



**MINUTES OF THE  
JOINT MEETING OF MARCH 31, 2003  
BAKERSFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
AND  
KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



**City Host**  
City Council Chambers  
1501 Truxtun Avenue  
Special Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

1. **INVOCATION by Pastor Tom Touchstone, Valley Bible Fellowship**
2. **FLAG SALUTE by Justin Valduc, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student from Emerson Jr. High**
3. **ROLL CALL  
Bakersfield City Council**

Present: Mayor Hall, Vice Mayor Couch, Carson, Benham, Maggard, Sullivan  
Absent: Hanson, Salvaggio

**Kern County Board of Supervisors**

Present: Parra, McQuiston, Maben, Patrick, Watson  
Absent: None

4. **OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR HARVEY L. HALL**
5. **OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN PETE PARRA**
6. **PUBLIC STATEMENTS**
  - A. None
7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
  - A. Efforts on Improving Air Quality - *City Agenda Item*

Alan Christensen, Assistant City Manager introduced Ernie Medina, Fleet Superintendent, who gave a computer presentation and provided handouts.

Dave Price, Director, Kern County Resource Management Agency, made comments, gave a computer presentation and provided handouts.

Councilmember Maggard requested City and County staffs cooperate in whatever areas might be available in efforts to improve community air quality.

Arthur Unger, Kern Kaweah Chapter of the Sierra Club, and Pauline Larwood spoke regarding air quality.

**B. Bulky Waste Collection in Metropolitan Bakersfield – *County Agenda Item***

Daphne Washington, Director, Kern County Waste Management Department, gave a computer presentation and provided handouts.

Supervisor Maben thanked staff for the presentation and endorsed the program.

Councilmember Sullivan encouraged City staff to investigate including income property in the Bulky Waste Collection Program.

Councilmember Carson requested City staff explore implementation of a Bulky Waste Collection Program in the City.

**C. Report on West Side Parkway and Mohawk Improvements - *City Agenda Item***

Jack LaRochelle, City Assistant Public Works Director, gave a computer presentation and provided handouts.

Councilmember Couch requested staff explore the feasibility of converting Brimhall Road, from Coffee Road west to Calloway, from a collector to an arterial.

**D. Status Report on Meadows Field Airport Terminal Project - *County Agenda Item***

Ray Bishop, Director, Kern County Airports, gave an oral presentation and provided information regarding the June 30 groundbreaking at the new terminal.

**E. Budget Update/Impacts – *Joint Agenda Item***

Alan Christensen, Assistant City Manager, gave a computer presentation and provided handouts.

Scott Jones, County Administrative Officer, gave an oral report.

**F. Future Agenda Items**

1. Ambulance Certificate of Public Necessity
2. Report on South Beltway
3. Dairy Buffers

Councilmember Couch requested all three items be placed on the next agenda for discussion and possible action.

Councilmember Benham requested the topic of area-wide air pollution sources be placed on the next joint agenda.

Chairman Parra commented there might be additional agenda items the County may also want to include for consideration at the next meeting.

## **8. CLOSING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

Councilmember Carson requested action items be placed on the next joint meeting agenda; thanked those in attendance and asked that the troops in Iraq be remembered.

Vice Mayor Couch acknowledged Councilmember Salvaggio, who missed the meeting due to illness, for his service as chair of the City Water Board since 1985, service on the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Section, since his appointment in November 2000, and as a Fourth District member to the Kern County Water Resources Committee. He respectfully submitted Councilmember Salvaggio's name for reappointment by the Board of Supervisors as Fourth District appointee to the Kern County Water Resources Committee.

Councilmember Maggard thanked the Board and staff for their presence and looks forward to future City/County cooperation; requested County assistance in enhancement of open space in the northeast and coordination in development of a network of trails, staging areas and park sites in the area. In addition, he requested County assistance, in coordination with Kern COG, in assuring protection of the areas surrounding the Highway 178 corridor during development in northeast Bakersfield.

Councilmember Benham expressed appreciation to Councilmember Maggard for his foresight in planning and efforts to protect the open spaces in northeast Bakersfield.

Councilmember Sullivan thanked the County for cooperation in continuing joint City/County meetings and expressed her opinion that twice-yearly meetings were appropriate.

Supervisor McQuiston thanked the Mayor and Council for their hospitality, expressed appreciation to staff for preparation and presentations for the meeting, and offered to

meet with Councilmember Maggard and City staff regarding open spaces in northeast Bakersfield.

Supervisor Watson thanked the Mayor and Council for hosting the joint meeting. In addition, he requested County and City staff to develop joint task forces to address joint City/County issues.

**9. CLOSING COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN PETE PARRA**

Chairman Parra suggested restoring the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to review potential agenda items for consideration at future joint City/County meetings; recognized the work being done by the nine-county regional County Supervisors Association particularly relating to economic issues; commended Supervisor McQuiston for his work regarding military base retention and closure; recognized Supervisor Patrick's efforts as Chair of CSAC's Economic Development Policy Committee; emphasized the importance of job creation; and recognized Dave Price and RMA staff for efforts in solving problems in older neighborhoods.

**10. CLOSING COMMENTS BY MAYOR HARVEY HALL**

Mayor Hall welcomed Supervisors Maben and Watson and complimented City and County staff for excellent presentations.

**11. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.**

**/s/ Denise Pennell**  
**Clerk of the Board**

**/s/ Pete H. Parra**  
**Chairman, Board of Supervisors**