

CITY OF PERRIS

MINUTES: Work Session of the City Council,
Redevelopment Agency, Perris Public
Finance Authority & Perris Public
Utilities Authority
Date of Meeting: 11 January 2005
Time of Meeting: 5:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting: City Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Honorable Mayor Busch called the Work Session of the City Council, Redevelopment Agency, Perris Public Finance Authority and Perris Public Utilities Authority Meeting to order.

5:00 p.m. Called to order.

2. ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Landers, Motte, Yarbrough, Busch

*Four Council Members Present.
(Councilmember Rogers was absent)*

Staff Members Present: City Manager Apodaca, City Attorney Dunn, Community Development Director Barnes, City Engineer Motlagh, Finance Director Carr, Assistant to City Manager Madkin, and City Clerk Rey.

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3. WORK SESSION:

A. Congressional Funding for City of Perris

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Introduced by: Ron Carr, Finance Director

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- 1) Gaining the support of the City's elected officials.
- 2) Focusing on two or three projects.
- 3) Diversifying the project list among the federal agencies.
- 4) Preparing the project list before the federal appropriations cycle begins in February.

Strategy for developing a project list.

Mayor Busch introduced Phil Paule, District Director for Congressman Darrell Issa, who introduced the Congressman's Chief of Staff, Dale Neugebauer, and Legislative Director, Paige Anderson, who were visiting from Washington, D.C.

Mayor Busch welcomed the members of Congressman Issa's staff who were present.

Mr. Neugebauer thanked the City for the invitation and explained that they work closely with each of the cities in their district to procure federal funding based on priorities that they set, dealing directly with elected officials, staff and lobbyists in Washington.

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Mayor Busch asked if there were any current directions they would recommend. Mr. Neugebauer replied that transportation was going to be a large issue this year.

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Paige Anderson said that regarding the appropriation cycle for FIS, there was good and bad news. The good news was that the new Appropriations Chairman was Congressman Jerry Lewis from California. The bad news was that they had increased deficit and they were fearful that the budget resolution, which would determine how much discretionary money the Appropriations Committee would have on non-defense domestic spending, was going to get cut. Ms. Anderson said homeland security would be well funded. They said they had been successful in achieving appropriations for areas such as transit centers and bus facilities. Though there may not be earmarks available in some areas, there may be new grants that become available that they can help the City get.

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City Manager Apodaca asked what type of prognosis there was for opportunities to obtain earmarks for funding on storm drains or water conveyance projects. Mr. Neugebauer said they had been quite successful in getting funding for water projects. Ms. Anderson said she believed there was going to be more attention given to flood control and storm drains in light of the recent flooding in California. She said the City needed to be as specific as possible in its requests.

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Mayor Busch asked the Council if there were any specific projects they would like to discuss.

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Councilmember Motte mentioned the San Jacinto River. The speakers said that a project such as that might be better handled in conjunction with Riverside County Flood Control.

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City Manager Apodaca asked if it would be beneficial to link our City Engineer and the lobbyist and the Army Corps of Engineers to go and pursue the representatives' assistance. Ms. Anderson suggested working with the County Supervisor in prioritizing the issues.

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Mayor Pro Tem Landers asked if anything had been done to declare a project to alleviate the traffic situation on I-215. They did not believe there had been any requests for that. They said they would

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need to receive a formal request either from the City or from the County Regional Agency, and it would be a little late in the process to get that done at this time.

Mr. Neugebauer said they had staff members that specialize in different issues such as transportation, water, etc., and it is their responsibility to make sure they have the information they need from the City. The submission of a project includes a questionnaire that can be done on the internet, as well as a letter from Congressman Issa indicating the priorities for his district. So when they receive a list from the City of Perris, the City's priorities become a part of their list. They would welcome representatives from the City to visit their office in Washington in March or April to discuss requests.

Mr. Neugebauer said their staff would work with the City in submitting projects. He invited City representatives to visit their office in Washington, DC, to discuss requests.

A question was asked about funding for parks. Ms. Anderson said park funding had dramatically been reduced in recent years. She said the City would probably have to compete for a grant in this area. They have people in their office who research grants and assist cities in competing for grants. They said lobbyists should also be able to assist with sources of grant funding.

There was a question regarding park funding. Ms. Anderson said that particular funding had been reduced dramatically and would probably have to be handled through grants.

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Mayor Busch thanked the representatives from the Congressman's office and told them that the City would definitely be in touch with them soon.

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4. ADJOURNMENT:

By unanimous consent, the Joint City Council, Redevelopment Agency, PPFA and PPUA Work Session was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. The Joint City Council, Redevelopment Agency, PPFA and PPUA Work Session was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Rey, City Clerk