

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2002

A Town Hall meeting of the Council of the City of Burbank was called to order this date at David Starr Jordan Middle School, 420 South Mariposa Street, at 7:13 p.m., by Mr. Laurell, Mayor.

ROLL CALL

Present- - - - Council Members Golonski, Murphy, Ramos, Vander Borgh and Laurell.

Absent - - - - Council Members None.

Also Present - Mr. Ovrom, City Manager; Mr. Barlow, City Attorney; and Mrs. Campos, City Clerk.

Flag Salute The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Robert Vidrio, Alexandra Hernandez, Pearl Churattantham, Eddie Cardenas, students representing the Elmwood Achievement Center.

306 Mayor Laurell welcomed those in attendance and stated the purpose 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 Mark Friedman, stating his  
Comment concerns are focused on residentially-adjacent problems, specifically noise generated by businesses located adjacent to residential streets, on Magnolia Park not having sufficient parking and the continuing parking problem in his neighborhood due to adjacent businesses, and expressing appreciation to the Council for the work they do on behalf of the residents; Tim McHugh, expressing appreciation to the Council, stating he owns Area 51, and outlining concerns with runaway production problems, on Canada paying kick-back money and taking business from the United States, on the dire financial condition of people who work in the movie industry due to this problem, and on their organizing to deal with the problem, requesting whether the City can be of assistance to them, and distributing information pamphlets to the Council; Allen Glynn, on parking problems created by activities at Jordan Middle School which sometimes last until 10:00 p.m. and on weekends, on littering problems caused by students and parents, on speeding vehicles, and on the Police Department responding only after several phone calls.

7:50 P.M. Mrs. Ramos left the meeting at this time.

Mrs. Ramos  
Left the Meeting

Citizen  
Comment  
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Lee Paysinger, expressing appreciation to Mr. Ovrom for all he has done for the City, on people walking their dogs and not cleaning up after them, and on the lack of parking at the Central Library; Mary Beth MacKenzie, on the traffic generated by Costco, and inquiring whether there are any plans in the future to improve the situation; Kevin McCarny, expressing appreciation to the Council for holding Town Hall meetings and for the presence of all the Department Managers, on the improvement of the City's website, on using Channel 6 to get information out to the public and suggesting a program on traffic around schools be developed, on putting the message on a CD and giving it to the students to bring home to share with their families; Mauricio Serrano, expressing appreciation to Mr. Golonski for helping them with neighborhood problems, on gang problems in the Elmwood neighborhood, on the Police Officers responding to their calls but going to the doors of the people who call to complain which poses a danger to those who call the Police because of gang retaliation, and requesting information about the installation of speed bumps; Maynard Davis, on the Chandler Accessway and encouraging the Council to keep the pressure on the MTA to complete this project, on traffic problems caused around schools and suggesting the installation of barriers in front of schools to prevent cars from getting too close to students;

Howard Rothenbach on the Burbank Senior Artists Colony project and changes to the project, requesting a status report on the construction of the new Buena Vista Library and on the City's plans for the site of the former Buena Vista Library; Karoly Tenyvesi, suggesting boxes with plastic bags be placed on poles around the City so that dog owners can use the plastic bags to pick up after their dogs; Rolf Darbo, commenting on the Platt Project and the traffic which will be generated by the project, and stating the neighbors are actively involved in the process as the project progresses; Stan Hyman, inquiring on the status of the drug rehabilitation facility on Grinnell Drive, suggesting the City advertise Town Hall meetings with flyers to homes, on the NBC gate at Alameda backing up traffic as people exit the facility and attempt to make left turns, and inquiring about tax exempt bond financing for senior projects; and John Kilgore, on the power of eminent domain and stating that his landlord was forced to sell his property to another private individual for what he does not believe was a "public purpose."

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

Mayor Laurell thanked those in the audience for attending and asked that they fill out comment cards.

Adjournment            There being no further business to come before the Council, the Town Hall meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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Margarita Campos, City Clerk

APPROVED MAY 7, 2002

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Mayor of the Council  
of the City of Burbank