

City of Manhattan Beach

*1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, May 23, 2016

6:00 PM

Adjourned Regular Meeting - Budget Study Session #2

Police/Fire Conference Room

400/420 15th Street

Manhattan Beach, California 90266

City Council Study Session

Mayor Tony D'Errico

Mayor Pro Tem David J. Lesser

Councilmember Amy Howorth

Councilmember Wayne Powell

Councilmember Mark Burton

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A. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Battalion Chief Ron Laursen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - D'Errico, Lesser, Howorth, Powell and Burton

C. CERTIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA POSTING

City Clerk Liza Tamura confirmed that the meeting was properly posted.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 MINUTES PER PERSON FOR ONE ITEM, A MAXIMUM OF 5 MINUTES IF A SPEAKER WANTS TO COMMENT ON MORE THAN ONE ITEM)

Abigail Horrow from 1736 Family Crisis Center, requested from City Council to allocate funds in the new budget for non-profit organizations.

Talia Horrow requested City Council to support the work done at 1736 Family Crisis Center by allocating funds in the new budget for the non-profit organization.

Gabriella Franco spoke in support of the work done at 1736 Family Crisis Center and requested that the City Council allocates funds in the new budget for the non-profit organization.

Judy Turner requested City Council to support the work done at 1736 Family Crisis Center by allocating funds in the new budget for the non-profit organization.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Study Session #2: Fiscal Year 2016-2017/2017-2018 Biennial
Operating Budget

[16-0269](#)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Mayor D'Errico stated that he would like to go through each one of the attachments as provided on the staff report and then the Councilmembers, may ask questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser stated he would like to ask departments about their budgets, review positions as provided on the report, discuss the possibility of allocating funds for non-profit organizations and pension issues.

Mayor D'Errico stated that the City Council would go through each one of the attachments provided with the Agenda Packet and the Councilmembers may then ask their questions.

Attachment #1 - Public Comment/Questions During Budget Study Session #1

The City Council had questions regarding the following items provided in Attachment #1:

-Question No. 5 (Page 10) - If two new Police Officer positions are deferred, what is the impact to the Department operations?

-Question No. 8 (Page 8) - Request for information on profitability of Metlox Plaza.

-Question No. 12 (Page 12) - Request for more information on Development Services Coordinator position.

-Question No. 13 (Page 13) - Request to report back on how to finance the Sepulveda Corridor Specific Plan and include any synergies on doing Sepulveda and Rosecrans together. Discuss phased approach for completion in next two years and use of Economic Uncertainty and/or Council Policy Reserve.

-Question No. 11 (Page 11) - Request for report from Fire Chief on hiring additional staff in lieu of Overtime usage.

-Question No. 14 (Page 14) - Request for background on different reserves and history of why they were implemented. What are rules for use of each type of reserve?

-Question No. 15 (Page 14) - How does City Council participate in deciding priorities for Environmental programs?

-Question No. 20 (Page 16) - What would additional cost be to add a camera at the Pier Roundhouse and at the Historical Society's "Little Red House"?

-Question No. 25 (Page 18) - Questions Related to City's Unfunded Pension Liability.

-Question No. 26 (Page 19) - Unfunded Pension Contributions.

The City Manager Mark Danaj, Consultant John Bartel and the following Department Heads responded to the City Council questions:

Finance Director Moe

Police Chief Eve Irvine

Public Works Director Tony Olmos

Community Development Director Marisa Lundstedt

Information Technology Director Sanford Taylor

At 7:15 PM City Council recessed and reconvened at 7:25 PM with all Councilmembers present.

Attachment #2 - Subsequent Budget Questions from Community Members

The City Council had questions regarding the following items provided in Attachment #2:

-Question No. 16 (Page 23) - Insurance Allocation

-Question No. 24 (Page 25) - Water Increase

-Question No. 27 (Page 25) - What is included in the line item for Public Relations?

-Question No. 30 (Page 26) - Spent on the Downtown Specific Plan

The City Manager Mark Danaj and the following Department Heads responded to the City Council questions:

Finance Director Bruce Moe

Human Resources Director Teresia Zadroga - Haase

Public Works Director Tony Olmos

Councilmember Burton requested to compare and contrast the 1996 Downtown Strategic Plan with today's dollars for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Lesser inquired about non-profit organizations and if the City could create a system in place in order to see what would be the fairest way for the City Council to allocate funds for non-profits.

Second Part of Attachment #2 - Professional Contractual Services.

Finance Director Moe responded to the City Council questions.

Attachment #3 - Reconciliation of Position Changes in Proposed Budget.

City Council requested to go through the list of Proposed Position Ranking and each department talk about their proposed positions.

The City Manager Mark Danaj, Assistant City Manager Nadine Nader and the following Department Heads provided staff presentations and responded to the City Council questions:

Police Chief Eve Irvine

Community Development Director Marisa Lundstedt

Public Works Director Tony Olmos

Parks and Recreation Director Mark Leyman

Information Technology Director Sanford Taylor

Finance Director Bruce Moe

Attachment #4 - PERS Contributions and Medical Cost Projections

Finance Director Bruce Moe provided a presentation and responded to the City Council questions.

Attachment #5 - Five Year Forecast Assumptions

Finance Director Bruce Moe and City Manager Mark Danaj responded to the City Council questions.

City Council discussed the expectations of the next City Council meeting regarding the approval of the budget in which direction would be given to staff at that time.

F. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS, COMMITTEE AND TRAVEL REPORTS, FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

G. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:08 PM Mayor D'Errico adjourned the meeting.

Martha Alvarez
Recording Secretary

Tony D'Errico
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk