Inglewood, California Minutes of the City Council Meeting January 5, 1999 The City Council of the City of Inglewood, California held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 1999, in the Council Chambers in City Hall of said City. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country and invocation by Reverend Talbert A. White, Greater Bethany Community Church, Mayor Dorn called the meeting to order at the hour of 7:02 p.m. The City Clerk announced the presence of a quorum as follows: Present: Mayor Dorn, Council Members Dunlap and Hardeman; Absent: Council Members Horton and Fernandez. City officials and personnel present were: Hermanita V. Harris City Clerk Wanda Brown City Treasurer Joseph T. Rouzan, Jr. City Administrator Lynn Willhite Assistant City Attorney

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131 PUBLIC HEARING HELD - MARKET STREET DESIGN AND DOWNTOWN PLAN. The City Clerk announced that the next scheduled matter was a public hearing to consider the Market Street Design and Downtown Plan, that notice of this hearing has been given in the time, form and manner as required by law, the affidavit was on file, the complete file of the Planning Commission was present and no communication has been received on the matter.

The City Administrator presented staff report dated January 5, 1999 submitting background information.

Bill Barnett, Associate Planner, commented that the proposal is intended to make Market Street much more a pedestrian environment and to accommodate businesses to come out from their stores and operate on the side walks. He further commented that the now troublesome trees would be replaced with new landscaping pavements.

Mayor Dorn ordered the staff report dated January 5, 1999 received and filed.

Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on this matter.

Steve Cohen, Business Owner, Jewelry & Loan, commented that he wants a plan that works for everyone on Market Street. He further commented that he does not object to the plan but objects to some issues in the plan and hoped that there will be some provisions for businesses during construction.

Ron Murray, Inglewood First Christian Church, expressed his concerns about the closure of Kelso Street and the negative impact it would have on the church and school.

Robin Harris, Principal, Inglewood First Christian School, requested clarification of the actual drawing. She commented that looking at the plan that was given out she could not tell if the driveway to the school will be blocked off. She expressed her concerns about safety for the children and staff members.

Ed McSpadden, Inglewood First Christian Church, commented that it would be a burden to the school and church if Kelso Street is closed and more traffic will be experienced on Hillcrest.

Robert Figueroa commented about freedom of the residents and businesses in the City.

Nick Bradshaw commented that he sees nothing wrong with the plan except that it is in the wrong place and time. He requested Council to use the money to encourage businesses to move into vacant buildings on Market Street.

Ronald Lewis, Director, Executive Director, Main Street Inglewood, commented that he was here to speak on the efforts to revitalize Market Street and encouraged everyone to attend the meetings and participate.

Clifford Hawkins commented that he needs to look at the whole picture before making any decisions and expressed his concerns regarding the inconvenience to residents and businesses during construction.

Frederick Davis inquired what would happen to the bus route on Kelso Street if it is blocked off. He commented that the City Council is going on with the plan without thinking it through and the street should be left alone as it is.

Kimberly James commented that if Market Street is closed it would be very serious to her because of medical reasons.

Mark Acosta commented that Council is trying to beautify the City and do something right for the citizens and business owners on Market Street. He further commented that one has to be sure that in the process nobody gets injured and that the outcome is exactly what is needed which is more streets, businesses and a happier environment.

Alphonso, commented that he sees nothing wrong with the Market Street plan except for traffic and if Market Street is closed down for construction businesses will suffer. He requested Council to help the merchants.

Michael Benbow, 9606-7th Avenue, commented that he has listened to the citizens speak about Market Street which is needed very badly and Council should go ahead with plans as soon as possible. He further commented that he attended the charade on Market Street which is an excellent plan and encourages people to go there and have a much better idea on what is going to happen.

Les Harris, New Bethel Ministries, commented that the plan sounds good but expressed his concerns about safety issues and oppose to bus stop at present location.

Mr. Rodriguez commented that the plan for Market Street is wrong.

Steven Mitchell, Business Owner, expressed his concerns about redevelopment on Market Street and hoped that the City is not developing for future businesses without consideration for existing business.

Ray Brown, Co-Chair of the Design Committee, Main Street, commented that the subject matter tonight is to discuss the adoption of the city plan of Market Street between Regent and Hillcrest. He further commented that the reason for the confusion of the plan is because of the map that is placed on the back of the plan.

Lee Sudman, Planning Commission Chairman, commented that there is a problem with Market Street renovation and that Council has to find a way in bringing people into the downtown area.

Daniel Hernandez (spoke in spanish)

Diane Sambrano commented that there are no interpreters and the remarks from the previous speaker will not be taken into consideration. She further commented about the misinformation in the plans and that Council needs to listen to what the businesses need.

Armando Minnifield commented that he was here representing the little people in Inglewood. He further commented that Market Street is a "Jewel" of downtown and that the little people are going to suffer if the street is closed.

Evelyn Alexander, District 1, commented that most people want things done but do not want the inconvenience of having it done. She further commented that each City must grow and we must not let the City stay this way and encouraged all to work together toward a solution.

Marvin McCoy, District 4, commented that the City has long been coperate friendly and it must start being small business friendly. He further commented that Market Street has been revitalized twice already and it is not a good plan.

Mary Bueno, District 3, expressed her concerns about parking and commented that the City has changed and must grow and if people do not have access to the businesses they will close.

Cal Burton, District 2, commented that it was refreshing to see a citizen come forward with some positive points. He further commented that this project did not just start today and there has been opportunity for a lot of residents particularly the business owners to participate in the project. He expressed support and requested the plans move forward.

Milton Brown commented that big businesses will go where the money is.

No other persons wishing to address the Council on this matter Mayor Dorn declared the public hearing closed at the hour of 8:03 p.m. Council Member Dunlap commented that it was her understanding that the public hearing will be continued to January 12, 1999.

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