Board of Education Members Ramon Miramontes and Elizabeth Pomeroy, who were successful candidates at the March 10, 2009 election.

INTRODUCTION OF PUSD/PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT (PPD) INTERNS AND PROGRAM UPDATE

Deputy Chief Chris Vicino acknowledged Doug Haines, Pasadena City College Dean of Engineering and Technology, for his assistance in designing and implementing the PUSD/PPD student police internship program; outlined the interns' service with the PPD; and provided an update on the program.

The following student police interns introduced themselves:

Trevon Sailor, John Muir High School
Isaac Minaya, John Muir High School
Sibouh Koundajian, Blair I.B. Magnet High School
Efrain Sosa, Blair I.B. Magnet High School
Devin Bennett, Marshall Fundamental Secondary School
Corey Green, Marshall Fundamental Secondary School
Courtney Green, Marshall Fundamental Secondary School

The President and Mayor expressed their appreciation to the PPD and District for their work on the intern program.

Superintendent Diaz indicated that decisions regarding additional "pathway" programs will be considered within the next six weeks.

On order of the Mayor, the information was received.

BUDGET UPDATES – CITY AND PUSD

Andy Green, Director of Finance Department, provided a PowerPoint presentation on an update of the City's 2009 budget, 2010 proposed budget, challenges and priorities in these budgets, and capital improvement plan; and responded to questions.

John Pappalardo, PUSD Chief Finance Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 District budgets, steps taken to address ongoing revenue shortfalls, and challenges to these budgets.

The following persons expressed concerns regarding various budget issues and/or the need for funding of specific programs:

Keren Taylor, WriteGirl representative
Trevor Bryant, Altadena resident
Emily Stork, ACT representative
Michele Miner, Pasadena resident
Ruth Mielke, Pasadena resident
Deborah Reff, Pasadena resident

Reverend Paul Sawyer, Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace representative
Dawn O'Keeffe, Invest in PUSD Kids member
Jon Fuhrman, Pasadena resident
Karen Aydeloft, Invest in PUSD Kids member
Darla Dyson, Pasadena resident
Vivian Luther, Pasadena resident
Mark Persico, Pasadena resident

Discussion followed on possible areas for partnership between the City and District, the ongoing services/programs provided by the City to the District, and the financial relationship between the City and District.

Member Honowitz suggested the Council and Board explore partnering in the following areas: capital projects (artificial turf sports fields, gymnasiums, and joint use of administrative offices), health programs, and libraries; and suggested that the Council and Board set benchmarks for projects/programs that are undertaken or to be explored, with a reporting mechanism provided for the initiatives that are to be explored or implemented.

Councilmember Holden suggested the City's Finance Committee and the District's Budget Advisory Subcommittee meet in a workshop environment to discuss budget issues, priorities, and a redesign of how delivery systems work, with recommendations that could be presented in a public setting and used in future decision-making by the two governing bodies.

The Mayor indicated that Councilmember Holden's suggestion regarding a joint discussion of budget issues and priorities could be incorporated into the meetings of the joint City/District staff committee (Mayor, President, City Manager, Superintendent, Vice Mayor, and Vice President).

Superintendent Diaz suggested that the joint City/District staff committee reprioritize the proposed partnerships/projects that have not been implemented to determine what the specific focus will be during the next year, taking into consideration budget issues.

The Mayor suggested the City and District rededicate their efforts to a very aggressive look at all opportunities to save money and achieve efficiencies in providing services, and document these partnerships/projects through memorandums of understanding, whenever possible.

On order of the Mayor, the information was received.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mayor announced an event to be held at The Shops on Lake on May 15, 2009 – the Fourth Annual All District Art Show titled, “No Boundaries”, which will feature PUSD K-12 student artists.

UPDATE ON STATUS OF JOINT TRUANCY PROJECT Recommendation of Superintendent and City Attorney/City Prosecutor: This report is being provided for information only.

The City Attorney introduced the agenda item.

