

**ONTARIO CITY COUNCIL/
ONTARIO HOUSING AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2016**

JOINT MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Ontario City Council/Ontario Housing Authority were held on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at the Ontario City Hall, 303 East B Street, Ontario, California.

CALL TO ORDER – OPEN SESSION

The Mayor called the City Council/Housing Authority meetings to order at 5:00 p.m., and requested the City Clerk call the roll.

PRESENT:

Mayor pro Tem/Vice Chairman	Debra Dorst-Porada
Council/Authority Members:	Alan D. Wapner, and Paul Vincent Avila

ABSENT:

Mayor/Chairman:	Paul S. Leon
Council/Authority Members:	Jim W. Bowman

Also present were City Manager/Executive Director Al C. Boling, and City Clerk Sheila Mautz.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Avila.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephen Rogers, commented regarding collaboration between the City and the Ontario Airport.

City Manager Boling stated that public comments should be limited to the topic of the Special Council Meeting related to the City of Ontario and Chaffey Joint Union High School District.

Stephen Rogers commented regarding collaboration and fair employment opportunities.

Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada requested the speaker to keep his comments within the discussion pertaining to the City of Ontario and Chaffey Joint Union High School District educational workshop.

AGENDA REVIEW/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/DISCUSSION/ACTION**EDUCATION WORKSHOP – CHAFFEY JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

City Manager Boling introduced Mat Holton, Superintendent of Chaffey Joint Union High School District and spoke about the District's plans of building a new high school within the boundaries of the City of Ontario. He explained that this workshop came about because Mr. Holton approached him regarding sharing Chaffey Joint Union High School Board of Trustees' interest in sharing their plans for future development with the Ontario City Council.

Mat Holton, Superintendent of the Chaffey Joint Union High School District, began his presentation with the stated goal of the District to have the City Council be a part of the discussion regarding future development of CJUHSD. He introduced Sue Ovitt and Charles Uhalley, both District Board of Trustees; Mike Harrison Director of Operations, Tim Ward Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, and Mark Moya from IT.

Mr. Holton then presented information on student populations by school site and the projected impact on future development in the District. He provided demographic statistics comparing graduation rates, and a 10 year comparison of changes of demographics and projected graduation rates. He spoke about the District's recently completed facilities projects which include: marquee installments, security gates, sports stadiums, shade structures for students, solar/shade structures over parking lots, swimming pool improvements, and new classrooms. He also spoke about current projects such as Chaffey High School's new math and science building, and the renovation of the Gardiner Spring Auditorium (HVAC, elevators, increasing capacity, bathroom remodel, lighting, etc.). He commented on the District's focus on future objectives which include responding and adjusting to enrollment growth; and responding to region's occupational projections.

He commented on the schools' capacities and the future enrollment projections, future developments, and the impact it will have on the surrounding schools. He stated that the District previously introduced the idea of School Facility Improvement Districts (SFIDs) to developers; however the developers did not agree on adding the tax. The developers asked them to use Measure P to pay for a new school in South Ontario. The District's response was that some money may be used to address the impacts of development, but that an additional \$106 million is necessary to build a high school. Mr. Holton stated that voters were not interested in building a new school as part of Measure P and added that it was the public's lowest priority when polled. The District is continuing the discussion with developers and are working with a demographer to look at creating new boundaries for the schools in the District as an opportunity to adjust school populations to make things more equitable.

Mr. Holton spoke about the District's focus on responding to the region's occupational projections as they decided to build a Health and Science and Technology High School to house 1,200 students by taking about 150 from each high school within the District. The development of the school will allow students to have an opportunity to attend a specialized high school that is student driven and project-based, different from the type

of curriculum received in surrounding schools. The curriculum will result in the students graduating from the high school with one year of college already completed. The District wanted to provide the City Council information regarding the direction the District is headed.

Board Member Uhalley commented regarding their approach in developing a new educational facility which will serve the entire District. He commented on the importance of building an educational facility that allowed students to become a highly educated workforce. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) high school will allow students to acquire advanced certificates upon completion of high school. This high school will allow for increased enrollment and provide a valuable asset in the City.

Council Member Wapner thanked members of the Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees for coming to the meeting. He asked if the homeowners in Ontario Ranch contribute and pay toward the Measure P Bond. He also commented on the Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees' decision to move forward with the development of a new high school.

Mat Holton clarified that the public polling conducted stated that there was no interest in developing a school that their children would not benefit from, he noted that the magnet school would benefit the entire district. He also noted the importance of the Measure P Bond funds being used for the entire district and not just a specific area of the district.

