



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING
May 4, 2009
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marty Blum called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Blum.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Iya G. Falcone, Dale Francisco, Roger L. Horton, Grant House (6:15 p.m.), Helene Schneider, Das Williams, Mayor Blum.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, City Attorney Stephen P. Wiley, Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, April 30, 2009, posted this agenda in the Office of the City Clerk, on the City Hall Public Notice Board on the outside balcony of City Hall, and on the Internet.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Subject: Fiscal Year 2010 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council hear presentations from the Library and Parks & Recreation Departments on their recommended Fiscal Year 2010 budgets.

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2010 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget (Cont'd)**Documents:**

- May 4, 2009, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Library Department Staff.

Public Comment Opened (Continued from April 23, 2009):
6:02 p.m.

Speakers:

- Staff: Library Director Irene Macias, Library Services Manager Sarah Rosenblum, City Attorney Stephen Wiley, Library Services Manager Myra Nicholas, City Administrator James Armstrong.
- Members of the Public: Jan Luc, Santa Barbara Friends of the Library; Maggie Gold; Sylvia Curtis; Jeri Moulder, Santa Barbara Friends of the Library; Janice Rorick.

Discussion:

Library Director Irene Macias presented the department's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2010, which encompasses major reductions to the workforce, services (including closure of all libraries on Mondays and discontinuance of the bookmobile), and the collection budget. Proposed capital projects were noted. Ms. Macias also explained reductions to the County Library Fund, which is used to operate library branches located outside the City limits. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Recess: 7:31 p.m. - 7:42 p.m. Councilmember Williams returned to the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Parks and Recreation Department Staff.
- May 4, 2009, letter from Desmond and Monica Jones.

Speakers:

- Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Rapp, Recreation Programs Manager Sarah Hanna, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary, City Administrator James Armstrong, Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager Cameron Benson, Parks and Recreation Business Manager Scott McGregor.
- Park and Recreation Commission: Chair Beebe Longstreet, Commissioner W. Scott Burns.

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2010 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget (Cont'd)**Speakers (Cont'd):**

- Members of the Public: Josephine Torres; Maureen McDermut; Maureen Duris; Patrick O'Hara; Michael Acton; Mara Hochman; Monica Jones; Marie Sexton; Elly Iverson, Alex Huang, and Katie Shara, Santa Barbara Youth Council; Rosanne Crawford; Diego Torres-Santos, Santa Barbara Youth Council; Mike Jordan; Gloria Liggett; Pepe Gil, Santa Barbara Youth Council; Cyrus Alexander; Sojourner Kincaid Rolle.

Councilmember Williams left the meeting at 8:57 p.m. and returned at 9:05 p.m.;
Councilmember Falcone left the meeting at 9:08 p.m. and returned at 9:15 p.m.

Discussion:

Parks and Recreation Department Staff described the department's organization, including its five divisions as well as the significant number of parks and other facilities the department operates and maintains. Staff then presented the department's proposed Fiscal Year 2010 budget for General Fund divisions (Parks, Recreation, and Administration), including workforce reductions, restructuring of both the Parks and Recreation Divisions, service impacts, and shifts of several General Fund costs to other sources, all targeted to meet an approximate \$1.5 million budget reduction goal. Proposed budgets for the department's Enterprise Fund divisions (Creeks and Golf) were also outlined. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Councilmember Williams left the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

By consensus, the public hearing was continued to May 6, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 10:53 p.m.

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MARTY BLUM
MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK