

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2001
AT 9:00 A.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 12TH FLOOR

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CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Murphy at 10:03 a.m. The meeting was recessed by Mayor Murphy at 12:03 p.m. to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened by Mayor Murphy at 2:10 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Stevens not present and District 6 vacant. Mayor Murphy recessed the meeting at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of a break. The meeting was reconvened by Mayor Murphy at 4:14 p.m. with all Council Members present and District 6 vacant. Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

- (M) Mayor Murphy-present
- (1) Council Member Peters-present
- (2) Council Member Wear-present
- (3) Council Member Atkins-present
- (4) Council Member Stevens-present
- (5) Council Member Maienschein-present
- (6) District 6-vacant
- (7) Council Member Madaffer-present
- (8) Council Member Inzunza-present

Clerk-Abdelnour (er/pr)

FILE LOCATION: MINUTES

ITEM-300: ROLL CALL

Clerk Abdelnour called the roll:

- (M) Mayor Murphy-present
- (1) Council Member Peters-present
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NON-AGENDA COMMENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT-1:

Rob Hildt, president and CEO of the First Pacific Bank presented a plaque to Council Member Peters for his participation in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the First Pacific Bank.

FILE LOCATION: AGENDA

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A020-034.)

PUBLIC COMMENT-2:

Comment by Richard Lawrence regarding San Diego's hourglass economy in relation to the need for low income and affordable housing.

FILE LOCATION: AGENDA

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A035-063.)

PUBLIC COMMENT-3:

Kathy Greene expressed her concerns regarding San Diego's housing shortage and lack of affordable housing. Ms. Greene also stated that the rental assistance program needs funds as most of the funds are being added to the home buyers program and many of the low income families cannot qualify to buy a home.

FILE LOCATION: AGENDA

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A065-095.)

PUBLIC COMMENT-4:

Anne Curo asked the City Council to call a moratorium on the conversion of apartments into condominiums due to the affordable housing crisis.

FILE LOCATION: AGENDA

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A096-134.)

PUBLIC COMMENT-5:

Comment by Ruth Howell regarding homeless families and low income housing.

FILE LOCATION: AGENDA

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A162-186.)

PUBLIC COMMENT-6: **Referred to the City Manager**

Mel Shapiro asked the City Council to call a moratorium on the demolition of apartment units due to the affordable housing crisis. Mr. Shapiro also commented on the Development Services Department's demolition permit process.

FILE LOCATION: AGENDA

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A188-237.)

PUBLIC COMMENT-7:

Comment by Bob Spellman regarding the De Anza Cove Community.

FILE LOCATION: AGENDA

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A236-280.)

PUBLIC COMMENT-8:

Comment by Barbara MacKenzie regarding medicinal marijuana and the need for a task force to be convened now.

FILE LOCATION: AGENDA

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A281-324.)

PUBLIC COMMENT-9:

Comment by Mark Morales regarding the plight of homeless families and children.

FILE LOCATION: AGENDA

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A326-358.)

COUNCIL COMMENT:

COUNCIL COMMENT-1:

Council Member Madaffer and Mayor Murphy thanked the City Manager for providing the sign posted outside chambers that reminds people to turn off their pagers and cell phones while in chambers.

FILE LOCATION: MINUTES

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A361-369.)

COUNCIL COMMENT-2:

Deputy Mayor Stevens commented on the shortage of housing in San Diego. He expressed his concerns regarding the population increase and the inability of San Diego to sustain that increase.

FILE LOCATION: MINUTES

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A370-447.)

COUNCIL COMMENT-3:

Council Member Peters commented on the housing crisis and his belief that the City Council can help find a solution to this problem.

FILE LOCATION: MINUTES

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A448-463.)

ITEM-330: Fanuel Street Rezone and Local Coastal Program Amendment.

(Continued from the meeting of April 17, 2001, Item 331, at the request of Council to allow staff time to work out a solution with the applicant/owner of the hair salon.)

