

MINUTES

CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH CITY COUNCIL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

January 14, 2009

DEMPSEY HOLDER SAFETY CENTER
950 Ocean Lane
Imperial Beach, California

WORKSHOP – 9:00 A.M.

WORKSHOP MEETING CALL TO ORDER

MAYOR JANNEY called the Special Meeting Workshop to order at 9:09 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present:	McCoy, King, McLean
Councilmembers absent:	None
Mayor present:	Janney
Mayor Pro Tem present:	Bragg
Staff present:	City Manager Brown; City Attorney Lough; Assistant City Manager Ritter, City Clerk Hald, Public Works Director Levien, Finance Director McGrane, Redevelopment Coordinator Selby, Public Safety Director Sotelo, Community Development Director Wade; Sheriff's Captain Miller

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

1. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP. (0100-10)

City Council and senior management staff finalized their lists of priorities and submitted them for tabulation; a review of the results would be presented prior to the end of the Workshop meeting.

REDEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR SELBY gave an update on the redevelopment of the 9th Street and Palm Avenue site; in response to City Council's question regarding the possibility of residential development, he stated that the market has favored rental apartments and affordable housing developers.

City Council discussion ensued regarding compliance with SB 375 and how it would effect this development.

STEVEN KINNEY spoke in support of development at 9th Street and Palm Avenue.

ROGER BENHAM spoke in support of development at 9th Street and Palm Avenue; he stated that he distributed a proposal for a classic downtown Imperial Beach to the 85 homeowners in the surrounding area; his proposal includes the formation of a corporation where those homeowners would be the shareholders in that development corporation (additional speaking time donated by KELLEY TRACY).

TERESA IRISH spoke in opposition to housing and big business development at 9th Street and Palm Avenue.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR WADE stressed that the Redevelopment Agency should address affordable housing as future transportation grant funds could be at jeopardy; he also stressed that redevelopment law requires the Redevelopment Agency to provide for affordable housing.

MAYOR JANNEY agreed with comments made by Community Development Director Wade and spoke of the need to review the housing needs in I.B.

City Council discussion ensued regarding the RFQ/P process; incorporating the Palm Avenue Master Plan; further discussion on the item to take place at the January 21 City Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER BROWN reviewed the list of proposed capital improvement projects and requested Council consider their top priorities for spending bond money in the amount of \$10 million for redevelopment and \$5 million for infrastructure.

City Council reviewed the list of proposed projects; staff to provide a finalized list at a later date.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER RITTER stated that staff is still finalizing the summary of City Council and Staff's priorities and would provide the list at a later date.

City Council discussed holding quarterly workshops as educational sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

James C. Janney, Mayor

Attest:
Jacqueline M. Hald, CMC
City Clerk