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**CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 7, 2005**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, was called to order by Mayor Rayfield at 5:00 p.m. in the Dana Point City Council Chamber, 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Wayne Rayfield, Mayor  
Lara Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem  
Diane L. Harkey, Council Member  
James V. Lacy, Council Member

ABSENT: Russell Chilton, Council Member (*excused*)

STAFF PRESENT: Douglas Chotkevys, City Manager; Patrick Munoz, City Attorney; Sharie Apodaca, Director of Administrative Services/Interim City Clerk, Kyle Butterwick, Director of Community Development; Brad Fowler, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, and Mark Billings, Chief of Police.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Harkey.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARIES**

City Manager Chotkevys provided the staff report.

Glen Brumage, Capistrano Beach, representing Capistrano Beach Community Association, spoke in support of residents who prefer that their children continue to attend San Clemente High School.

Council Member Harkey reported on the recommendations by the Area Boundary Committee (ABC) to the Capistrano Unified School District regarding attendance boundaries. She also reported on a meeting with Dr. Fleming of the school district and the recommendation she presented to him which would be to allow Capistrano Beach students to attend Dana Hills High School. However, she stated the final recommendation made by Dr. Fleming is to send Capistrano Beach students to

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San Juan High School and to allow Talega students to remain at San Clemente High School.

City Manager Chotkevys read the following statement from Council Member Russ Chilton for the record:

“Unfortunately given the short notice of tonight’s special meeting, I have been unable to adjust my work schedule and am not able to make it to the meeting. Given the important subject, I would like to include the following statement for the record: Given the fact that attendance boundaries are not adjusted that often, I think it’s important that the Dana Point City Council take the appropriate action to support any action by the Capistrano Unified School District that give children who live in Dana Point the ability to choose attendance at schools that are located in Dana Point over those students who live outside of the City of Dana Point. Simply put, children who live in Dana Point should be given first preference in attending Dana Point schools. I believe that this speaks to the concept of community-based education. This also allows Dana Point schools to become a reflection of the Community that they serve. I would also hope that the City Council considers taking action to urge the Capistrano Unified School District to take the appropriate action to reduce the attendance at Dana Hills High School. By reducing the attendance at Dana Hills High School it would not only improve the quality of education at Dana Hills but also mitigate the adverse traffic impacts associated with a school that is well in excess of its designated capacity.”

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson agreed that the City Council’s first position should be that Capistrano Beach students should remain at San Clemente High School and baring that, the second position would be to have those students attend Dana Hills High School. She disclosed that she has two graduates of Dana Hills High School and one student currently attending Dana Hills. She also recommended that in addition to Council Member Harkey speaking at the school board meeting that a letter be sent to the members of the school board, from the Mayor, stating the City Council’s position.

Council Member Lacy concurred with the proposed recommendations and agreed that the community should have the first choice in attending a school in the city of their residence.

Mayor Rayfield stated that he has heard from many Capistrano Beach residents expressing that they would like their children to remain at San Clemente High School. He added a third point to the previous recommendations, which is to also ask the school board to use reducing the number of students at Dana Hills High School as a criteria in determining attendance. He noted the school is beyond its designed capacity.

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MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER HARKEY, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM ANDERSON TO RECOMMEND TO THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WITH RESPECT TO ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY CHANGES, THAT THE STUDENTS THAT RESIDE IN CAPISTRANO BEACH BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE ATTENDING SAN CLEMENTE HIGH SCHOOL IF THEY SO DESIRE; OR, THAT CAPISTRANO BEACH STUDENTS BE GIVEN THE FIRST OPTION TO ATTEND DANA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL; AND THAT THE CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD INCLUDE CRITERIA IN ITS RECOMMENDATION THAT WILL RESULT IN THE REDUCTION OF STUDENTS AT DANA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL. THAT CITY STAFF BE DIRECTED TO SEND A LETTER TO THE SCHOOL BOARD REFLECTING THE COUNCIL'S ACTION; THAT A COPY OF THE LETTER ALSO BE SENT TO THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER AND THE L.A. TIMES, INCLUDING THE REPORTER THAT COVERS EDUCATION NEWS; THAT THE LETTER ALSO BE MAILED TO CAPISTRANO BEACH RESIDENTS; AND THAT MAYOR RAYFIELD AND COUNCILMEMBER HARKEY BE LISTED IN THE LETTER AS CONTACTS FOR ANY INQUIRIES BY RESIDENTS.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Harkey, Council Member Lacy, Mayor Pro Tem Anderson and Mayor Rayfield  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Council Member Chilton  
ABSTAIN: None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Rayfield declared the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be March 9, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber located at 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California.

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SHARIE APODACA  
INTERIM CITY CLERK

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2005