

Meeting Date: 06-17-08

AGENDA REPORT

Agenda Item # 6B.1

Santa Clara



City of Santa Clara, California



DATE: June 17, 2008
TO: City Council for Information
FROM: Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council
SUBJECT: Correspondence Received Regarding Proposed Special Election on Stadium Project

Attached are communications received in the Mayor & Council Offices from Friday afternoon, June 13, 2008 through Tuesday afternoon, June 17, 2008, regarding a proposed special election for the stadium project.

3 opposed
2 in support of

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Green".

Kimberly Green
Executive Assistant
Mayor and Council Offices

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Sparacino".

Jennifer Sparacino
City Manager

Documents Related to this Report:
1) *Communications from residents*

Kimberly Green - Special Election

From: Daniel Lewis <danlewis@yahoo.com>
To: <MayorandCouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 6/16/2008 12:46 PM
Subject: Special Election

Hello,

Any special election proposed by the 49ers to steal our money should be paid for in full by the 49ers.

While we're at it, an initiative to have the city council DISCLOSE THE DETAILS OF ALL PRIVATE MEETINGS with the 49ers should be added to this special election as well.

Support your constituents and tell the 49ers to take a hike.

Regards,

Daniel Lewis

City of Santa Clara resident and voter

Kimberly Green - 49er Stadium - Proposed Amendment to the Negotiating Agreement

From: Jerry Marsalli <jerrymarsalli@yahoo.com>
To: <mayorandcouncil@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 6/16/2008 9:37 PM
Subject: 49er Stadium - Proposed Amendment to the Negotiating Agreement

Mayor and City Council Members,

I want to encourage you to support and adopt City Staff's recommendation to approve an amendment to the Negotiation Agreement (OPTION #3) between the City, the Redevelopment Agency, and the SF 49ers for a Stadium Project in Santa Clara. It is critical that the deadline for the "Term Sheet" negotiations be extended to February 1, 2009 and contingent on a approved "Term Sheet," the City Council call for a special election to be held sometime in 2009.

The City Council made a commitment to the citizens that "all the facts" would be made available to the community so an informed decision could be made. I understand that negotiations have been steadfast these past several months and there are still several outstanding issues remaining which require additional comprehensive negotiations.

It would be a mistake to terminate negotiations at this point in time. The community is entitled to have all the details of the agreement made available for review and comment, and the opportunity to vote on the issue. Much progress has been made and according to the Staff Report, both the City and the 49ers are requesting the July 22, 2008 deadline be extended so a completed Term Sheet can be presented for Council review and voter approval.

This is a tremendous opportunity for the City. The long term financial rewards which will benefit the community if the stadium project is approved clearly justifies an extension of the negotiating agreement.

I want to thank you and City Staff for all the hard work, diligence, and patience that has been exhibited in dealing with this project. You can never be criticized for doing the right thing. Whatever the outcome is, you should be complimented for the fair and thorough

examination of this proposal that has been done by Council and City Staff to date.

Respectfully,

Jerry Marsalli

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Thank you.

From: ronbj99@yahoo.com
To: MayorandCouncil
Date: 6/17/2008 10:58 AM
Subject: Special Election

The following has sent a message:

Name: Ron Johnstone

Email: ronbj99@yahoo.com

Comments: It is now apparent that the 49er ballot measure will not be ready for the November election.

Since an official special election will cost perhaps \$600K and this is a non-binding issue anyway, why not simply mail a questionnaire to each Santa Clara household to have them mail back with their vote on the issue? Properly done, it cannot cost more than a fraction of a full-blown election.

Surely this method will suffice to give the Council the "sense of the city" to guide them in expending additional city funds toward building a stadium.

From: Carol McCarthy
To: Elizabeth Elliott
CC: City Manager; Jashma Kadam; MayorandCouncil
Date: 6/17/2008 1:03 PM
Subject: Re: upset resident - stadium issue

I returned Ms. Smyth's call. I took down the following notes, and told her that I would convey them to the City Council and City Manager. After typing this up, I read it back to her to confirm that I had not missed anything.

By URGENT cc to the City Clerk's Office, I am asking that these notes be placed on Council dias for this evening, as the call was because of the item on tonight's Council Agenda.

Ms. Smyth does not want the negotiations for the potential football stadium extended. She also does not want the vote put off until next year. She is concerned that the City is "pushing" for the stadium and feels that we should not. The economy is bad and she does not feel a stadium would improve it. She, herself, has started taking public transit due to the cost of gas.

Ms. Smyth does not want any more time or money spent on negotiating a deal, even if the deal will go to the voters. And she is concerned that we would move the matter to 2009, when the November 2008 election will have most people already going to the polls. Does not want City money spent for a football stadium; is not interested in attending a game; games would not be free.

She said we should not be subsidizing the private owners of the team (Dr. York). There are real things and needs in our community that are affecting people. We should spend time and money working on these community needs, serving the entire community, rather than on a football stadium.

She says that the Council should focus on meeting the needs of the citizens.

I told Ms. Smyth that we did not have a record of receiving her Manager@ email, and thanked her for taking the time to contact us with her concerns.

Carol McCarthy

>>> Elizabeth Elliott 6/17/2008 12:25 PM >>>

Carol,

I received a call from Claire Smyth re: stadium issue. She said she sent an email to 'manager@' today as well as last week and has not received a response back.

Jashma has checked the email and said she does not find any emails from smythclaire@hotmail.com

Carol, could you please call Ms. Smyth? she is very upset about the proposed stadium (I spent quite a while talking with her, but she's still not happy - fyi).

Contact:
219-4644

Thank you.
Elizabeth

Kimberly Green - 49ers study

From: <edr1201@aol.com>
To: <Mayor&Council@ci.santa-clara.ca.us>
Date: 6/17/2008 3:10 PM
Subject: 49ers study

Dear Mayor and Council members,

It appears that we have spent more time and money on the 49er proposal that was first suggested and more than we should overall. This item must be put before the voter in November. There are many more things in this City that require the efforts and talents of our City staff than a stadium plan that will not benefit the City.

Thank you,

Ed Richards

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