

MINUTES

CITY OF ARTESIA
ARTESIA CITY HALL, ARTESIA COUNCIL CHAMBER
18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CA 90701

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF
THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL, ARTESIA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND
ARTESIA PARKING AUTHORITY

MONDAY, September 8, 2008

6:00 P.M.

The Special Joint meeting of the Artesia City Council, Redevelopment Agency and Parking Authority was called to order at 6:05 p.m., Monday, September 8th, 2008, in the Artesia City Council Chamber by Mayor/Chairman Flowers.

ROLL CALL- PRESENT: Larry Nelson, Council Member/Board/Authority Member
John C. Martins, Council Member/Board/Authority Member
Victor Manalo, Council Member/Board/Authority Member
Tony Lima, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman
Sally Flowers, Mayor/Chairman

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Dadian, City Manager
Daryl Betancur, City Clerk/Treasurer
Kevin Ennis, City Attorney/General Counsel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA- APPROVED 5-0

Mayor Flowers asked City Attorney Ennis, if changes to the agenda could be made at this time. Mr. Ennis stated that there is a suggestion made to immediately after item 4, which is the downtown revitalization progress report, to then go to item 9A, and once this item is done go back out and do items 5, 6, 7 and 8 in that order; that for whatever reason if that is not able to be accomplished all of these items by the 7:00 p.m. meeting then it will be continued for after the regular meeting.

Mayor Flowers reiterated the changes and so ordered them.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SPEAKER CARDS

Anyone wishing to speak to the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Parking Authority should fill out a speaker card and give that card to the City Clerk/Agency Secretary at the staff table prior to the commencement of the meeting. Please observe a time limit of three (3) minutes when giving your presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES

Anyone who requires audio assistance to listen to these proceedings may request the use of an assistive listening device (ALD) from the City Clerk/Agency Secretary. If you require said device, please come forward to the City Clerk/Agency Secretary at the staff table for assistance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the Councilmembers/Board/Authority members on items that are not already listed on the agenda. Any public comments that cannot be heard within the next 20 minutes will be heard at the end of the meeting.

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It is recommended that Items 1 through 3 be acted on simultaneously in one vote unless a member of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Parking Authority requests separate discussion and/or action on the item. In the event a City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Parking Authority requests separate discussion on a consent calendar, the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Parking Authority will consider that item immediately following approval of the rest of the consent calendar.

1. SPECIAL JOINT MEETING- MINUTES – AUGUST 11TH, 2008

Motion by Council Member/Board Member Manalo, seconded by Council Member/Board Member Nelson to approve item 1 as presented. Motion carries 4-1 with Council Member/Board Member Martins abstaining.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: Manalo, Nelson, Lima and Flowers
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: Martins

2. APPROVAL OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY DEMANDS

3. APPROVAL OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Council Member/Board Member Nelson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Lima to approve items 2 and 3 on the consent calendar as presented. Motion carries 5-0.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: Manalo, Martins Nelson, Lima and
Flowers
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: None

BUSINESS ITEMS

4. COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR THE ARTESIA DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT- PROGRESS REPORT

Maria Dadian, City Manager/Executive Director briefly introduced Mr. Bill Kelly-Managing Principal for Urban Futures who is here to present the findings for the Artesia Downtown Revitalization project and that this is a progress report and that what we are asking of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Authority Board is to provide direction so that we can finalize the report.

Bill Kelly began his presentation by stating that he will talk about the results of the outreach program they conducted and that he is here also with Mr. Bill Phillips who is a Senior Designer at Hogle-Ireland Inc., and with Robert Kane a Project Manager at Hogle-Ireland, Inc., the two people who worked on this work collaborately and who developed the conceptual plans.

Mr. Kelly explained the process that they used to engage the community and solicit their input and stated that the process basically consisted of three specifics including site specific and opportunities analyses; a community outreach feedback process and input on the design elements in addition to touring city streets and taking pictures.

Mr. Bill Phillips briefly explained that they had had a workshop with the merchants on May 3rd, 2008, which was designed to gain input from residents, merchants, and others and that about 25 people attended. He stated that the meeting was set up in five (5) different stations with one of the main concerns being that they did not want to see traffic lanes reduced and they wanted to see façade improvements. After an extensive discussion and presentation of all the different options presented, the consensus was that they did not want this project to commence unless there is adequate parking or a parking structure available; that they wanted to see two lanes of through traffic maintained, they also wanted to see the intersections narrowed such that we could get reduced cross sections to make it easier for pedestrian crossing, in addition to mid-block crossings introduced. The feedback received also indicated that they wanted to see outside eating and façade improvements with the enhancement priorities being water fountains, landscaping, palm trees, a trolley, town clock, façade improvements, enhanced light fixtures and benches and outside dining and parallel parking.

After the presentation by Urban Futures, a lengthy discussion ensued with respect to the conceptual plan, with members of the City Council asking questions of the plans and indicating that they were pleasantly surprised with the conceptual plans as presented and liked very much what they had seen.

