

Minutes
SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR
AGENCY/PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY
MEETING AGENDA
October 15, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ramsey called the Joint Meeting between the Council and the Planning Commission to order at 5:00 PM. Because of an error in not specifying the meeting as a joint workshop between the Council and the Planning Commission, Planning Commissioners present were requested to voice opinions/suggestions as residents.

Council Members Present: Raine, Vosburg, Ramsey (Absent: Keough, Lander)

Planning Commissioners Present: Jacobs, Gonzales, Stoppenbrink, Sailer, Hill

Others present: Interim City Manager Marissa Trejo, City Attorney David J. Wolfe, Assistant Community Development Director Sean Brewer, City Clerk Wanda Earls

Jennifer Donlon Wyant, President, Alta Planning and Design

2. AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS (NONE)

None

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NONE)

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (NONE)

6. ORDINANCE PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Active Transportation Plan Visioning Session

Assistant Community Development Director Sean Brewer introduced Jennifer Donlon Wyant, Consultant (Alta Planning Design) who will be working with the City developing strategies for the City's grant for a long-term document for Active Transportation Plan Visioning for safe walking and biking trails around the City.

He wants to determine any concerns of the Council and public before beginning the plan and actively going out for grant funding.

The trail system is a long time, large scope plan to determine routes, standards and other development plans.

Ms. Wyant gave a PowerPoint presentation depicting the following:

1. Plan Provisions
2. Blueprint principals - walking, bike trails
Securing funding with the purpose to improve walking conditions within the community.
3. Alta's task is to reflect City's vision

Outcome:

- Engineer's Project
- Education Program
- Encouragement Program
- Enforcement Program
- Evaluation Program

Project Website:

- Community Outreach
- Community Survey
- Future Workshop on 11-18-15
- School Audits 11-19-15
- Community Walk Audit 11-21 to x 2015

Engineering Walking Environment:

- Sidewalks
- Curb Extensions
- Crosswalks
- Countdown
- Pedestrian Hybrid Beach

Engineering Bike Environment:

- Path/Trails
- Protected Bikeways
- Bike Lanes
- Buffered Bike Lanes
- Bike Routes

Programs:

- Education
- Encouragement
- Enforcement

Evaluation

Visioning:

What are priorities?

What is the vision for walk/bike trails?

What challenges should we be aware of?

Next Steps:

Look back

Mayor Ramsey opened up the meeting for comments.

City Attorney Wolfe suggested that the Planning Commission should seek ideas from citizens.

Mr. Ken Stoppenbrink asked how will it work in Coalinga with left turn lanes.

Mr. Jim Jacobs asked about lunch breaks at schools and law and order for kids.

Council Member Vosburg suggested shifting kids into safe areas, shift to businesses and use heritage theme items around town. The challenge is to have different sections for people in different areas and perhaps have two separate groups and move them separately.

Mayor Ramsey suggested trails around town to connect to everything including top of the creek bed.

Mr. Richard Hill said he is a power walker and needs lanes wide enough and into the hills for walkers/bikers and to make attractive for everybody to enjoy.

Council Member Vosburg indicated he likes Richard's idea for in and out of town and to consider people in wheelchairs. Entrails should lead to out trails.

Council Member Raine said he is waiting to see people walking. We have a wonderful Plaza to walk on. He suggests to enhance what we have and encourage people to want to walk. We need safe walking so parents feel safe for children to be on trails. He suggests going to CalTrans because we need at least 3 crosswalks on Elm Avenue.

Mr. Brewer said he will rely on Jennifer about issues and ask Alta to work with Caltrans. We need more openness to schools because many families live in the east.

Mr. Stoppenbrink said there are no sidewalks in some areas and ADA seriously lacking. We have children/adults from Posa Chanet crossing Elm Avenue; there is a lack of lighting/sidewalks and it is dangerous.

Council Member Vosburg said we need safe zone areas which would benefit businesses and the community.

Mr. Hill said he sees people walking all the time; need hiking/walking/bike clubs. He willing to assist in getting the community together in an effort to organize a club. He is very much in favor.

Mr. Glenn Mitchell asked if Alta does grant writing.

Mr. Brewer said we have grant writers.

Someone asked about RFP Proposals.

Council Member Vosburg suggested to include the non-profits and agencies like Elks, Eagles, etc., and to put sign-ups on the website.

Council Member Raine said the safety of our children and citizens is of utmost importance. Perhaps bright green bike lanes. We have to demand safety.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. CLOSED SESSION (NONE)

10. ADJOURNMENT

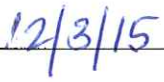
Mayor Ramsey adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM.



Ron Ramsey, Mayor



City Clerk/Deputy Clerk



Date