

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2004

An adjourned meeting of the Council of the City of Burbank was held at the Fire Training Center, 1845 North Ontario Street, on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. by Mrs. Ramos, Mayor.

STUDY SESSION
ROLL CALL

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

Absent - - - - Council Members None.

Also Present - Ms. Alvord, City Manager; Mr. Barlow, City Attorney; Mrs. Campos, City Clerk.

Oral Communications There was no response to the Mayor's invitation for oral communications.

Development and Community Services Building Study Session A Design Study Session was held to address the exterior building design of the Development and Community Services Building (DCSB) Project.

Mr. Feng, Deputy City Manager/Capital Projects and Public Works, gave a brief introduction and outline of the Study Session presentation.

Alexander Ward, Director of Design, Leo A. Daly Architects (Daly), presented an overview of the design development process since re-starting the project on November 6, 2003. The presentation generally included:

1. An overview and objective critique of the previous exterior building design completed by Widom Wein Cohen O'Leary Terasawa (WWCOT) through the Design Development Phase;
2. An objective overview of WWCOT's interior design circulation concerns;
3. A summary of Daly's primary design improvement changes to the DCSB, including: relocation of the atrium to the building center; reconfiguration of the stone veneer from the top to the bottom of the building; related interior circulation modifications; addition of exterior canopies at the formal and secondary entrances; and, use of pre-cast concrete in lieu of cement plaster;
4. An overview of the existing building environment within the civic center, including a brief design discussion of the Police/Fire headquarters, City Hall, and the four story Cusumano project currently under construction as well as an overview of the planned Civic Center Master Plan including the new Central Library, multi-level parking structure and a plaza area;

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5. A comparison of existing relevant commercial and civic buildings in the cities of Pasadena and Santa Monica, the states of Chicago and New York, and in Europe, that portrayed design features and characteristics commensurate with the design expression Daly considered appropriate for the proposed DCSB; and,
6. A more in-depth presentation of exterior building design elements that included: expressions of the formal and secondary entries and canopies; the fountain element at the main formal entrance; horizontal and vertical articulation of windows, mullions and interior stair well; materials, finishes and color palettes; and, the landscape program.

Following discussion, the Council requested the following modifications to the project:

- 1) A warmer material, finish and color palette for the exterior limestone, window mullions, cement plaster and metal panels;
- 2) Use of green tinted glass;
- 3) Clearly defining the water fountain design envelope at the main entry area. Although further detailed design is required, it was the consensus of the Council that the fountain shall be active with articulated noise and movement, rather than passive;
- 4) A black granite accent material for use around the primary entrances and other openings;
- 5) The main and secondary entrances were enhanced with hardscape and softscape modifications;
- 6) A bas relief would be considered further at the Third Street and Orange Grove main entrance to provide an additional design link to City Hall;
- 7) The City seal would be etched into the large single window at the south elevation; and,
- 8) An alternative material and design for the window above the double doors at the community room, south building elevation.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Study Session was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Margarita Campos, City Clerk