John Zamora, PUSD Director of Child Welfare, Attendance and Safety, reviewed the agenda report, noted that the attendance process was being automated, and responded to questions.

Connie Orozco, Chief Prosecutor, responded to questions regarding the pilot joint truancy project.

Vice President Phelps suggested school site staff be involved in the truancy program/process.

The following persons expressed concerns regarding the effectiveness of the truancy program and/or the public's perception of PUSD students:

Virginia Hoge, Pasadena resident
LaRonda Hartfield, Pasadena resident

On order of the Mayor, the report was received and filed.

CITY/PUSD INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND FUNDING THROUGH PASADENA CITY COLLEGE'S (PCC) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION GRANT

Patsy Lane, Director of Human Services and Recreation Department, provided an update on a program involving paid internships for PUSD students with the City's Water and Power, Public Works, and Human Services and Recreation Departments, which will be funded through Pasadena City College's (PCC) Career and Technology Education Grant; and responded to questions. Ms. Lane responded to questions regarding Federal stimulus dollars that will be available for youth employment in the region, and the City's Summer Rose Program that will provide funding for youth employment with the City and private businesses during the summer.

Mike Seaton, PUSD Executive Director of Accountability, Alternative, and Career and Technical Education, explained the funding for the internship program and District youth

employment programs through the Foothill Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

Councilmember Robinson, City representative on the WIB Board, indicated she would provide information to be included in the City Manager's weekly informational letter to Council regarding Federal stimulus dollars that will be provided for summer youth employment through the WIB and how these monies will be distributed.

Jill Shook, Pasadena resident, provided information about a Youth Build program; and suggested the City and District explore a joint partnership that would remodel affordable second unit projects, using this program as a model.

On order of the Mayor, the information was received.

JOINT STAFF INITIATIVE ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Fire Chief Dennis Downs noted the City and District staffs' agreement on the need for collaborative emergency management efforts and training; and stated the staffs' request for the Council and Board to adopt a joint staff initiative on emergency preparedness priorities that would direct the joint staffs to evaluate the City's and District's emergency preparedness programs, identify and prioritize those areas needing attention (initial areas for evaluation/prioritization to include: a local hazard mitigation plan, a disaster response/emergency plan, NIMS training, PERT training, exercises, and a disaster supplies inventory for the schools), and to identify grant funding to address the various needs.

John Pappalardo, PUSD Chief Finance Officer, affirmed Chief Downs' request for a joint staff initiative.

The City Manager and Superintendent Diaz reiterated the need to take these steps to ensure that the City and District are prepared to act in a collaborative manner during any emergency.

It was moved by Councilmember Haderlein, seconded by Councilmember McAustin, to adopt a joint initiative on emergency preparedness that would direct the joint staffs to evaluate the City's and District's emergency preparedness programs, and to identify and prioritize those areas needing attention, with the staffs to report on the priorities and a workplan in a timely manner. (Motion unanimously carried)
(Absent None)

SELECTION OF NEXT JOINT MEETING DATE

The President noted that a suggestion had been made to consider holding an annual (rather than biannual) joint City/District meeting in 2010, with the joint City/District staff committee to communicate the progress on joint issues back to the Council and Board during the interim time between joint meetings of the full Council and Board.

Member Honowitz stressed the importance of a formalized reporting system in which the joint staff committee will report back to the respective governing bodies with the status of the various joint projects and initiatives.

Councilmember McAustin suggested that the Council committee system be used to keep the Council apprised on the status of the joint projects and initiatives.

The President and Mayor indicated that the joint City/District staff committee would report to the respective governing bodies on a proposed reporting system.

Member Miramontes commented on the benefits of holding two joint City/District meetings each year.

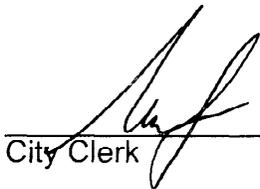
ADJOURNMENT

On order of the Mayor, the special joint meeting of the City Council and Pasadena Board of Education adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena

ATTEST:



City Clerk