

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF FONTANA  
JOINT ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
WITH FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCH 29, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A joint adjourned regular meeting of the Fontana City Council and Fontana Unified School District (FUSD) was held on Monday, March 29, 2010, in the John D. Piazza Education Center, 9680 Citrus Avenue, Fontana, California. FUSD Board President Hawthorn called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: City of Fontana Mayor Nuaimi and Council Members Roberts, Rutherford, Scialdone, and Warren.

Fontana Unified School District Board President Henry "Gus" Hawthorn, Clerk Julie A. Ramos, Alternate Clerk Laura Abernathy Mancha, and Members Kathy Binks and BarBara L. Chavez.

Absent: None

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Hawthorn.

**III. ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Board Clerk Ramos, seconded by Board Member Binks, and carried unanimously by vote of 5-0 to adopt the meeting agenda with the additions of a school calendar update, TelePresence System presentation, and a presentation on the District's student drop out rate.

**IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one was present wishing to speak.

**V. WORK SESSION**

A. 15-minute budget briefings, both the City and FUSD

Management Services Director Lisa Strong presented an update on the City of Fontana budget progress for Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11.

City Manager Kenneth Hunt commented that it was a tough year for the City and stated that no layoffs for the next Fiscal Year 2010-11 were to occur as long as the State does not take additional City funds and the economy does not deteriorate further. Budget documents would be submitted in May/June of this year for City Council review.

Mayor Nuaimi commented that there have been no service reductions but that growth and capital improvements have slowed due to lack of funding.

Business Services Deputy Superintendent Richard A. Stedry, Ed.D., presented an update on the District's 2010-11 General Fund Budget.

District Superintendent Cali Olsen-Binks commented on the District's impacts from "sweeps" which included "sweep outs" of the Adult Education CBET Program, tighter staff ratios, and cuts to Elementary School Assistance Principals and central administration.

Board President Hawthorn commented on the two percent improvement to student attendance.

Dr. Stedry explained that the Board would review the budget document in May/June of this year.

Discussion continued from Board Member Mancha, Superintendent Binks, Dr. Stedry, Mayor Nuaimi, and Council Member Roberts regarding student attendance, the unified school calendar, the budget deficit, and effects on the new high school.

#### **B. Co-op between City and FUSD**

City of Fontana Public Works Director Chuck Hays presented the benefits to the Fontana Community that result from City and District exclusive-use agreements.

Board President Hawthorn spoke in appreciation of the relationship with Fontana Police Department and success of the Heritage and Jesse Turner Centers.

Mayor Nuaimi thanked City and District staff and elected bodies for the partnership.

#### **C. Sidewalk improvements around Jurupa Hills High School**

City of Fontana Director of Engineering Ricardo Sandoval presented an update on the sidewalk installation and improvements near Jurupa High School.

Board Member Chavez expressed concern over storm drain flooding near elementary schools.

Director of Engineering Sandoval explained the infrastructure challenges and prioritization process for improvements.

Supervising Technical Engineer Monae Pirie-Pugh spoke regarding the City signal priority list and traffic count study for traffic signals and stop signs near Oleander and Santa Ana Avenue and Oleander and Slover Avenue intersections.

Discussion continued regarding funding for storms drains, funding issues among the County Flood Control, planned storm drains at Baseline Avenue, Duncan Canyon Road, and the Pacific Electric Trail, and the resurfacing of Oleander in July 2010 before the new high school opens.

**D. Process for bringing concerns to the attention of the other agency**

City of Fontana Mayor Nuaimi discussed the proper procedure for notifying the City or District on issues of concern. It is important to work together to ensure that the City Manager, District Superintendent, Council Members, and Board Members are aware of prominent concerns. The option to re-launch a joint subcommittee was considered.

Board Member Chavez expressed resident concern regarding the Census and City check points.

Council Member Scialdone, Police Chief Rod Jones, and Mayor Nuaimi discussed the importance of traffic safety in the City, traffic enforcement around schools, and the City's enforcement against drunk driving.

Mayor Pro Tem Scialdone and Council Member Warren encouraged Board Members to ride-along with the Fontana Police Department and Chief Jones.

Board Clerk Ramos thanked the Fontana Police Department for keeping the roads safe.

Chief Jones, Board Member Chavez, and Superintendent Binks discussed alternative transportation options that parents can use for their young children to get to school safely which include busing and carpooling.

**E. City facilities and After School Program**

City of Fontana Community Services Director Garth Nelson introduced Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez who presented the exclusive-use of City and District facilities and success of the After School Program.