Matter of approving, conditionally approving, modifying or denying a request to rezone a 0.29-acre property located at 4527, 4533, and 4545 Fanuel Street from CO-1-2 (Commercial-Office) to CC-3-4 (Commercial-Community).

The proposed rezone is located in the Coastal Zone, therefore the City Council's decision requires amending the City's Local Coastal Program. As a result, the final decision on this rezone will be with the California Coastal Commission. The City of San Diego must submit this as an amendment for certification to the Coastal Commission. The amendment is not effective in the Coastal Zone until the Coastal Commission unconditionally certifies the amendment.

(Rezone No. 40-0266. Pacific Beach Community Plan area. District-2.)

NOTE: The public testimony portion of the hearing is closed unless new information is presented. Testimony was taken on 4/17/2001.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Introduce the Ordinance:

(O-2001-128) CONTINUED TO TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2001

Introduction of an Ordinance changing 0.29 acres located at 4527 and 4545-4547 Fanuel Street, within the Pacific Beach Community Plan area, from the CO-1-2 (Commercial-Office) Zone into the CC-3-4 (Commercial-Community) Zone, as defined by San Diego Municipal Code Section 131.0507; and repealing Ordinance No. O-10364 (New Series), adopted August 13, 1970, of the Ordinances of the City of San Diego insofar as the same conflicts herewith.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Planning Commission voted 5-1 to approve; was opposition.

Ayes: Steele, Skorepa, Brown, Stryker, Garcia
Nays: Anderson

The Pacific Beach Community Planning Group has recommended denial of the proposed rezone.

CITY MANAGER SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

The project site is a 0.29-acre property located at the southeast corner of Fanuel Street and Felspar Street, within Pacific Beach. The property is developed with three existing commercial buildings, parking, and landscaping. The buildings are currently occupied by a dentist office, a motorcycle sales and service shop, a hair salon, and one 2-bedroom apartment unit upstairs.

The property is currently zoned CO-1-2 (Commercial-Office). This zone allows a mix of office and residential uses, but does not allow commercial services such as the hair salon, nor does it allow vehicle sales and service such as the motorcycle shop. The dentist office is an allowed use.

In September of 1999, the City's Code Compliance Department investigated the site in response to complaints from the neighborhood. After inspecting the site, Code Compliance determined that both the hair salon and motorcycle shop uses were not permitted in the CO-1-2 zone, and were thus in violation of the City's Municipal Code. The Code Enforcement Case against the property has been held in abeyance to allow the property owner to seek City Council approval of a rezone that would permit both the hair salon and motorcycle shop to continue to operate on the premises.

In April of 2000, the owner submitted to the City a rezone application requesting the CC-1-1(Commercial-Regional) zone. This zone would allow a wide variety of retail and commercial uses, including vehicle and vehicle equipment sales and service (motorcycle shop).

On July 24, 2000, the Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee took formal action on the Fanuel Rezone proposal from CO-1-2 to CC-1-1 and voted (8-1-5) to recommend denial of the rezone request. The committee's action was based primarily on public testimony and opposition provided by residents in the surrounding neighborhood. Most of the complaints centered around the noise and vibration generated or caused by the existing motorcycle shop, including noise impacts associated with motorcycle repair activities (dynamometer), motorcycle noise from customers arriving and leaving the property, and extraneous motorcycle-related activities on the site (parties and road rallies).

Based primarily on opposition from the planning group and surrounding neighbors, the applicant agreed to revise the rezone application to request the CC-3-4 zone, which is a community commercial zone intended to accommodate development with a pedestrian orientation. The CC-3-4 zone prohibits vehicle and vehicle equipment sales and service. Therefore, the sales, rental, service, repair, or maintenance of motorcycles or motorcycle equipment would not be permitted on the property. The CC-3-4 zone would, however, allow the hair salon to continue to operate.

On November 27, 2000, the applicant presented the revised rezone request to the Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee. Before voting on the revised rezone request, the Planning Committee chair determined that the committee would have to reconsider and rescind their previous vote (by a two-thirds majority). That motion to rescind their previous vote failed, and no further action was taken by the Committee on the requested CC-3-4 zone.