Motion by Council Member/Board Member Martins, seconded by Council Member/Board Member Manalo to approve the conceptual plan as presented and directed staff to move forward with this. Motion carries 4-1 with Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Lima abstaining.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, Nelson, and Flowers
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: Lima

Veronica Bloomfield- Spoke in support of the plan stating that she is very excited about the future possibilities of what Artesia can be and look like in the future and that we need to move forward with this plan/project.

5. A STATUS REPORT OF PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION ON ABANDONED MTA RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY

Maria Dadian, City Manager/Executive Director requested that this item be continued to allow the City Traffic Engineer to make a presentation. Council Member/Board Member Nelson and Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Lima abstained. Item continued to the next City Council meeting in October. Motion to continue carries without objection.

6. ARTESIA HISTORICAL DISTRICT CONTRUCTION AND BID DOCUMENT

Maria Dadian, City Manager/Executive Director presented the staff report indicating that this is the Artesia historical district construction and bid document and that BLM was contracted by the Agency to prepare the construction and bid document for phase I; that we have finally completed phase I and provided those materials to the City Council/ Redevelopment Agency Board. Ms. Dadian further stated that Baxter Miller was present this evening to answer questions on the document but that he had to leave; that we are interested in having the Agency consider the documents to allow staff to go forward and obtain bids; that the estimated project cost for the improvement to be made on the city owned right-of-way that would impact the museum, also the fire house and the estimated cost is \$723,799.00; that what we would do is that the construction documents that were prepared are distributed and see what kind of proposals we would obtain to see the actual proposed cost.

After a brief discussion as to what the action requested was, the City Council/Redevelopment Agency's consensus was to direct staff to go out to bid and approved the conceptual plans.

Motion by Council Member/Board Member Martins, seconded by Council Member/Board Member Manalo. Motion carries 3-2 with Council Member/Board Member Nelson and Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Lima abstaining.

Said motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: Manalo, Martins, and Flowers
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBERS: Nelson and Lima

7. CITY OF ARTESIA COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Maria Dadian, City Manager/Executive Director stated that this is only an informational item that was prepared sometime ago by Development Economics LLC; that this economic development strategy needs to be in place in order to pursue federal funding; that the first comprehensive plan was done in March of 2001 and updated in 2005 when we pursued the funding for the downtown.

Council Member/Board Member Manalo inquired as to the status of the economic development strategy committee and whether or not this committee still in place and functioning. Mr. Manalo asked as to who the members of the committee were with direction given to City Manager/Executive Director to find out who is on this committee and report back.

Item was received and filed.

8. NOTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL SCHOOL IMPACT FEES

Item received and filed with direction given to the City Manager/Executive Director to communicate to the school district that the City wished to be notified earlier on of said impact fees as these fees affect residents and those who do business with the City.

9. **CLOSED SESSION-** 6:50 p.m. to address item 9A. The City Council adjourned the Special meeting and convened the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m. and then reconvened the Special meeting at 9:50 p.m. following the adjournment of the regular meeting.

City Attorney Ennis reported at 7:05 p.m. that with respect to item 9A, that direction had been given to the City's negotiator Maria Dadian, City Manager/Executive Director and to the City's consultant Mr. Paul Menezes with respect to that item and that there was no final action on that item.

9:50 p.m. City Attorney Ennis indicated that the City Council has three more items of closed session, items 9B, 9C and 9D.

- A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: 18510 Corby Avenue, APN # 7039-00-2021
City Negotiator: Maria Dadian, City Manager

- B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR *NEGOTIATORS*
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 (a))
City Designated Representatives: Mayor Flowers and Mayor Pro Tem Lima
Unrepresented Employee: City Clerk/City Treasurer

- C. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)
Title: City Manager

- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9)
Name of Case: Alhambra and 42 other Cities v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS116 375

10. RECESS BACK TO OPEN SESSION- 11:35 P.M.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF CLOSED SESSION – 11:35 P.M.

City Attorney Ennis reported at 11:35 p.m. that with respect to item 9B, 9C and 9D and that on item 9D a status report was provided and there is no reportable action; that with respect to item 9B, the action item would be reported during the regular part of the meeting on item 27; that on item 9C, the performance evaluation for the City Manager was completed.

Mayor Flowers stated that the special meeting is adjourned at 11:37 p.m., and that we would recess back into the regular meeting to address item 27. Mayor Flowers reported that the City Council had met and direction was given for compensation adjustment to be given to the City Clerk/Treasurer and directed staff to notify the Human Resources Department of this action; that in the absence of not having a Human Resources Manager, direction then is to be communicated and given to the Deputy City Manager to move forward with this action.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

This time is set aside for the public to address the Councilmembers/Board/Authority members on any item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Councilmembers/Board/Authority members that could not be heard under the citizen comment section at the beginning of the meeting.

There were no additional citizen comments

COUNCILMEMBER/BOARD/AUTHORITY MEMBER COMMENTS

This is the time for additional general comments, announcements, and requests of staff and/or other issues of concern to Councilmembers/Board/Authority members that may briefly be presented at this time.

Council Member Martins

- Made brief comments regarding the trees on 186th and Seine Avenue, the trees have limbs that are down to the ground.

ADJOURNED: 11: 45 p.m.

DARYL BETANCUR, CMC
AGENCY SECRETARY

