

SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2009

The regular meetings of the San Gabriel City Council and the San Gabriel Redevelopment Agency convened on January 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor/Chair Baldwin, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Costanzo, Council/Agencymembers Gutierrez, Huang, Sawkins, City Manager/Executive Director Paules, City Attorney/General Counsel Kress, and Deputy City Clerk/Agency Secretary Castruita present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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ATTENDANCE

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RECESS AGENCY MEETING

Recess Agency Meeting

Agencymember Gutierrez moved to recess; seconded by Vice Chair Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

PUBLIC COMMENT: PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THIS IS THE TIME PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL CITY COUNCIL

Public Comment

Jim Schofield, San Gabriel High School Principal, requested Council's approval on the E-waste Banner.

Khanh Bach, representing the San Gabriel School PTSA, informed Council about an E-waste collection event at San Gabriel High School.

PUBLIC HEARING: 221 EAST VALLEY BOULEVARD AND 1532 SOUTH PALM AVENUE PLANNING CASE PL-08-136 SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY ZONE

Public Hearing: 221 East Valley Blvd. and 1532 S. Palm Ave. PL-08-136 Specific Plan Amendment and Planned Development Overlay Zone Approved.

The Emerald Gardens mixed-use project is a pedestrian friendly community containing 4,700 sq.ft. of retail space, eight live/work units and 104 residential units that brings San Gabriel closer to fulfilling the community's vision for a cleaner, greener, more sustainable Valley Blvd. as well as providing the region's housing needs. By approving the specific plan amendment and planned development overlay zones to allow live/work units and changing the zoning designation of these properties, the City Council can make the neighborhood's *Valley Vision* a reality.

Recommended Action: That the City Council:

1. Introduce and place on first reading Ordinance No. 581 C.S. adopting the specific plan amendment and place the subject properties within a planned development overlay zone; and
2. Approve Planning Case PL-08-136 approving the specific plan amendment and planned development overlay zone.

City Planner Gallatin presented the Council with the staff report.

William Cutler, representing Council Rock Partners, answered questions from the City Council.

Councilmember Gutierrez moved to open the public hearing; seconded by Vice Mayor Costanzo.

There was no one who wanted to address the Council at this time.

Councilmember Gutierrez moved to close the hearing; seconded by Vice Mayor Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

Councilmember Gutierrez moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember Huang and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

Deputy City Manager Preston stated that the developer will provide a letter to the City on the direction of recommendations prior to the next Council meeting.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF A PLANNING COMMISSIONER

The Mayor is responsible for appointing persons to serve on the various City commissions. At this time it is necessary to appoint a Planning Commissioner to fill an unscheduled vacancy left on the Planning Commission due to a resignation.

Mayor's Appointment of Dondi Adkins, Planning Commissioner Approved.

Recommended Action: That the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment.

The Mayor recommended Dondi Adkins for a two-year appointment term commencing January 6, 2009 and expiring on January 5, 2011.

Vice Mayor Costanzo moved to approve the recommended action; seconded by Councilmember Sawkins. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

FAIRVIEW AVENUE DESIGN ENHANCEMENT STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

This is a progress report on efforts to prepare a design enhancement strategy for the Fairview Avenue commercial district in the San Gabriel Village neighborhood. Strategy began in 2004 with the General Plan and again in January 2008 staff presented an outline of possible designs along with Cal Poly Pomona School of Environmental Design. In February 2008, the Great Streets initiative and community design workshop was held that yielded a variety of ideas to make the Village commercial area more attractive to shoppers.

Fairview Ave. Design Enhancement Strategy Progress Report and Recommendation Approved.

Recommended Action: That the City Council direct staff to:

1. Complete environmental review for the FAÇADE Program and return to the City Council for final approval;
2. Begin a comprehensive code enforcement effort;
3. Obtain cost estimates for the development of design standards and a streetscape improvement plan reflecting the top priorities of property owners;
4. Update the zoning ordinance to include the uses and development standards for Village Commercial areas and create a special parking district;
5. Submit a \$250,000 request for a façade improvement program in the next capital improvement budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

City Planner Gallatin presented the Council with the staff report.

Councilmember Gutierrez moved to approve the recommended action with a 90 day extension instead of 60 days and also an added survey from business owners with a 60 day extension update for Council; seconded by Councilmember Huang. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

CONSENT CALENDAR: ALL ITEMS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE CONSIDERED ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION UNLESS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OR AUDIENCE REQUESTS SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Consent Calendar

A. MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2008

Minutes Approved

The minutes are a record of the official actions taken at the last Council meeting.

Recommended Action: Approval

B. MATERIAL DEMANDS: 77142 – 77329 INCLUSIVE \$2,920,922.43

Material Demands Approved

This is the presentation of the “Register of Demands and Warrants” for the payment of City expenditures.

Recommended Action: Approval

C. REQUEST SUBMITTED FROM ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PERMISSION TO PLACE STREET BANNER

Banner Approved

The Alhambra Unified School District would like to notify the community about their E-Waste Collection event at San Gabriel High School on March 7-8, 2009 and requests a street banner to be displayed at the discretion of the City Council.

Recommended Action: That the Council approve street banner request.

Vice Mayor Costanzo moved to approve the consent calendar as presented; seconded by Councilmember Sawkins and passed by a vote on the board of five yes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

Council Comments and
Conference/Meeting Reports

Each Council Member addressed the Council and public on matters of general information and/or concern. Also, the Council gave reports on meetings they had attended.

ADJOURN COUNCIL MEETING AND RECONVENE AGENCY MEETING

Adjourn Council meeting and
reconvene Agency meeting

Councilmember Sawkins moved to adjourn and reconvene as indicated above; seconded by Councilmember Huang. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING:

Agency Meeting

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2008

Minutes Approved

Agencymember Gutierrez moved to approve the subject minutes; seconded by Agencymember Huang. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

There was no one in the audience who wished to address the Agency at this time.

C. ADJOURN AGENCY MEETING

Adjourn agency meeting

Mayor Baldwin asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jean Peters; at 8:45 p.m., Agencymember Huang moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vice Chair Costanzo. There being no objections, it was so ordered.

SAN GABRIEL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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Nina Castruita, Agency Secretary

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Harry L. Baldwin, Chair

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