Council Member Warren requested discussion on Healthy Fontana.

Community Services Manager Hernandez discussed the Healthy Fontana physical fitness, health, and cooking classes being conducted during the After School Programs.

Superintendent Binks thanked the City for supporting sports among students as budget cuts have removed intramural sports from middle schools. The After School Program Coordinators have been beneficial at each school site.

Board Member Chavez, Community Services Manager Hernandez, and Superintendent Binks discussed grant submission for extending the program to high schools.

Mayor Nuaimi thanked the District for the collaboration and After School Program with over \$43.2 million in grant funding.

#### F. Mayor's Spanish Language Initiative

City of Fontana Community Services Director Garth Nelson introduced Community Services Manager Frances Hernandez who presented updated information on English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and services offered by the City and Fontana Library.

Board Member Chavez, Council Member Warren, and Community Services Manager Hernandez discussed illiteracy programs offered through the County for illiterate parents.

FUSD Instructional Services Associate Superintendent Oscar Dueñas and Superintendent Binks discussed the "sweeping" of illiteracy programs offered at the Adult School and Title I funding available for creative options for a future illiteracy program.

#### G. Densification of housing

City of Fontana Director of Community Development Don Williams explained the State legislature regulations for increased density of housing on fewer acres and the effects on the community, City's Housing Element of the General Plan, and School District.

City Manager Hunt commented that with density regulation of 30 units per acre, development is beginning to go vertical.

Mayor Nuaimi commented on the leap-frog processes used by developers that bypass City approval and obtain State litigation against the City, transit-oriented development, and City efforts for sustainability rather than affordability as Fontana is an affordable place to live in.

Board Member Chavez and Community Development Williams discussed inclusion of the homeless in the State's regulations.

Board President Hawthorn and Community Development Williams discussed overcrowding in the core areas of the City and working together to identify the boundaries for increased density.

H. U.S. Census update

City of Fontana Director of Community Development Don Williams announced the City's efforts to reach the Community and ensure an effective response rate on completion of 2010 U.S. Census Forms. Coordination between City and District staff has become more successful to avoid duplicated efforts.

District Superintendent Cali Olsen-Binks commented on the District's 2010 U.S. Census efforts that include the Teleparent dialing system, Everyone Counts Meetings, and questionnaire assistance center locations.

**Additional Agenda Items**

School Calendar

District Superintendent Cali Olsen-Binks announced the updated calendar for all grade levels for the 2010-11 School Year with a start date on August 9, 2010, and end date of May 27, 2011.

TelePresence System

District Superintendent Cali Olsen-Binks announced the District's use of a TelePresence System in partnership with Cisco Systems, Inc., at no cost for its Board meetings.

District Drop Out Rate

City Council Member Warren requested an update on the District's student drop out rate.

Mayor Nuaimi and Superintendent Binks discussed the State's flawed drop out tracking system and the concern over the District's drop out rate.

Board Member Chavez commented on the drop out of pregnant students.

Council Member Warren commented on the decreased faith-based memberships and drop out of 14-15 year-olds.

Associate Superintendent Dueñas announced the District's student drop out rate as 15.4 percent compared to the County's 22.5 percent and State's 18.9 percent drop out rates. The District's High School drop out rate was broken down as follows: 16.9 percent for Fontana High School, 13.2 percent for A.B. Miller High School, and 11.1 percent for Kaiser High School. The District's student graduation rate was 79 percent compared to the County's 74 percent and State's 79.6 percent graduation rates. The District's High School graduation rate was broken down as follows: 77 percent for Fontana High School, 87 percent for A.B. Miller High School, and 88 percent for Kaiser High School. Updated data will become available in September 2010.

Superintendent Binks, Board Member Binks, and Mayor Nuaimi discussed the effects of the high school exit exam, inclusion of special education students, work permits, seniors that fail one class before graduation, the commonality that school has taken a back seat among students and parents, and creative approaches for the future to prevent drop outs.

Council Member Warren announced scholarship opportunities being supported by her and Chaffey College to ensure that Continuation High School students enter college.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Alternate Clerk Mancha, seconded by Board Member Binks, and carried unanimously by vote of 5-0 to adjourn the joint adjourned regular meeting at 9:19 p.m.

The next Regular City Council Meeting which will be held on April 14, 2010, with workshop at 5 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, CA.

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THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE  
29th DAY OF MARCH 2010.

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Tonia Lewis  
City Clerk