

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2002

A special meeting of the Council of the City of Burbank was called to order this date in the Valley View Room, Castaway Restaurant, 1250 East Harvard Road, on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:42 a.m., by Mr. Laurell, Mayor.

ROLL CALL

Present- - - - Council Members Murphy (arrived at 8:00 a.m.), Ramos, Vander Borght and Laurell.

Absent - - - - Council Member Golonski.

Also Present - Mr. Barlow, City Attorney, Mrs. Georgino, Community Development Director; Mr. Young, Administrative Analyst; Mr. Hess, Administrative Analyst; Mr. McManus, Public Information Officer; and Mrs. Campos, City Clerk.

Mayor Laurell welcomed the attendants and summarized the current state of affairs with regard to how to build a replacement airport terminal that does not negatively impact the residents of the City of Burbank, the role of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the mandates of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

Mr. Vander Borght addressed the group with regard to the longevity of the issue and stressed that the City needed to keep moving forward with resolution of the issue, and that the decision of the Council should be made with the utmost input from the residents.

Ms. Murphy disagreed with Mayor's Laurell's comment that the Airport issue has fractured the City as she believes the community is very much united in an effort to obtain a curfew and a cap on flights. She stressed the continuing need for public education.

Mrs. Ramos reiterated that the issue is extremely complicated, and the need to solicit input and educate the community on the issue of the replacement terminal.

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

Citizen Comment Appearing to comment was Marge Lauerman, expressing her concerns that security mandates can conceivably justify an uncontrolled expansion, stating that she did not support Measure A because she doubted its legality, and that the terminal does need to be replaced as it is obsolete. Mayor

Laurell responded that the Airport does have plans to build a new terminal on land which they already own, and can do so without any protections for Burbank residents. Mrs. Murphy added that she does not believe all the square footage which the Airport has requested to expand is actually necessary as only ticketed passengers are allowed past the security checkpoint. Mr. Vander Borcht also expressed concerns with the size of the security-required expansion. Connie Gurich, inquiring what type of flight activity the Council wanted to see. Mayor Laurell answered that the airport was built as a small regional airport, that it is landlocked, and that it should be kept that way. He continued that the Joint Powers Agreement states that the length of the runways will not be negotiated, that if we have protections in place we will not have to worry about flights to Vancouver or Miami. Ms. Murphy stated that it doesn't matter what kind of flights we want to see because we have no jurisdictions, as that is determined by FAA regulations. Mr. Vander Borcht stated we cannot keep the airport from providing service and that the City knew that when they bought into the JPA. Mrs. Ramos stated that the Council was working towards getting Palmdale to take their fair share.

Lisa Rawlins inquired how the Council believed the Airport and the City will respond to forced regionalization. Ms. Murphy stated Mayor Hahn had little or no support for the plan, that he has no jurisdiction on the issue, that she doesn't believe the FAA will come in and make those decisions as it is the airlines which make the capital improvements, and they do so in response to their customers' needs. Connie Wilson asked the Mayor what community leaders can do to assist the City with this effort, and stated that she took an informal survey and discovered that most people are not aware of the complexity of the issue and just want relief from noise, want a new terminal, and think that the caps will automatically be implemented as they are driven by the size of the replacement terminal and the number of passengers which can be served. Mayor Laurell agreed as he lived the experience personally, and was surprised to discover that every possible solution seems to hit a roadblock. Ms. Murphy indicated that community leaders in Burbank should reach out to Glendale residents and Glendale City Council Members as some of the issues directly affect Glendale residents, such as airport freeway traffic and the fact that northwest Glendale is sometimes subject to airplane noise. Mrs. Ramos agreed, and

said the process will take time and education. Mr. Vander Borcht answered that everyone seems to agree with the mandatory curfew, but from there on, there is disagreement, and ultimately everything must be approved by the FAA, and that if we do not come to agreement on a feasible plan, we will not be able to proceed with the current stalemate. He suggested the more information that is passed out, the better off we will be; that it is necessary that we come to a consensus.

Mike Nolan stated that some of the information the Council had given out was in error, that the first thing that was done when the Airport was acquired was beefing up the runways; that it is the air carriers who make the decisions, and that the Chamber can work to influence the airlines in this regard; that Congress is changing the date for the mandate deadline to December 31, 2003 and they are awaiting Senate approval; that physical changes have already taken place at the airport such as the removal of the barbershop and pro shop; suggesting if the Airport needs space they can go to other venues, like the Hilton or the armory which is two blocks away; that while the Court decides on Measure A, the Airport will continue to operate and they will find space in which to do their job; that the terminal they want to build is physically and economically impossible; and stating that three of the six carriers at the Airport have asked for emergency bailout.

Mrs. Georgino corrected statements made by Mr. Nolan by responding that the Community Development Department is reviewing plans and a determination has not been made as to whether the improvements are required by the TSA; steps are being taken to make that determination, including meeting with the new Security Director to come to agreement; that Mr. Nolan cannot tell the Council what the TSA needs; that the TSA has been out to the Airport with an evaluation team, and they do have a new federal Security Director assigned to the Airport; that much of what Mr. Nolan suggested is precluded by Measure A and to say the Airport can meet their needs despite Measure A is not factual. Ms. Georgino added its also fair to inform everyone that the Council has extended PERCs deadline, and that as long as Measure A is pending, the issues cannot be dealt with as the Airport has security measures they must put in place, and the City's choice is to either violate Measure A or federal law until the Court rules on the legality of Measure A.

8:45 A.M. Mayor Laurell left the meeting at this time.  
 Mayor Laurell  
 Left the Meeting

Citizen Comment Continued Howard Rothenbach inquired about a Development Review sign up at the Airport with regard to the security expansion decision. Mr. Vander Borcht responded that the review of the plans is entirely ministerial right now, and that Mrs. Georgino's decision can be appealed. Mrs. Georgino stated if an appeal occurs within the first 15 days, the parameter is very narrow, and that only ministerial decisions can be appealed. She noted that with regard to an appeal, the first hearing is before the Planning Board, and then either party can appeal to the Council. Mr. Rothenbach inquired whether you can appeal on the issue of whether the enhancements are for security purposes or expansion, and Mrs. Georgino responded in the negative.

In response to questions by Ms. Murphy as to how many people use the Airport and who would avail themselves of the opportunity to take a flight to New York or Washington from Burbank, the majority of audience members indicated they would. Ms. Murphy then inquired whether those in attendance felt they had a good grasp of the Airport issues. Connie Wilson stated she believes that most of the people she has spoken with have no idea about the issues involving the Airport. T.J. Baptie stated she believed the City had done a good job on educating the public about the Airport issues, but that people have apathy if an issue doesn't directly affect their lives. She added she has lived in Burbank over 15 years and during that time the issues have been discussed constantly, and that she believes the public doesn't pay attention until issues directly affect them.

Bob Kaczmarek inquired whether the FAA has given any regional airport a mandatory curfew. Ms. Murphy responded it has never been done before, and anyone who has a curfew has it because it was grandfathered in. She added that a 161 Study has never been completed.

Morey Goodstein asked if the FAA decided we need a new airport, would that mandate supercede everything else. Ms. Murphy stated the FAA has never before come down and forced anyone to do what they want, but they have gone on

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record saying our terminal is too close to the runway. Mr. Vander Borcht stated if the FAA said we need to build a new airport, the City has jurisdiction over land use/zoning decisions. Ms. Murphy added that it is apparent to her that Congress' concern is with the entire air system, not the issue of local control, that Burbank is miniscule when compared with LAX or O'Hare. Mrs. Ramos asked the attendees to review the list of issues contained in the briefing book and let the Council know how they feel about the specific points, and noted the Airport has a vested interest in building a new terminal.

Connie Wilson stated that a lot of the airlines, especially Southwest Airlines, see Burbank as a place to get in and out. Ms. Murphy said this issue goes back to the airspace study being conducted by the FAA.

Susan Bowers stated the airlines have financial problems and added that on the issue of education, she believes the average person finds the complexity daunting, and they need to have the issue laid out in an easy-to-understand format such as a matrix. Mr. Vander Borcht stated the problem with creating a matrix is that it will reflect the perspective of the person creating the matrix, although it would include facts, but with much of it based on assumptions. Mrs. Ramos indicated that the PERC is developing matrices.

9:05 A.M. Mrs. Ramos left the meeting at this time.  
Mrs. Ramos  
Left the Meeting

Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

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Margarita Campos, City Clerk

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

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Mayor of the Council  
of the City of Burbank