



MODESTO CITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES

City of Modesto

Special Finance Committee Meetings/ Special City Council Workshop Meetings

Chambers, Basement Level
Tenth Street Place, 1010 10th Street
Modesto, California

BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Roll Call: Present - Brad Hawn, Chair, Kristin Olsen, Vice Chair, Garrad Marsh
Absent - None

Also Present: Mayor Ridenour, Dave Lopez (left meeting at 7:00 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY – MAY 20, 2009 @ 5:30 PM

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Three minute time limit per speaker**

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Wrap-up discussion on Enterprise Funds
 - a. Wastewater
 - b. Storm Drain

ACTION: Public Works Director Nick Pinhey gave Utility Enterprise Funds Review: Wastewater and Storm Drain presentations.

- Discussion follow-up items from earlier sessions
 - a. Finance
 - b. PR&N
 - c. Human Resources

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d. City Attorney

- ACTION:** Purchasing Manager Mark Averell gave Centralized Purchasing Overview presentation.
- ACTION:** **Motion (Olsen/Marsh;unan)** accepting staff recommendations included in Proforma; continue working with Valley Crest; bring back further options to Finance Committee in 3 months, including status of fee increase.
- ACTION:** Finance Director Padilla gave updates on Human Resources and City Attorney follow-up items.

Recess at 7:00 p.m.

Reconvene at 7:10 p.m.

- ACTION:** Parks, Recreation & Neighborhoods Acting Director Julie Hannon gave update on follow-up items.
- ACTION:** **Motion (Marsh/Hawn; Olsen no)** in favor of subsidizing Leisure Bucks program in the amount of \$25,000.
- ACTION:** **Motion (Marsh/Hawn;unan)** in favor of restroom closures for Neighborhood Park Restrooms (will only be open on weekends) and Community Park Restrooms (open 7 days a week) eliminating three vacant positions (2 Maintenance Worker II, 1 Parks Crewleader).
- ACTION:** Assistant Police Chief Harden gave updated report on General Fund Recommended List.
- ACTION:** **Motion (Marsh/Hawn; Olsen no)** recommending staff recommendations from Police Department Recommended List.

- General Fund Outlook Discussion
 - a. Mayor/City Manager Comments

Mayor Ridenour announced additional reductions of 5%, 7% and 10% by all City departments.

- b. Review “Not Recommended Lists”
 - i. Fire Department
 - ii. Police Department

- ACTION:** Fire Chief Miguel gave report on Fire Department General Fund Not Accepted Reductions List.
- ACTION:** Assistant Police Chief Harden gave report on Police Department General Fund Not Accepted Reductions List.

- c. Review additional reductions proposed
 - i. Community & Economic Development
 - ii. Parks, Recreation & Neighborhoods

- ACTION:** Community & Economic Development Director Brent Sinclair gave report on additional General Fund reductions.
- ACTION:** Parks, Recreation & Neighborhoods Director Julie Hannon gave report on additional General Fund reductions.

ACTION: Motion (Marsh/Hawn; unan) keeping contract with Modesto Convention & Visitors Bureau based on 13% of Transient Occupancy Tax.

ACTION: Motion (Hawn/Marsh; unan) accepting Mayor's recommendations, with the exception of the CVB item; money savings to come from \$140,000 for two (2) Neighborhood Preservation Unit Officers.

- Committee Recommendations and Wrap-Up

ACTION: Motion (Marsh/Olsen; unan) accepting Policy Recommendations:

Requested Finance Committee Actions:

1. Spending and revenue recommendations included in FY 2009-10 proposed budget and budget clean-up

2. Policy Direction regarding:

General fund FY2009-10 reserve level

Funding and timing for storm drain process

General Fund holiday in Employee benefit fund reimbursements

Equipment Replacement Reserve Usage policy

3. Approval of proposed reorganizations

4. Approval for City Manager to proceed with organizational changes related to Budget Management and Utility Planning & Resources Departments

Forward requested Finance Committee Actions to Council meeting on June 2, 2009 provisional budget; with potential to amend budget prior to July 1, 2009 to close \$5.8 million gap.

MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

None.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Attest: _____
Stephanie Lopez, City Clerk