

MINUTES
ALHAMBRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
and
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
Joint Special Meeting
June 2, 2008
5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: At 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 2, 2008, the Alhambra City Council and the Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) Board of Education met in the First Floor Lobby of the Alhambra City Hall, 111 South First Street, Alhambra, California.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: SHAM, MESSINA, PLACIDO
ABSENT: YAMAUCHI, AYALA

AUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS:

PRESENT: ANDERSON, GIN, ANDRADE-STADLER, CHAU,
RODRIGUEZ-MACKINTOSH
ABSENT: None

Vice Mayor **MESSINA** stated that Mayor Ayala was unable to attend this evening's meeting due to a prior work commitment.

City Officials Present: City Manager Fuentes, City Attorney Montes, City Clerk Moore, and Deputy City Manager Schultz.

AUSD Officials Present: Superintendent Perez, Deputy Superintendent Standerfer, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services Martin, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources Tellez, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services Gonzales and Administrative Assistant Aguilar.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Vice Mayor Messina.

BROWN ACT REPORT – NOTICE NO. N2M8-68

City Clerk **MOORE** reported that she duly gave notice on behalf of the Alhambra City Council of the Joint Special Meeting (Notice No. N2M8-68) being held this evening jointly with the Board of Education of the Alhambra Unified School District (AUSD) pursuant to the order of the Mayor and in accordance with Section 54956 of the Government Code of the State of California. AUSD Administrative Assistant **AGUILAR** likewise reported that she duly gave notice of said

Meeting pursuant to the order of the AUSD Board of Education President and Section 54956 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – F2M8-4

Lola ARMENDARIZ stated that she regularly attends the meetings of the Alhambra Parks and Recreation Commission, commenting that the *ex officio* seat assigned to the AUSD has been vacant for several months. She requested that the Board of Education appoint a representative to fill this vacant seat.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – F2M8-16

A. AUSD FACILITIES CONSOLIDATION PROJECT – F2M8-59, F2M7-56

Leading off with Dr. **GONZALES** and followed by Ms. **MARTIN** and Dr. **TELLEZ**, the AUSD made a PowerPoint presentation of the Facilities Consolidation Project which, when completed, will bring several scattered District operations to one location. The District has leased or owned facilities in Alhambra, Monterey Park and South Los Angeles. In order to become more effective and efficient, the District purchased in July, 2006, the site at 1515 West Mission Road (corner of Mission Road and Marengo Avenue). Their warehouse and central library, facilities services and business services have already moved to that location. In June, 2008, the remaining District offices will move, and in November, 2008, construction will begin on the Century High School Project. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office as F2M8-59.

Deputy Superintendent **STANDERFER** discussed how the District is financing its Facilities Consolidation Project, stating that the total cost of the Project upon completion is estimated at \$14 million which includes the purchase of the new facility (\$7.5 million), renovation of same (\$5.1 million), and miscellaneous expenses (\$1.4 million). Funds from the sale of four surplus property sites are being used to finance the Project, with two such sites already sold. These sites are the District's Maintenance and Operations Building (Palm Avenue) which was sold for \$2.02 million and the Data Processing Center (Garfield Avenue) which was sold for \$1.2 million. Until such time as the remaining two sites (Marengo Avenue transportation facility and Scanlon Center on Alhambra Road) are sold, the District presently has interim financing in place consisting of 2006 and 2007 one-year land acquisition notes and 2008 Certificates of Participation financing with a payoff amount of \$10.7 million.

Superintendent **PEREZ** noted that excellent award-winning schools are a cornerstone to a dynamic city. She listed as among the many awards the District has won from 2000 through this year the following: 1 National Blue Ribbon School Award, 12 California Distinguished School Awards, and 42 Title I Federal NCLB Academic Achieving Awards. Ms. Perez stressed that excellent award winning schools attract new homebuyers, new businesses and new economic opportunities. In concluding the District's presentation, she stated that \$10.7 million must be realized from the sales of the remaining two

properties, the Scanlon Center sale must be maximized and that zoning affects sale value. She noted that the Scanlon property is currently zoned open space, and that in order to make it available for private development, she requested the City to rezone the same for either commercial or residential use.

Vice Mayor **MESSINA** commented that it is to our mutual benefit for the two organizations to work together for the good of the School District and the City. City Attorney **MONTES** added that with respect to a possible zone change, the District should first talk with our Development Services Department since any zone change application must first be heard by the Planning Commission before it is presented for a public hearing before the City Council. He suggested to Superintendent Perez that she call Director of Development Services Martin to learn the process as the District should understand the City's timetable for zone changes as soon as possible since they plan to advertise the property's sale by sealed bid by October, 2008. Ms. **PEREZ** concluded the AUSD's presentation by inviting all to attend the District's Open House on September 16, 2008 at their new District Offices at 1515 West Mission Road.

Citizen Input: In response to **Lola ARMENDARIZ'** question as to whether there would be sufficient onsite parking for buses and outside contractors at the new Century High School site, Superintendent **PEREZ** stated there will not be a transportation department at that site so there would be sufficient onsite parking.

B. DISCUSSION OF MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

Board Member **ANDRADE-STADLER** asked if City staff would be available to make a presentation similar to the one the City Manager presented at the last Alhambra Historical Society meeting to the Board on the new Civic Center Library. She stated that the District is very excited about the new Library and they wish to get the Alhambra High School students involved. Ms. Andrade-Stadler also asked about the former County Health Center at Sixth and Shorb, to which Vice Mayor **MESSINA** responded that the City is not part of the new owner's program; consequently, we were not able to obtain any space for the District's Adult School.

Vice Mayor **MESSINA** commented that she felt joint meetings, such as this one, were beneficial to both the School District and the City and she hoped that in the future we could continue to periodically meet to discuss items of mutual concern.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:15 p.m., there being no further business for the City Council or the AUSD Board of Education to transact, with the unanimous consent of the City Council and AUSD Board of Education, the Vice Mayor and President adjourned their respective meetings.

**FRANCES A. MOORE, CMC
CITY CLERK**