

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SAN PABLO CITY COUNCIL  
AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2007**

The meeting was convened in the Council Conference Room at 8:30 a.m.

**ROLL CALL – Council/Agency**

Present were Mayor/Chair Paul Morris and Vice-Mayor/Director Sharon Brown and Councilmembers/Directors Leonard McNeil, Joseph Gomes and Genoveva Garcia Calloway. Also present were City Manager Brock Arner, Community Services Director Kelsey Worthy, and Facilitator Don Maruska.

The following were discussed during the workshop:

**Learning Preferences**

NAME	READING	HEARING	DOING
McNeil	1	2	3
Brown	1	3	2
Calloway	2	1	3
Morris	3	2	1
Gomes	1	3	2
Arner	2	3	1

**Shared Hopes for the City of San Pablo**

- Financial stability to have the resources to support City services.
- Respect for opinions of one another on the Council so that we work together successfully and build community.
- Safe and secure streets and parks so people enjoy living in and visiting San Pablo and the City enjoys a positive community image.
- Effective communication of City government with residents and businesses to enhance responsiveness, awareness of policies, and openness.
- Productive collaboration with schools and medical facilities to improve service to the community.
- Positive engagement of youth in activities that encourage hope and build leadership.
- Housing and programs to support a healthy and engaged aging population.
- Public trust and support for the Police and City government so that we work together effectively.
- All residents feel connected and part of the City.
- Better quality housing, especially in Old Town, and an increase in home ownership to build community.

## **Improving Effectiveness**

<b>Actions as a Council</b>	<b>Ways to Encourage</b>	<b>How to Track Progress</b>
<p>Implement process to manage meetings and decisions.</p> <p>Keep sense of humor and relaxed approach to help public, Council, and staff be receptive to ideas and work together.</p> <p>Focus on ways to build community through policies, Council relations, etc.</p> <p>Identify and agree ahead of time on appropriate process for handling important topics.</p>		

<b>Personal Actions</b>	<b>Ways to Encourage</b>	<b>How to Track Progress</b>
<p>Brock—Adjust staff reports to better meet Council needs.</p> <p>Genoveva—Give input on information needs.</p> <p>Paul—Allocate more time to listen and have discussion.</p> <p>Joe—Be more tolerant of other Council members.</p> <p>Leonard—Communicate more with other Council members and CM and give updates on activities.</p> <p>Sharon—Be more patient.</p>		

## **Draft 2007-2009 Goals**

### ***Recreation***

- Continue to improve parks and open space with completion of Wanlass and Davis Parks and Helms Community Center.
- Continue and expand after school programs to include more physical activities and to enhance academic achievement.

### ***Neighborhood Services***

- Assess homeless situation and take appropriate action.
- Develop a sustainable plan of how to communicate and celebrate our cultural diversity to
  - a. Expand multi-cultural events that build community and encourage mutual respect and understanding.
  - b. Communicate effectively with diverse language groups.
  - c. Encourage community assets to achieve these objectives with City support.

### ***Public Works***

- Design San Pablo Dam Road overpass.
- Complete new Corporation Yard.
- Construct Rumrill Boulevard Bridge.
- Develop a timetable for all remaining roadway projects.

### ***Finance***

- Review policies on financial reserves and develop contingency plans and policies to address potential disruptions in revenue sources.
- Address legislative issues affecting Casino San Pablo with elected officials (especially Feinstein) in order to secure continued revenue source.

### ***Redevelopment/Economic Development***

- Identify ways to improve Old Town (e.g. alley ways, sidewalks, housing stock, code enforcement, and traffic flow).
- Expand housing ownership opportunities with acquisition of mobile home park and Salvation Army property and planning of Alvarado/Circle S property to redevelop for housing and mixed use.
- Explore methods of financing the acquisition and redevelopment of Gerkin's, Kimball's and Town Center mobile home parks to expand housing and improve the properties.

### ***Planning***

- Assess permitting process and evaluate opportunities to enhance coordination, streamline it, and improve explanation of decisions in customer-friendly ways.
- Enhance communication of programs and changes affecting residents and businesses and alert Council members.

### ***Community Building***

- Develop plan to better market the City to its businesses and residents and enhance civic engagement through efforts such as
  - a. community leadership program
  - b. improved police-community relations
  - c. adoption of effective decision process

## **Role of Mayor**

- Facilitate meetings (maintain decorum, engage Council members, search for agreement)
- Invite members to identify issues or topics.

## **Summary Comments**

- Productive meeting. We have tools that we can implement to build trust. The Profile Reports will help us communicate better.
- Very interesting day.
- Learned a lot. Enjoyed the tools and hands-on examples. It's a long day, but I don't feel exhausted.
- Well conducted session. We are one community and one Council and this helps us get on the right track.
- Proud of the Council and willingness of members to speak forthrightly and find the high ground for a lasting legacy.
- Appreciate the tools and coaching to work together as a team. We're taking the high ground. We are strong. What we accomplished today is incredible.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ted J. Denney, City Clerk and Executive Secretary

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Paul V. Morris, Mayor and Chair