



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING May 4, 2015 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schneider.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Dale Francisco (3:06 p.m.), Gregg Hart, Frank Hotchkiss, Cathy Murillo, Bendy White, Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: Randy Rowse.

Staff present: City Administrator Paul Casey, City Attorney Ariel Pierre Calonne, Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, April 30, 2015, 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Subject: Proposed Two-Year Financial Plan For Fiscal Years 2016 And 2017 (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council hear presentations from the Finance (including General Government), Administrative Services, City Attorney, City Administrator, and Mayor and Council Departments on their recommended budgets as contained in the Proposed Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017.

Documents:

- May 4, 2015, report from the Acting Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentations prepared and made by Staff.

Speakers:

Staff: Acting Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Robert Samario, Risk Manager Mark Howard, City Administrator Paul Casey, Administrative Services Director Kristine Schmidt, City Clerk Services Manager Gwen Peirce, Information Systems Manager Rob Badger, City Attorney Ariel Calonne, Assistant to the City Administrator Nina Johnson.

Discussion:

Acting Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Samario presented an overview of the Finance Department's General Fund budget, with an emphasis on the impact of currently open positions and a proposal to add an Accounting Services Supervisor position. Risk Manager Howard reviewed the City's Self-Insurance Fund, showing trends related to the frequency and severity of workers' compensation and liability claims; he also explained the outlook for the fund, with a focus on projected increases in costs for workers' compensation, liability, and property and miscellaneous insurance.

Staff of the Administrative Services Department outlined the proposed budget for the department and its three divisions. Key budget changes were described, including transfers from the City Administrator's Office and a request for a new position to assist the department director on labor issues.

City Attorney Calonne presented the City Attorney's Office budget for Fiscal Year 2016, including the redirection of funding from a vacant support position to the restoration and enhancement of department services. Mr. Calonne noted that the office has been reorganized into four functional areas and that performance objectives and milestones have been developed.

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Discussion (Cont'd):

Assistant to the City Administrator Johnson summarized the City Administrator's Office proposed budget and significant expenditures. She also outlined the office's work plan for the coming year, including the replacement of City TV equipment and expansion of informational resources and videos on the City's website. Ms. Johnson then detailed the Mayor and Council's Office budget, including an outline of expenditures related to arts and community promotions and a description of performance objectives.

Staff answered Councilmembers' questions about all four budgets.

By consensus, the public hearing was continued to May 11, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

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HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

ATTEST:


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DEPUTY CITY CLERK