



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
June 1, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schneider.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Dale Francisco (2:03), Gregg Hart, Frank Hotchkiss, Cathy Murillo, Randy Rowse, Bendy White, Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Paul Casey, City Attorney Ariel Pierre Calonne, Deputy City Clerk Deborah L. Applegate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, May 28, 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: Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget (230.05)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Hear and consider the recommendations of the City Council Finance Committee based on the Committee's review of certain aspects of the Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Budget;
- B. Approve certain adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Budget identified by staff as detailed in the attached Schedule of Staff Recommended Adjustments; and
- C. Provide final direction to staff regarding external funding requests as shown in the attached Schedule of Funding Requests from Outside Organizations.

Documents:

- June 1, 2015, report from the Finance Director/Acting Assistant City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentations prepared and made by Staff.
- June 1, 2015, letter from Leslie Weinstock.
- June 1, 2015, letter from Maggie Campbell.
- June 1, 2015, letter from Robert Forouzandeh.

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director/Acting Assistant City Administrator Robert Samario, Fire Chief Pat McElroy, City Administrator Paul Casey.
- Airport Commission Members: Member Carl Hopkins; Chair Karen Kahn.
- Parks & Recreation Commission: Chair Lesley Wiscomb.
- Members of the Public: Joe Tumbler, Jessica Wishan, Casa Esperanza; Matt Schuster, TV Santa Barbara; Howard Green; Chuck Flacks, Central Coast Collaborative on Homeless; Tom Widroe, City Watch; Hillary Blackerby on behalf of Assembly Member Williams; Dave Hopkins, Common Ground Santa Barbara; Tracy Beard, TVSB; Mike Weissman; Jefferson Litten, Community Environmental Council; Emily Allen, Legal Aid.

Discussion:

Finance Director/Acting Assistant City Administrator Samario presented an overview of the airport's ARFF Services. The presentation included reviewing the Finance Committee Recommendation, funding requests from outside organizations, service enhancements and options for closing the gap in reserves. Fire Chief McElroy answered questions regarding possible reduction of fire staff at airport facility.

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Motion:

Councilmembers Hotchkiss/Rowse directed staff to proceed with addressing the projected deficits in ARFF services by reviewing a reduction in other costs which will include reducing the Capital Program, eliminating or freezing 5-6 Airport positions or 10% of staffing, and looking for other opportunities to increase revenue from long-term rentals.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

Discussion (Cont'd):

Finance Director/Acting Assistant City Administrator presented the Finance Committee's recommendations for the General Funds Operating and Capital Budget funding for Fiscal Year 2016. Items presented included General Fund budget strategy, including funding of policy reserves, General Fund tax revenue assumptions, General Fund and enterprise fund proposed fees, staff recommended adjustments, and requests from outside organizations. City Administrator Casey answered questions from Council. Councilmembers gave their priorities and preferences pertaining to individual proposed budget items.

Action:

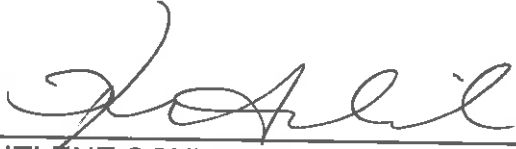
Councilmembers gave direction to staff to bring back final recommendations for a two-year plan for closing the gap in reserves for the General Fund with an option for a three-year plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

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HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

ATTEST:


DEBORAH L. APPLGATE
DEPUTY CITY CLERK