

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2002

A Town Hall meeting of the Council of the City of Burbank was called to order this date at Luther Burbank Middle School, 3700 Jeffries Avenue, at 7:15 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 Luther Middle School students Vanessa Mendez and Kelly Bush.

306 Mayor Laurell welcomed those in attendance and stated the purpose of the Town Hall meeting was 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 Tim McHugh, expressing appreciation for the Town Hall meetings, discussing runaway production and its impact on Burbank residents, presenting letters from the Film and Television Action Committee, requesting a unanimous declaration that Burbank citizens have been detrimentally impacted by runaway productions, and stating that such support will be sought from many other local cities; Don Elsmore, stating his opinion that a curfew can be granted for Burbank Airport despite the opinion of an FAA lawyer that a curfew would never be granted for Burbank, and opposing the objective of Ms. Murphy's trip to Washington, D.C. and the regional airport issue; Dr. Jay Adams, expressing concern about future filming at the Do It Center on Magnolia Boulevard and the short notice (5 days) in the form of a survey distributed to residents who will be impacted by a 4:00 a.m. start time, and inquiring about solar power for residential homes; Francisco Arellano, expressing appreciation to the Council and staff for the quality services the City provides for the residents, on concerns with speeding traffic on his street,

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and expressing concern with the Platt project and the traffic which it will generate, noise pollution and a decline in air quality; Stan Hyman, commenting on the newspaper article about Ms. Murphy's trip to Washington and Secretary of Transportation Mineta's offer to assist with resolution of the Burbank Airport issues, and on the roof construction on the new Buena Vista Library; Marie Paino, inquiring about future development/remodeling plans for the Media Center Mall, inquiring about the status of a program to require trimming of overgrown bushes and weed abatement on private property, suggesting additional lighting on side streets and that the Burbank Chamber of Commerce relocate to the downtown area; Molly Hyman, inquiring about the lack of development at the former Thrifty site, on the lack of resources at neighborhood meetings held by the developers of the Platt project and the lack of information, and suggesting that the City assure that the appropriate representatives of the Platt project are present at the meeting scheduled by the Community Development Department; Chris Warren, on runaway production and the strong support of the Canadian government to the movie industry, and on speeding traffic on Eton Drive creating a danger to students at Jefferson Elementary School; Mark Friedman, acknowledging the staff for the services provided, expressing disappointment at the lack of response provided during the Platt project neighborhood meetings, on projects significantly changing between the time they pass the Planning Board and the time they are presented to the Council, and on the lack of parking enforcement in neighborhoods; and Alice Howell, on the lack of response to questions at the Platt neighborhood meetings, on the evolution of the project, and expressing concern that the residents have not had the opportunity to review the draft Environmental Impact Report.

Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Council, the Town Hall meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Margarita Campos, City Clerk

APPROVED MAY 21, 2002

Mayor of the Council
of the City of Burbank