

Inglewood, California
December 19, 2003

The City Council of the City of Inglewood, California held a special meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2003 in the Council Chambers in City Hall of said City.

Mayor Dorn called the meeting to order at the hour of 4:05 p.m. The City Clerk announced the presence of a quorum as follows:

Present: Mayor Dorn, Council Members Price, Dunlap and Morales;
Absent: Council Member Franklin. (Arrived at 4:06 p.m.)

City officials and personnel present were:

Yvonne Horton	City Clerk
Wanda Brown	City Treasurer
Mark F. Weinberg	City Administrator
Emmerline Foote	Interim City Attorney
Sue A. Simons	Administrative Analyst

Council Member Franklin arrived in the Council Chambers at the hour of 4:06 p.m.

134 **PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEM.** Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on agenda item may do so at this time.

There was no response.

140.71 **RECONSIDERATION OF THE BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE “HOME STRETCH AT HOLLYWOOD PARK” INITIATIVE– APPROVED.** It was moved by Council Member Morales and seconded by Mayor Dorn that the ballot question to be submitted to the voters on April 6, 2004 be changed back to its original form.

Council Member Dunlap commented that she was supportive of the ballot language adopted on December 16, 2003 because it better describes what the voters would be voting on. She commented that subsequent to the City Council adopting the change to the initial ballot question, she is now aware that the only language the City Council can use is the language included in the title and summary. She commented that since factual representations such as an environmental report not being required and the City Council not having the right to make changes to the proposed plan were not included in the title or summary of the petition circulated, the City Council had no right to change the ballot question. Finally, she commented that she supports changing the ballot question back to its original form.

Council Member Morales commented that the prior vote cast on December 16, 2003, was done in belief that the language could be changed. He further commented that there was no reason to expose the City to any unnecessary costs and he will support changing the ballot question back to its original form.

Council Member Price commented that although he feels the language adopted on December 16, 2003 provided a better description of the initiative, he felt that it did not comply with the law and he was glad steps were being taken to correct Tuesday’s action.

Council Member Franklin commented that it was not the Council’s intent to expose the City to liabilities and agreed with changing the ballot question back to its original form.

Mayor Dorn commented that he was pleased the City Council made the decision to follow the law. He further commented that he still believes that one of his colleagues was violating the law by participating and voting on this issue but that the matter will be taken up at a later time.

Council Member Dunlap requested the City Clerk to read the ballot question as it will be submitted to the voters on April 6, 2004.

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The City Clerk read the following ballot question to be adopted by the City Council for placement on the ballot for the April 6, 2004 Special Municipal Election:

“Shall the ordinance regarding the proposed development of “The Home Stretch at Hollywood Park,” a retail commercial project adjacent to Hollywood park Race Track, be adopted?

The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Morales and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Not Voting: Council Member Franklin.

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PUBLIC REGARDING OTHER MATTERS. Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any matter connected with City business not elsewhere considered on the agenda.

Michael Benbow commented that the Council’s actions were deplorable and they were representing the unions, not the public.

Willie Agee, District 4, commented that the law had been ignored by all and what it entailed. He spoke concerning the actions of a certain Council Member and commented that the Council Members should represent the City.

Milton Brown defined character for the Council and spoke of gentrification in Inglewood.

There being no further business to be presented, Mayor Dorn declared the meeting adjourned at the hour of 4:27 p.m.

City Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2004

Mayor