

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2002

A special Town Hall meeting of the Council of the City of Burbank was called to order this date at John Muir Middle School, 1111 North Kenneth Road, at 7:07 p.m., by Mr. Laurell, Mayor.

ROLL CALL

Present- - - - Council Members Golonski, Laurell, Murphy, and Ramos.
Absent - - - - Council Members None.
Also Present - Mr. Ovrom, City Manager; Ms. Riley, Senior Assistant City Attorney; and Mrs. Campos, City Clerk.

Flag Salute The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Burbank Police Sergeant Bill Taylor.

306 Mayor Laurell welcomed those in attendance and stated the purpose of the meeting was to hold a Town Hall meeting to provide an opportunity for the citizens of Burbank to communicate directly with City Council and City staff, and explained the format of the meeting.

Oral Mayor Laurell called for oral communications at this time.
Communications

Citizen Appearing to comment were Don Elsmore, inquiring who Comment authorized the Community Development Department to approach citizens around the B6 property about their feelings for rezoning from commercial and manufacturing to airport and inquiring who gets credit for moving forward with the project for the traffic signal at Verdugo Avenue and Clybourn Avenue; Vi Lasky, on the Sunset Canyon neighborhood meeting held on March 6, 2002, on increased traffic due to the Empire Center, expressing concern with the difficulty of getting in and out of the area, commenting on the fences installed around the reservoirs in the Sunset Canyon area, and commenting that the chain link fence with razor wire doesn't blend in the surrounding environment; Marie Paino, inquiring whether the format for oral communications at Council meetings will remain the same; Frank Kaden, inquiring why it takes so long to get projects completed in the City, and why traffic is still obstructed by construction activities at Buena Vista Street and San Fernando Boulevard even when there is nobody working there, expressing concern that traffic is worse than it was before, inquiring why the sign at Brace Canyon Park has not been replaced since the old sign was ruined by termites; Derek Shelton, commenting on drivers not obeying traffic signs, especially during times children are being picked

up from the schools and asking whether plain-clothes officers can be used for enforcement, expressing concern with bicyclists who ride very quickly on the sidewalks posing a danger to pedestrians, and stating that the corner of Harvard Road and Fifth Street is an extremely dangerous intersection; Sonia Moseley, inquiring what government agency approved the application for the rehabilitation facility located at Fifth Street and Grinnell Drive; John Livingston, describing a traffic problem on Broadway Street where drivers come into the street by mistake, and then race to get out, commenting on the traffic impact on San Fernando Boulevard caused by the Burbank Empire Center, and requesting a sign where Amherst Road stops at Broadway Street so drivers will be warned there is no freeway access from Broadway Street; Daniel Bocek, on problems experienced with the emergency radio broadcast system in Burbank and asking that the City make an effort to advertise it;

Robert Filijan, expressing concerns with speeding traffic at Tulare Avenue and Naomi Street caused by the fact that Naomi is commercial and Tulare is residential, expressing safety concerns due to the traffic generated during peak hours and stating the neighborhood was denied speed bumps because the street is an emergency thoroughfare; Howard Rothenbach, expressing support of Town Hall meetings, noting that the downside of the Empire Center success is the traffic and suggesting signage be placed to direct people to Empire Avenue and away from the intersection, requesting painted crosswalks to slow drivers down, and inquiring whether any efforts are being made to stop the State from withholding more property tax; Gloria O'Donohoe, stating that at the last Town Hall meeting nine years ago she was promised a covered swimming pool in the City and requesting an update on the Buena Vista Library; Darlene Ferrona, stating the low turn-out at the Town Hall meeting reflected the contentment of residents with City services, commenting about parents of students at Bellarmine-Jefferson High School and St. Robert's Elementary School double parking to pick up their children, and traffic problems at the intersection of San Fernando Boulevard and Burbank Boulevard; Sandy Cook, on traffic concerns at Sunset Canyon due to the excessive number of vehicles which are speeding and thereby creating a dangerous situation for the many people who walk that route where there are no sidewalks.

Staff
Response

Members of the Council and staff responded to questions and concerns raised.

Mr. Laurell announced the dates and locations of the two upcoming Town Hall meetings, and thanked the residents and staff for participating in the meeting.

Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Council, the Town Hall meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Margarita Campos, City Clerk

APPROVED APRIL 30, 2002

Mayor of the Council
of the City of Burbank