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SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE WEST COVINA CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 28, 2003

Mayor Herfert called to order the special meeting of the West Covina City Council at 2:20 pm in the main lobby of the West Covina Dodge Dealership, located at 2000 E. Garvey Avenue South, West Covina.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Herfert, Mayor Pro Tem Miller, Councilmembers: Hernandez and Sanderson

Absent: Councilmember Wong

Others Present: Pasmant, Nichols, Freeland, Franklin, Greene, Chung, McIsaac, Lee, Yauchzee, Wills, Berry

Mayor Herfert welcomed everyone. He introduced the representatives of the various West Covina auto dealerships and staff in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Ziad Alhassen, owner of the Dodge Dealership and the HUMMER dealership, thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He remarked on the community support he has received in response to the fire and vandalism experienced at the HUMMER dealership over the past weekend.

DISCUSSION WITH AUTO DEALERSHIPS AND POSSIBLE REWARD

Mayor Herfert commenced supportive comments to all the dealerships regarding terrorist acts and that the City won't tolerate such activities. Like comments were offered by the other Councilmembers.

Mayor Herfert stated that Los Angeles County has reserved $25,000 towards a reward leading to the apprehension and arrest of the perpetrators of the fire and vandalism at the HUMMER dealership. Mr. Alhassen stated that he is matching that $25,000.

Motion by Herfert and seconded by Sanderson to appropriate $10,000 from the City's General Fund to add to the reward amount. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Miller and seconded by Hernandez to adjourn the meeting at 2:38 pm. Motion carried 4-0.