Council Member Wapner asked for clarification regarding the distribution and use of the developer impact fees collected in Ontario Ranch and the nexus between those developer impact fees and the existing schools.

Mr. Holton explained that the developer impact fees collected in the south would go towards Colony High School to increase the school's capacity; Ontario High School; and Chaffey High School depending on the formation of the new boundaries created.

Council Member Wapner asked if a high school will be developed for the Ontario Ranch development. He inquired about the proposed state bond and asked if they will be able to use the bond to develop a high school in Ontario Ranch, to fulfill the commitment made to the people moving to Ontario Ranch.

Mat Holton clarified that Colony High School is available for Ontario Ranch students to attend; and stated that if future demographics show that there is a need for the construction of an additional high school in that area, a high school will be built.

Council Member Wapner asked the developers if they have made a commitment to provide a high school to the people buying homes in Ontario Ranch, or have they told the owners that buses will be provided to the students attending a local high school.

RC Cisakowski, President of RCCD, Inc., stated that there is a school located in the Ontario Ranch area on the District map plans for future development.

Council Member Wapner questioned the District's purchase of land to build a school in Ontario Ranch if the demographic projections did not warrant an additional school.

Mat Holton responded that the land was purchased in the event that a future need to build a school is determined to exist.

Council Member Wapner expressed his concerns about students who are provided with a good education moving out of the area and not returning to the City to work. He added that a magnet school such as being proposed is a great idea, but it should not come at the expense of postponing the building a high school in Ontario Ranch. He requested a response from the developers regarding the development fees paid for the construction of a high school.

RC Cisakowski said that the consortium of developers in Ontario Ranch have had unsuccessful discussions regarding a new high school. They had also discussed SFIDs; however, it was not a feasible solution because prospective owners would be asked to pay twice for the development of a high school. He further stated his disappointment regarding the proposed timeline for the development of a high school beyond 2040.

Council Member Wapner expressed his concerns that builders in Ontario Ranch are having difficulty attracting buyers because they are not seeing the amenities offered as compared to what is offered in surrounding cities. He added that of the roughly 1,500 homes purchased, students are attending schools in other cities. He stated that it is disheartening that there will be no local high schools serving Ontario Ranch. He wants to know if there is some way to come up with a funding mechanism to build a high school in Ontario Ranch.

Mat Holton explained that if there is a future need for a high school to be built in the Ontario Ranch area, a high school will be built but that the current demographic projects do not bear that out until at least 2040. He wants to work with the City and the development community to make sure that the educational needs of the residents are being met by the existing schools, and that the facilities and programming are equitable.

Council Member Avila commended the leadership that Mr. Holton and Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees have provided. He noted that the purpose of the workshop is to provide the City with an overview of how the City is affected by the District. He stated that his concern is with the staffing of the magnet school, but is thankful for including the City in the discussion for the District's plans. He further thanked Mr. Holton for his work and leadership in the District.

Council Member Wapner apologized to the School Board and Mr. Holton regarding his strong stance presented earlier in the presentation, and he stated his appreciation for the good job they do to educate children. He expressed his intent to work with Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees to find a funding mechanism to help meet the needs and demands of the community.

Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada commented regarding the Council's promise to the Old Model Colony homeowners regarding fees and improvements funded by each separate development. She would like the Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees to consider developing a similar funding structure.

Mat Holton stated that Colony High School will be able to meet the needs of development in Ontario Ranch as currently projected. He also stressed the importance of building it as an equitable school, and added the District will continue to work with the City and developers.

Council Member Wapner asked Mr. Holton to consider working with the Planning Department during the development of the magnet school regarding traffic flow and building design.

Council Member Avila commented regarding the high school drop-out rate and stated that it may be due to the migratory students that are currently in the City for economic reasons. He added that the teachers selected to teach at the magnet school should have National Certification or credentials to provide the students with the best learning experience.

Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada left the meeting at 6:09 p.m., Council has lost quorum.

Council Member Wapner asked Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees about how the development of the magnet school will be communicated to the public.

Mat Holton stated that the Board of Trustees had just approved the concept of the magnet school and wanted to share the information with the Ontario City Council first, and will have a comprehensive public relations program in place soon.

STAFF MATTERS

None.

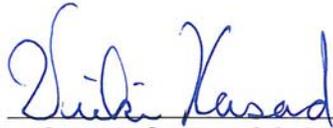
COUNCIL MATTERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Wapner adjourned the meetings of the Joint Agencies at 6:14 p.m. He announced the next regular meetings of the Ontario City Council and Ontario Housing Authority on Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



VICKI KASAD, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK/SECRETARY

APPROVED:



PAUL S. LEON, MAYOR/CHAIRMAN