

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Smith, Harness, Morales, Thusu
COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Reynosa
DUSD BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Villarreal, Froese, Cendejas, Kizirian, Keel-Worrell
STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Interim City Manager Meinert, Superintendent of Schools Hernandez

CALL TO ORDER

President Keel-Worrell called the joint work session meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

2.1. WELCOME

The welcome was made by Board President Keel-Worrell.

2.2. FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Morales.

2.3. ROLL CALL – Dinuba Unified School Board

Bev Keel-Worrell, President
Sandra Kizirian, Clerk
Mary Villarreal, Member
Ron Froese, Member
Miriam Cendejas, Member

2.4. ROLL CALL - City Council Members

Emilio Morales, Mayor
Scott Harness, Vice Mayor
Maribel Reynosa, Council Member
Mike Smith, Council Member
Kuldip Thusu, Council Member

Deputy Clerk Barkley conducted roll call attendance of the City Council and Council Member Reynosa was not present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (As pertains to the Joint Work Session)

The School Board adopted the agenda.

JOINT WORK SESSION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The items listed below are for discussion of items in a joint forum that may be of common interest to the Dinuba Unified School District Board and City Council.

3.1. Amendments to the Joint Powers Agreement

Director John Carrillo shared pictures of the Sportsplex and shared information statistical information about the facility and it's available uses. Carrillo reviewed the facility use pricing chart.

Carrillo also shared in regard to the College Park Community Center that it is still in the construction phase and the item will have to be revisited at the next joint work session.

The two facilities are not yet included in the Joint Powers Agreement but will be included in future amendment of the JPA.

3.2. Avenue 416 / El Monte Way Project Update

Associate Engineer Joe Aguirre provided an update of the Avenue 416 widening project.

3.3. Dissolution of Successor Agency and Oversight Board

Finance Director Cook reported that the Successor Agency has been successful in paying down debt and obligations of the Redevelopment Agency. Some of the debt has been refinanced as we were able to float a bond. This action benefits the City and the School District. The Successor agency Oversight Board will move to the County level in about a year when the dissolution of the Successor Agency occurs. Right now, the agency is paying down debt.

Interim City Manager Meinert said \$300,000 will go to the School District over the life of the bond at about \$40,000 per year.

3.4. Randle Avenue CDBG Grant Application

Associate Engineer Aguirre reported that the City is applying for CDBG grant funding to help with the development of Randle Avenue improvements.

Interim City Manager Meinert said right now there is no way to provide sewer infrastructure but the CDBG grant will make infrastructure possible from El Monte Way south to Sierra Way on Randle and provide for fire hydrants. Meinert stated that the shopping center has complained about the lack of business on the east side but the new instrasture will help bolster the economy there.

Superintendent Hernandez asked if the grant is contingent on the school being built there.

Aguirre said it is not but it would help; it's not currently planned.

Meinert said it would be good to get the District's support letter to include with the grant.

3.5. Kern and College Street Closure – Every 15 Minutes

Principal Chris Meyer thanked the City, the police and fire department sand especially Officer Wilder for helping with the Every 15 Minutes event recently.

3.6. Dinuba High School - Student Housing

Archictect David Iwanaga was present to talk about a proposed design for a remodeled Dinuba High School and a design for proposed future high school which is in the District's School Master Plan. The cost for the remodel was proposed at \$90 million while the new state of the art school on the west side is at about \$96 million.

Board Member Froese asked about the toxic waste site at the northeast side of the high school where a proposed baseball field would be placed. Remediation of the site was discussed.

Vice Mayor Harness asked what funds are available for the west side proposed school.

President Keel-Worrell said the District is waiting for a proposed state bond which is scheduled in 2016 and stated that currently the District has limited bonding capacity.

Vice Mayor Harness asked what is needed to complete Phase I and Architect Iwanaga said \$24 million for the first phase.

Council Member Thusu asked the Board, what are the plans to occupy the new high school by 2018-19?

President Keel-Worrell said the predicament has grown quickly so plans are to partially begin.

Finance Director Garispe said there are currently no funds to proceed. These are viewed as options—the District is hoping for a State bond so the District is buying time with portables at the high school. Garispe added that these are huge implications for our city.

Garispe said the District wants direction from the City as to the best direction for the District to move on the placement of a new high school or remodel of the existing high school.

Discussion followed in regard to the Capacity of the High School.

ADJOURNMENT OF JOINT WORK SESSION

President Keel-Worrell adjourned the joint work session at 7:05 pm.
Mayor Morales adjourned the joint work session at the same time.

Emilio Morales
Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk