



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING February 21, 2008 DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM 630 GARDEN STREET

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marty Blum called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Iya G. Falcone, Roger L. Horton, Grant House, Helene Schneider, Das Williams, Mayor Blum.

Councilmembers absent: Dale Francisco.

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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

#### NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 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.

#### WORK SESSIONS

##### 1. **Subject: Utility Users Tax Work Session (270.06)**

Recommendation: That the City Council hold a work session to discuss options available to the City in order to avert the potential loss of approximately \$3.8 million derived from the City's Utility Users Tax on Telecommunications.

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## Documents:

February 21, 2008, report from the Finance Director.

## Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Robert Peirson, City Attorney Stephen Wiley, City Administrator James Armstrong.
- Consultant: Utility Users Tax Attorney Donald H. Maynor.

## Discussion:

Finance Director Bob Peirson provided an overview of the purpose and history of the City's Utility Users Tax (UUT). Donald Maynor discussed the potential litigation risks involved with Telecommunication UUTs, ordinances that other cities have adopted regarding this issue and the election process. Finance Director Robert Peirson concluded the report with next steps of referring a model ordinance to the Ordinance Committee and referring financial considerations to the Finance Committee. Staff responded to the Councilmembers' questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

  
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MARTY BLUM  
MAYOR

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK