



## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

### SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND BAKERSFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Board Chambers  
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Bakersfield

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2002 - 5:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Perez.

1. FLAG SALUTE led by Chairman Perez
2. ROLL CALL

#### Bakersfield City Council

PRESENT: Mayor Hall, Vice Mayor Salvaggio, Councilmembers Carson, Benham, Maggard, Couch, Hanson, Sullivan

#### Kern County Board of Supervisors

PRESENT: McQuiston, Perez, Patrick, Parra

3. OPENING REMARKS BY MAYOR HARVEY L. HALL
4. OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN STEVE PEREZ
5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Tom Fallgatter requested that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee explore the feasibility of forming a Metropolitan Planning Agency / Commission to coordinate planning and growth issues in the City and County.

Alexander Lark, Executive Director, Bakersfield Senior Center, expressed appreciation to the City and County for assistance in development of the Lynn Edwards Senior Residence, an 80-unit senior housing facility.

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6. BUSINESS ITEMS
  - A. Proposed Criteria for Evaluating High Speed Rail Station Terminal Location (City Agenda Item) – *Recommended Action: Hear City and County Staff Presentations; Approve*

Jack LaRochelle, Assistant Public Works Director, City of Bakersfield, and Dave Price, Director, Resource Management Agency, Kern County, made an oral presentation and provided written material.

Supervisor McQuiston questioned the potential for cost differential between the High Speed Rail Authority funding and local community funding and suggested early identification of the funding mechanism to be used to fund the local share. He further discussed the potential for local job creation specifically relating to the maintenance facility. Additionally, he asked if the impacts of surface street transportation would be factored into the overall mode of transportation.

Councilmember Maggard commended City and County staff for preparing a joint administrative report for this topic and suggested similar collaboration for future meetings. Regarding the high speed rail project, he requested additional information on redevelopment potential for each location, ridership profiles, and revenue forecasts.

Councilmember Couch suggested the high speed rail station should be a component of a true intermodal facility specifically relating to bus service, connectivity to streets and freeways, and access to the airport. He asked City staff to provide information regarding availability of programs that allow for connectivity from a high speed rail station to an airport via rail if there are no intermediate stops in between. He also indicated that a maintenance facility in Kern County be aggressively pursued. Mr. Couch requested a report back on job creation and property tax impacts relative to redevelopment efforts.

Supervisor Perez asked for continued consideration of the route coming from the Tehachapi area and the Antelope Valley.

Councilmember Benham requested that the Vision 2020 Plan be included for consideration as part of the station siting criteria and used in reviewing urban sprawl implications.

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR PARRA, SECOND BY SUPERVISOR PATRICK,  
APPROVING THE PROPOSED CRITERIA – ALL AYES**

**MOTION BY VICE MAYOR SALVAGGIO APPROVING THE PROPOSED  
CRITERIA – ALL AYES**

- B. Status Report on West Side Parkway and Freeway Systems Study (Joint Agenda Item) – *Recommended Action: Hear City and County Staff Presentations*

Raul Rojas, Public Works Director, City of Bakersfield, and Craig Pope, Director of Roads, Kern County, gave an oral presentation and provided written material. Ted Wright, City of Bakersfield Civil Engineer and Project Coordinator, provided additional information.

Councilmember Couch requested staff report back regarding commencement of the wireless interconnect system to synchronize signal lights and addition of right turn lanes at Fruitvale and Coffee Road.

Supervisor McQuiston requested staff provide a status report at the next joint meeting relative to a timeline for a connection to I-5 and requested that the information also be provided to Kern COG.

Councilmember Couch requested City staff provide a list of arterials that will go over the parkway.

C. Status Report on Meadows Field Airport Terminal Project (County Agenda Item) – *Recommended Action: Hear County Staff Presentation*

Ray Bishop, Director of Kern County Airports, gave an oral presentation.

Councilmember Maggard requested Mr. Bishop provide a memorandum to the City regarding air traffic conflicts in ascending and descending paths at the Bakersfield Air Park.

D. Status Report on Metropolitan Bakersfield General Plan Update (Joint Agenda Item) – *Recommended Action; Hear City and County Staff Presentations*

Ted James, Kern County Director of Planning, and Jack Hardisty, City of Bakersfield Development Services Director, gave an oral presentation and responded to questions.

E. Status Report on Joint Playground Project at the Metropolitan Recreation Center (County Agenda Item) – *Recommended Action: Hear City and County Staff Presentations*

Bob Addison, Kern County Director of Parks, gave an oral presentation.

Supervisor Patrick questioned access points on the property, additional equipment for families, consideration of a traffic signal on Chester Avenue, and landscaping completion date.

Councilmember Maggard requested staff explore the possibility of using CDBG funding for this project specific to the neighborhood and the feasibility of a City lease-back option. He further requested staff explore the possibility of a pocket park at the vacant lot that fronts Chester Avenue on the west, across from the Clock Tower.

- F. Proposal from Councilmember Carson for Development of a Workshop Regarding Conflict of Interest for City and County Officials (City Agenda Item) –  
*Recommended Action: Refer to City Attorney and County Counsel*

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CARSON, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PATRICK TO REFER ITEM 6 F. TO THE CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNTY COUNSEL FOR REPORT BACK – ALL AYES**

- G. Proposed 2003 Schedule for Joint Meetings (Joint Agenda Item) –  
*Recommended Action: Approve*

**MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BENHAM, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR PATRICK TO ESTABLISH MARCH 31, 2003 AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2003 FOR THE NEXT JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETINGS – ALL AYES**

7. CLOSING COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Councilmember Couch referred comments by Mr. Fallgatter to the Urban Development Committee.

Councilmember Salvaggio requested County staff coordinate with City staff regarding the following issues, and asked for assistance by the Board of Supervisors regarding:

- Letter or resolution to Caltrans District Director regarding Highway 99 / White Lane Interchange Project
- Feasibility of installing a traffic signal at Highway 119 near Highway 99 interchange replacing the four-way stop sign (Pumpkin Center), and provide both agencies with a timeline and available options
- Requested County review of constituent complaint at Kern Medical Center
- Requested aggressive construction schedules be jointly expedited for completion of the bike path project and staff to provide a progress report at the next Joint City/County meeting
- Requested the City Manager provide a status report regarding rehabilitation of the bike path between Manor Street and Beach Park and how the project can be expedited.

Councilmember Carson referred to City and County law enforcement and the local media the issue of drive-by shootings and the feasibility of establishing an alert system, similar to the Amber Alert system, to combat this serious problem.

Councilmember Maggard requested staff place the issue of air and water quality and water availability on the next joint meeting agenda for discussion.

Supervisor McQuiston commented that he would look into the bike path issue.

Councilmember Sullivan referred to staff the issue of including restrooms at the Metropolitan Recreation Center and requested a report back.

8. CLOSING COMMENTS BY MAYOR HARVEY HALL
9. CLOSING COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN STEVE A. PEREZ
10. ADJOURNMENT

/s/ Denise Pennell, Clerk of the Board

/s/ Steve A. Perez, Chairman, Board of Supervisors