

**CITY OF TEMPLE CITY
CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
AND FINANCING AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 3, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER ALL AGENCIES

Mayor Wong called the City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency and Financing Authority Special Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmember-Chavez, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong

ABSENT: Councilmember-None

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager/Parks & Recreation Director Burroughs, City Clerk Flandrick, Assistant to the City Manager Flod, Community Development Manager Lambert, Financial Services Manager Molina, Public Safety Officer Ariizumi

3. PROPOSED BUDGET DOCUMENT

Interim City Manager Burroughs stated Council would be presented an overview of the budget document which incorporates a 5% cut across the board. A power point presentation was prepared and presented for Council's review, and is attached as Exhibit A.

The City Council reviewed and discussed budget items under the following headings, with staff responding to questions as needed.

A. REVIEW CURRENT BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

Financial Services Manager Molina briefly reviewed the current budget estimated to have a \$287,000 surplus.

B. REVIEW REVISED FUND BALANCE-FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

C. REVENUES/EXPENDITURES

Financial Services Manager Molina reviewed fund balances and proposed changes to the 2009-2010 fiscal year budget.

Council concurred to approve the recommended budget amount for Fares & Subsistence from various departments with City Manager approval required for all requests.

Captain Richard Shaw, Temple Station, provided information regarding the funding for law enforcement personnel.

The Council concurred to reduce the overlap deputy hours from 56 to 40 hours per week.

Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra moved to approve the payment of \$20,000 to continue a six-month contract with the Tribune, seconded by Councilmember Chavez and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong

NOES: Councilmember-None

ABSENT: Councilmember-None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

Council concurred to bring back the Chamber agreement for Council approval after City Attorney review.

Councilmember Yu moved to approve rejoining the COG, paying the past due amount and provided at least 60% of the cost of the entire amount is available through Proposition A funding, seconded by Councilmember Yu and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

Council deferred action of the League of California Cities – Los Angeles Division membership.

Councilmember Chavez moved to approve the budget, with amendments as recommended, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

D. PERSONNEL

Council discussed the proposed Parking Control Officer position.

Cynthia Sternquist, Planning Commissioner, said she did not realize, until she was on the Planning Commission, that the City imposes in lieu parking fees for new businesses without an adequate amount of parking space. She questioned how some businesses were granted parking spaces by City ordinance and felt this led to confusion. She suggested to the Planning Commission to have a parking control officer and use some of the citation revenue to pay for that service and help regulate parking.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The Special Meeting was recessed at 8:57 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

Robert Paz, representing Avant Garde, agreed the addition of a parking control officer would benefit the downtown area especially and also suggested the installation of parking meters with that revenue reinvested back into the downtown area.

Councilmember Chavez moved to approve the addition of two parking control officer positions for as long as they are paying for themselves, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

Councilmember Yu moved to approve employee vacation accrual of 240 hours, seconded by Councilmember Chavez and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

Jerry Jambazian, Temple City businessman, asked various administrative questions, noted that there was no COLA or increase budgeted for staff, and asked if Council would be willing to give up its stipends for the Housing Authority and CRA meetings in order to supplement regular employees salaries.

Interim City Manager Burroughs responded that Interim City Attorney Vail has brought up the issue of Council not being eligible for pay if the agenda has no action to be taken except for the approval of minutes.

Linda Payne, Chamber President and CEO, suggested tree trimming be done once a year instead of two times along Las Tunas Drive.

Financial Services Molina responded that it has been cut back to once a year in the proposed budget.

Cathe Wilson, Temple City resident, hoped that the International Day event was budgeted for next year as people really appreciated it.

Interim City Manager Burroughs confirmed this event was budgeted.

Councilmember Chavez stated the ad hoc committee comprised of himself and Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra were still meeting with the School District in trying to negotiate a facilities use contract for next year and suggested putting an amount in the budget for this purpose. Councilmember deferred major discussion of this issue to the next Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra moved to add the amount of \$20,000 to the budget in the event the City agrees to reimburse the District up to that amount as part of the agreement, seconded by Councilmember Chavez and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

E. EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Councilmember Yu stated he and Councilmember Chavez were advised at the new Councilmember Academy to keep their Council email and phone communications separate and noted that there was an amount in the budget for Council cell phones. Council briefly discussed this issue and Assistant to the City Manager Flod provided rough estimates of cost for a blackberry and related equipment for each Councilmember.

Councilmember Yu moved to purchase Council cell phones with related equipment and monthly fees not to exceed \$7,000, seconded by Councilmember Chavez and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

The Council agreed with the remaining Equipment Replacement budget proposals.

- F. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
The Council agreed with the Capital Improvement Program budget proposals.
 - G. COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUDGET
Councilmember Yu moved to approve the Community Redevelopment Agency budget as proposed, seconded by Councilmember Chavez and unanimously carried.
 - H. FINANCING AUTHORITY BUDGET
Councilmember Chavez moved to approve the Financing Authority proposed budget, seconded by Councilmember Yu and unanimously carried.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Linda Payne, Chamber President and CEO, thanked the Council for its generous contribution for Chamber activities funding for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
- 5. CLOSED SESSION** – None
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**
The City Council, Community Redevelopment Agency and Financing Authority Special meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Authority Secretary