



**CITY OF AZUSA
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AND THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING – JOINTLY WITH CITY OF DUARTE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008 – 6:07 P.M.**

The City Council and the Redevelopment Agency Board Members of the City of Azusa met in special session at the above date and time in the Azusa Auditorium, located at 213 E. Foothill Boulevard, Azusa.

Mayor/Chairman Rocha called the meeting to order.

Call to Order

Azusa Chief of Police Bob Garcia led in the salute to the Flag.

Flag Salute

ROLL CALL

Roll Call

**PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, MACIAS, ROCHA
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: HANKS**

MEMBERS OF THE DUARTE CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: REYES, FASANA, FINLAY, PARAS-CARACCI, GASTON

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ALSO PRESENT:

Also Present

City Manager/Executive Director Delach, Assistant City Manager/Assistant Executive Person, Chief of Police Garcia, Director of Utilities Hsu, Public Information Officer Quiroz, Library Director Tovar, Recreation Supervisor Hamilton, Economic Development Director Coleman, Public Works Director Makshanoff, Director of Information Technology Graf, Secretary/City Clerk Mendoza, Deputy Secretary/Deputy City Clerk Toscano.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pub Part

Mr. Richard Deem addressed Council voicing his opinion against Vulcan mining and the letter they submitted regarding their right to mine the additional 80 acres in the west side of their property.

R. Deem
Comments

Mr. Lino Paras addressed Council voicing his opinion against Vulcan mining noting that clean and bad air has no boundaries.

L. Paras
Comments

Mr. Al Contreras of the Upper San Gabriel Valley Water District addressed Council noting that his concern is the water and the possibility of contamination by the mining.

A. Contreras
Comments

Mr. Charles Bucker Gwyn addressed Council noting the positive changes in both cities, but noted that the backdrop mountains are an eye sore that can be seen from all over; he would like to see a positive change.

C. Gwyn
Comments

Mr. Allen Hiller addressed Council voicing his opinion against Vulcan mining in the community.

A. Hiller
Comments

Ms. Susan Buchanan addressed Council voicing her opinion against the Vulcan mining and hopes they receive the message that the community is against it.

S. Buchanan
comments

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item

The following issues were discussion:

Joint Issues

Encanto Parking Restrictions – Discussion was held regarding truck traffic up El Encanto, speed control, and possible liabilities. City Manager Delach advised that parking restrictions can be lifted during weekends and special events on one side of the street and he would have City Engineer look into the feasibility.

Encanto Pkg Restrictions

Encanto Nature Walk – Deputy City Manager Karen Herrera of Duarte provided an update on the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and what they will be doing with funds for the Nature Walk. She requested a commitment from Azusa police to patrol more frequently when they are up and running; completion date is early part of 2009.

Encanto Nature Walk

Pedestrian Bridge San Gabriel River- City Managers of both cities and Deputy City Manager Herrera of Duarte provided information regarding the issue and discussion was held. Safety was one of the most important issues and City Manager Delach was asked to provide costs estimates for lighting/solar or motion sensor.

Pedestrian Bridge SG River

Foothill Boulevard Street Conditions/Maintenance – Lengthy discussion was held and it was noted that City of Irwindale and Los Angeles County are taking responsibility for their part of this area. Some problems noted in that area were poor street condition, roots of trees tearing asphalt, lighting on bridge, dangerous curve and safety in general; it was noted that a traffic study should be performed as well as the responsibility for those issues.

Foothill Blvd Street Conditions Maintenance

San Gabriel River Homeless Issues – Azusa Chief of Police Garcia detailed the intervention that was performed in the Canyon area in October and issues with homeless. Discussion was held regarding responsibility, reporting incidents/suspicious persons and psa regarding dangers of water and drowning(s).

SG River Homeless Issues

Mining Issues – Lengthy discussion was held regarding Vulcan mining, its special use permit, acreage, terms, vested rights, etc. City Attorney Carvalho responded to questions posed and detailed history, conditions, monitoring, compliance, threats of litigation, general plan, etc. Question and answer session ensued and many questions were posed regarding the history of Vulcan Materials; City Attorney Carvalho advised that she would return with responses to question as soon as possible.

Mining Issues

It was consensus of Councilmembers/Directors to adjourn.

Adjourn

TIME ADJOURNMENT: 7:57 P.M.

CITY CLERK/SECRETARY

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 08-C7

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 08-R4

