

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harness, Smith, Hinesly, Morales,  
Gonzalez

STAFF MEMBLERS PRESENT:

Anderson, Barkley, Beltran, Carrillo,  
McCloskey, Nunes, Popovich,  
Thompson, Todd, Uota

DINUBA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keel-Worrell, Froesen, Rojas, Villarreal,

DUSD STAFF MEMBLERS PRESENT:

Hernandez, Garispe, Kaljumagi, Meyer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

1.1. City Council Members Attendance

All City Council Members were present. Council Member Morales was not present at the start of the meeting but subsequently arrived at 5:37 pm.

1.2. Board Members Attendance

All School Board Members were present.

1.3. Adoption of Joint Meeting Agenda

The School Board Members adopted the Joint Meeting Agenda.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by the Director of Instructional Services Thiesen.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by DUSD Board Member Villarreal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4.1. Unscheduled.

Robert Cervantes was present to give Mayor Hinesly and Aldo Gonzales letters of intent to recall.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 5.1. Tennis Courts, Athletic / Recreational Facilities

Chris Meyer, Dinuba High School Principal, was present to share several slides with both Boards showing the poor condition of the tennis courts located at the High School.

Peggy Garispe, Finance Director reported the options that the Board is faced with in dealing with the current tennis courts:

Quick Fix	\$19,000 - \$30,000
Resurface	\$\$100,000
New Courts	\$1,000,000

Dr. Hernandez said the high school is land-locked. There is nowhere else for the high school to grow.

Mayor Hinesly said the City and School District have discussed establishing tennis courts at the golf course but there is not yet a commitment.

Dr. Hernandez said there is a need for more than 8 courts because the district wants to entertain tournaments.

Council Member Harness asked what the school requires.

Dr. Hernandez said a good location and the necessary number of courts. He stressed the need to come up with a permanent location.

Mayor Hinesly asked if the School District is planning to build another campus. Dr. Hernandez responded that the district needs more facilities but the cost is prohibitive with a facility costing from \$80 million to \$100 million; the District cannot afford to build new.

Finance Director Garispe said School and City staff met recently and discussed the school's facility needs. The district is looking at all possible facilities for expansion of teaching facilities. She said it would be nice if the City and School District could find a more affordable option through the JPA.

Board Member Rojas said access to the facility is important and it may not be a good idea to have tennis courts at the golf course for that reason.

Council Member Morales asked about other possible locations.

City Manager Todd said in addition to tennis courts, there is a great need for other sports activities that are also in great demand; as a result, we have several locations but not nearly enough. The City has land but no additional resources because of the demise of RDA funds. He said that the city

has 20 to 40 acres available. Todd said it may be a good idea to look at the entire community and develop a plan for future facility locations.

Board Member Friesen asked how many acres will 8 courts occupy and Chris Kapheim said one court measures 78 by 30 feet. Friesen said it should be a central location but not at the RCR. He said it would be best to find a location where all could use the facility and he asked about the former Alta Hospital site but was told it belongs to someone who has plans for the location.

Council Member Morales said that site may bring with it an unwelcome noise factor.

The cost of a new high school was discussed and Dr. Hernandez reported that a new school would cost \$80 to \$100 million.

Chris Kapheim said the present courts were built likely in the 1930's. He said it would be ideal to have courts where parents could watch tennis matches and where the community could utilize them. He said it's a good sport for the community. He said time is a factor because of the poor condition of the courts. Kapheim said the community needs youth programs and he added that it would be beneficial to have a community advisory group formed for this matter.

Board Member Villarreal said instead of Magnolia and First Street, why not look at Sierra Way. She said the present planned location is fine there are no issues in her opinion. Villarreal said she lives in the area and finds no outstanding issues.

Council Member Smith said that's a good point as crime happens everywhere.

Dave Ysusi local businessman spoke to the matter of tennis courts. He said the school board should not repair the current courts because he feels they aren't worth the repair. He urged the School Board to build the courts on the school campus where the players can be safe.

