

MINUTES

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL
AND
GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development was called to order in the International Board Room, Family Life Center at the Crystal Cathedral, 12141 Lewis Street, on Saturday, January 24, 2009, at 8:42 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: (5) MAYOR DALTON, COUNCIL MEMBERS
BROADWATER, DO, JONES, NGUYEN

ABSENT: (0) NONE

AGENCY

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: (5) CHAIR BROADWATER, MEMBERS DALTON, DO,
JONES, NGUYEN

ABSENT: (0) NONE

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY VISION PLAN, 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN, AND
CURRENT STATUS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN (F: 34.1) (XR: 60.1) (XR: 127.8)

Staff provided history on the development of the Community Vision Plan and the 5-Year Strategic Plan, beginning with community forums and ending with City Council adoption of a vision statement, guiding principles, and strategic plan goals. In light of these times of economic uncertainty, funding of the Strategic Plan's planned third year (2008-09) items has not yet occurred.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE CITY'S CURRENT AND PROJECTED FINANCIAL
PLAN, INCLUDING A THREE-YEAR BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (F: 60.1)

Staff reported that due to many economic variables, the housing slump, federal and state budget crisis, low consumer confidence affecting sales tax, etc., the City is facing a major decline in revenue. It was noted that having already addressed the water and sewer infrastructure issues, has allowed the focus to be the General Fund.

Staff reviewed a three-year budget implementation plan including managed downsizing, a hiring freeze, lapsed funds, and the reserve funds. With these measures, in conjunction with aggressive redevelopment, it is projected that the City will end the 2011/12 fiscal year with a balanced budget. Without the implementation plan and additional revenue sources, the projected balance for the 2011/12 budget would be a \$22 million deficit. Staff reported if all these steps were taken, and the projected revenues come in as planned, the structural deficit would be addressed.

RECESS

At 10:03 a.m., the Mayor declared a recess.

RECONVENE

At 10:17 a.m., Mayor Dalton reconvened the meeting and all Council/Agency Members were present.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCES (F: 60.1)

Staff presented revenue options that could fully fund the services currently being provided. Currently the General Fund is subsidizing these services; options presented included adjusting the Paramedic Tax Override; the Street Lighting Assessment District; the Park Maintenance Assessment District; the Paramedic ALS Fees; and establishing a non-resident fee for Paramedic ALS. Other options presented included increasing the Hotel Visitor's Tax and establishing a Public Safety Tax.

RECESS

At 11:48 a.m., the Mayor declared a recess.

RECONVENE

At 12:18 a.m., Mayor Dalton reconvened the meeting and all Council/Agency Members were present.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING SETTING CITY COUNCIL/BOARD PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING TWO YEARS (F: 46.1)

The Mayor and each Council/Agency Member provided information on their priorities and objectives.

The following summarized the consensus:

- Community Vision would continue to serve as a guide for City Council and the organization.
- Proceed with the Three-Year Budget Implementation Plan in a cautious manner, considering the variables on a daily basis.
- Resources, as the economic situation allows, would be devoted toward the goals outlined in the Strategic Plan.
- Efforts would be devoted to identify projects best suited, most eligible, and that have the best chance of surviving the process of the Economic Stimulus Package in the areas of Public Works and Community Services.
- Potential increase of the ambulance transportation fee; and potential establishment of a non-resident ambulance transportation fees.
- Educational program to the community on the City's business and customer friendly services.
- Consider advertisements and other avenues as revenue sources to fund This Week in Garden Grove.
- Provide the City Council with additional analysis regarding use of lobbyists.
- Provide the City Council with additional information on increasing the Paramedic Tax Override
- Schedule separate Study Session regarding a potential Public Safety Tax.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING CITY COUNCIL PROTOCOL AND COMMUNICATIONS AT MEETINGS (F: 46.1)

Due to the recent retirement of the Assistant City Manager, and for the benefit of the new Council Members, and as a review for the others, staff reviewed different protocols outlined in the Manual of Procedures for City Council Meetings regarding requesting information, placing items on the City Council Agenda, speaking at events, and co-hosting events.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:55 p.m. the meeting was declared adjourned.

KATHLEEN BAILOR
CITY CLERK/SECRETARY