On December 14, 2000, this proposed rezone request was considered by the Planning Commission. During that hearing, considerable concern was expressed by neighbors regarding several uses permitted under the proposed CC-3-4 zone.

In an effort to prohibit certain uses permitted by the proposed zone but deemed inappropriate by neighbors, the applicant volunteered to restrict uses through a recorded deed restriction. The Planning Commission hearing was continued in order to provide the applicant the opportunity to both record the deed restriction, and allow the Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee to review and consider the deed restriction. On January 22, 2001, the Pacific Beach Community Planning Committee rejected the rezone request and deed restriction.

Finally, on February 15, 2001, the Planning Commission approved the proposed rezone (without the deed restriction).

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

The 0.29 acres located at 4527 and 4545-4547 Fanuel Street, as shown on Zone Map Drawing No. B-4147, and is more particularly described as Parcels 1 and 2 of Parcel Map No. 00397.

NOTE: This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2).

FILE LOCATION: NONE

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A464-475.)

MOTION BY WEAR TO CONTINUE AT THE REQUEST OF THE CITY MANAGER FOR FURTHER REVIEW. Second by Madaffer. Passed by the following vote: Peters-yea, Wear-yea, Atkins-yea, Stevens-yea, Maienschein-yea, District 6-vacant, Madaffer-yea, Inzunza-yea, Mayor Murphy-yea.

**ITEM-331: HEARING HELD/
SOCIAL SERVICE DECISION CONTINUED TO
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2001**

Special Hearing - FY2002 Social Service Funding.

The purpose of this special hearing is to receive public testimony on requests for Fiscal Year 2002 Social Service Program Allocations.

The special hearing will be closed at the end of public testimony. The Council discussion and decisions regarding the distribution of available funds will be on May 15, 2001.

(Continued from the meeting of April 24, 2001, Item 330, portion of Subitem A, at the Mayor's request, due to lack of time.)

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Hold the public hearing and close the hearing at the conclusion of public testimony.

Special Hearing - FY 2002 Community Development Block Grant and Social Service Programs.

Public Testimony will be heard in the following order:

1. Social Service Applications 1-172 in the order in which they are numbered.
2. Other testimony.

CITY MANAGERS SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear testimony on the FY2002 Social Service programs. There are 172 Social Service applicants. Each Social Service application has been assigned a number and will be heard in numerical order. Following the Social Service testimony, general program and other comments will be heard.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds are available from the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, Housing Opportunities for People with Aids Grant, the City General Fund, the County of San Diego and the San Diego Housing Commission to cover the costs of these programs.

Herring/Cunningham/EL

FILE LOCATION: NONE

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A480-C429; D004-I050.)

MOTION BY WEAR TO CONTINUE THE SOCIAL SERVICE DECISION TO TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2001, AT THE REQUEST OF MAYOR MURPHY TO ALLOW COUNCIL TIME FOR DELIBERATIONS. Second by Peters. Passed by the following vote: Peters-yea, Wear-yea, Atkins-yea, Stevens-yea, Maienschein-yea, District 6-vacant, Madaffer-yea, Inzunza-yea, Mayor Murphy-yea.

MOTION BY ATKINS TO REFER THE PROCESS FOR FY2003 TO THE RULES COMMITTEE FOR EVALUATION. Second by Wear. Passed by the following vote: Peters-yea, Wear-yea, Atkins-yea, Stevens-yea, Maienschein-yea, District 6-vacant, Madaffer-yea, Inzunza-yea, Mayor Murphy-yea.

Mayor Murphy closed the Hearing.

NON-DOCKET ITEMS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Murphy at 6:15 p.m. in honor of the memory of:

Ella McPike Keane Hall as requested by Council Member Peters; Frances Hallahan as requested by Council Member Madaffer; John Prichard as requested by Council Member Maienschein; and Blanche Dionne Zwiercan as requested by Mayor Murphy.

FILE LOCATION:

AGENDA

COUNCIL ACTION:

(Tape location: I068-080.)