To the City he said the RCR project is a good project, and he urged staff to "make it a showplace." He said the RV park is a good idea but not enough for the golf course site. He said the site needs more amenities and it would be great if it were embraced.

Alfred Garcia said the best school programs include tennis but he urged that if it is built to include a backboard.

Board Member Worrell said she appreciates Kapheim's comments regarding the advisory committee.

Board Member Rojas said we need to look at the entire sports program. There is a need for adequate lighting. If there was a large sports complex we could include all sports.

Discussion followed in regard to a sports complex. Mayor Hinesly invited the School Board to come back to tell how the City might help with the issue.

Director John Carrillo said if the tennis courts are placed at a city facility it can't be secured as it might be on school property. He explained future plans for the Sportsplex project.

Discussion followed in regard to plans for the Sportsplex and the Board asked when it will be available. Carrillo said it will be available sometime after the first of the new year.

## 5.2. District Master Facilities Plan – Dinuba High School

Chris Meyer, High School Principal said there are some definite challenges but a great opportunity before the Board and the City. He shared the School District's 7-yr study, the current facility issues, the major issues of debate and the immediate facility needs.

Dr. Hernandez talked about developing a Master Facilities Plan. He asked how much the City is willing to allow DUSD to plan. He said the district would like to see if the Vocational Center is an option for a satellite high school site.

Discussion followed about the possibility of acquiring First Street and what it would entail.

Mayor Hinesly said all this is overwhelming. The subject must first be explored and she asked if the Board has discussed the matter.

Dr. Hernandez said the District only has a year to come up with a solution to acquire another site.

Mayor Hinesly asked if staff could work on some sort of estimate as to acquiring First Street for the expansion of the high school campus.

City Manager Todd said that idea is not new and had there still been RDA funds available it may have been easier. The school has a big undertaking because the campus is land-locked. He said the Vocational Center may be a possibility but it may not fit within the EDA framework. The School District can choose to buy the Vocational Center but there may be other options. This is a matter for both boards to discuss to benefit the community.

Board Member Villarreal said the Board must consider the cost of a new or optional school site.

City Manager Todd said the City has a program and currently working with Reedley College on Pathways curriculum for the Vocational Center.

Council Member Smith said in his 12 years or so serving on the City Council he has heard the concern for medical training but there are other needs.

Council Member Gonzalez said he feels if the two Boards work together we can come up with ideas.

Mayor Hinesly asked how we move forward.

Dr. Hernandez said see if the Vocational Center can be used.

Mayor Hinesly asked if the Vocational Center can currently be used as proposed.  
City Manager Todd said no.

Board Member Villarreal said the School Board is going to consider the Facilities Master Plan at their next meeting.

Discussion continued and Dr. Hernandez said the District does not want to lease property but at this point they are running out of alternatives and time.

### 5.3. Dinuba Vocational Center

This item was discussed as part of item 5.2.

### 5.4. Avenue 416 Widening Project Update

Engineer Uota reported that the project should be completed at the end of the year in the Tulare County boundary.

Mayor Hinesly asked Uota if we have been notified of Fresno County's finish date and Uota said staff has not been notified. Uota said it will likely be 3 to 4 years before the project is completely done because there are property purchases that need to be done first.

### 5.5. Building Trades Program

Engineer Uota Said that the former Court House facility has been inspected and some areas of asbestos were found in the ceiling, floor and paint material. Once it's removed a better idea of replacement cost can be calculated. The air conditioning system and electric service are serviceable. Once these items are corrected staff can discuss the project with school staff for the remodel work by the students.

Mayor Hinesly said she would like to include the Boy Scouts and maybe the Girl Scouts as they are interested in helping with the facility.

Council Member Harness said this is the reason he is confident we can come up with a solution to the tennis courts. It begins with discussion and a need.

### 5.6. Information Sharing

Board Member Villarreal said she is glad for the joint meetings.

Mayor Hinesly said it serves our common goals well.

ADJOURNMENT OF JOINT MEETING

The joint meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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Janet C. Hinesly, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk