



City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave.
Pomona, CA 91766

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Mayor Tim Sandoval
Council Member Rubio R. Gonzalez
Council Member Adriana M. Robledo
Council Member Cristina Carrizosa
Council Member Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
Council Member Ginna E. Escobar
Council Member Robert S. Torres

VISION STATEMENT

Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.

Monday, May 8, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting - Budget

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Tim Sandoval
Council Member Rubio Gonzalez
Council Member Adriana Robledo
Council Member Cristina Carrizosa
Council Member Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole
Council Member Ginna E. Escobar
Council Member Robert Torres

Councilmember Gonzalez arrived at 7:05 PM.

Staff Present: Linda Lowry, City Manager
Andrew Jared, Assistant City Attorney
Eva M. Buice, City Clerk
Genoveva Rocha, Deputy City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sandoval led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests to speak.

STUDY SESSION**1. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Study Session**

Finance Director Onyx Jones and Budget Officer Andrew Mowbray provided a brief presentation for this item.

It was explained that departments were asked to reduce their budget in order for the City to balance the budget by 1.2 million and if the budget were to be approved at the meeting, the budget would be adopted in June.

Finance Director Onyx Jones reviewed the General Fund budget; she explained that it was just below the ideal minimum of reserves of 17%; she discussed General Fund Revenues, General Fund Expenditures, PERS Contribution rates; staffing statistics, supplemental requests that were approved by the City Manager but not funded. She spoke on the Special Revenue Funds, Capital Projects Funds, Debt Service Funds, Enterprise Funds, Internal Service Funds, Housing Authority; she also spoke on new revenue Measures such as Measure M and Measure A.

It was explained that Measure M is based on the growth of how people buy and tax, similar to a sales tax projection and that these funds will go towards street improvement; she explained that Measure A is funding for parks.

City Manager Linda Lowry explained that there is not a specific process for distributing funds for Measure A.

Finance Director Onyx Jones stated that public safety takes uses a majority of the budget and that the budget has to be realigned so that the City's needs are met.

Mayor Sandoval inquired, and Finance Director Jones informed that the funds from Measure H are almost like a sales tax and that the estimated amount for the next fiscal year is 2.1 Million, Measure M is a financial benefit to the City and it is unknown if the funds will be used to offset the cost of running the 24-Hour Emergency Shelter and services.

Finance Director Jones informed that to receive funding from Measure A, the City would have to submit a proposal explaining how the funds would be utilized.

Councilmember Carrizosa inquired, and City Manager Lowry explained that the City could receive the funds in December but that there was not a process in place on how the City can acquire the funds and how much will be available. She stated there is a possibility that there would not be access to this money for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year, she informed Finance Director Jones would provide an update as soon as possible.

Finance Director Jones informed that the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) binder went into detail regarding the different projects in the City and that the money for CIP comes from various funding sources that could be viewed on page 10.

Councilmember Carrizosa inquired, and Finance Director Jones informed that the Plaza Park planters would be installed in Phase 1 and Public Works Director Meg McWade advised that there would not be any funding for the second phase of the fountain.

Finance Director Jones continued and stated that many projects would be closed out in 2018 and requested that the City Council consider adopting the proposed budget.

Councilmember Carrizosa inquired, and Finance Director Jones informed that the services with the fire department's contract needed to be addressed.

Councilmember Carrizosa asked, and Development Services Director Mark Lazzaretto advised that the Public Arts Fund on page 4 represents the 1% fee that every development pays into the art fund, one of the projects funded was the mural at SAE S Pomona; he informed that he requested that the consultant come up with a plan to see how the money is utilized.

Councilmember Carrizosa opined that Council should form a committee to appropriate funds and that the City Council should have a larger part in deciding what to do with such funds where it can be distributed throughout the City; she also expressed that the funds should be used for Plaza Park Planters Phase 2 and to refurbish the fountain.

Development Services Director Lazzaretto informed that he would need direction from the City Council to proceed.

Mayor Sandoval stated that he agreed with Councilmember Carrizosa and requested that Staff bring this back on another agenda.

Councilmember Gonzalez inquired and City Manager Lowry informed that Development Services Director Lazzaretto had mentioned the City is attempting to have a consultant work on the Public Arts Ordinance and get it functioning, the challenge is that the City is understaffed and City Manager Lowry recommended using some of the funds for the Public Arts fund to pay for staffing the commission and get the process running.

Councilmember Carrizosa inquired, and Deputy City Manager Mark Gluba informed that the projects are shared with the different boards and commissions; he stated that the Library Board is briefed on projects and they had not requested any additional funding for the following fiscal year.

City Manager Lowry informed that the Library was cutting their revenue by \$77,000 which \$40,000 of that is revenue added last year.

Mayor Sandoval expressed that the budget meeting had been a sobering experience; he thanked staff for balancing the budget; he expressed his concerns regarding the budget for public safety and CALPERS pensions; he also expressed concern for the infrastructure and stated the longer it is delayed, the bigger the problem will become; he also informed that the issues the City is experiencing are not unique to Pomona; regarding the different Measures he commented that the

County has their process to distribute funds but that the City should be getting ahead to make sure the opportunity is seized when it becomes available. County has their process, but the City should be getting ahead of that to make sure the opportunity is seized when it comes.

Councilmember Carrizosa commented it is sobering to see the budget every year; she stated that the youth is being affected and would like the City to look for other sources of revenue; she expressed that the City should be receiving a better share from the Fairplex.

Mayor Sandoval commented that as a Council when looking at economic development projects that come before them they should be analyzing the impact that they will have on the community; he stated there are different areas of the City where there is economic opportunity, and it would make things easier for businesses that already exist in the City.

Councilmember Robledo commented that many other cities are also experiencing situations similar to those in Pomona and that it was not necessary to reinvent the wheel on figuring out how projects will get down; she commended Staff for doing a good job and exploring different avenues to balance the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 08:11 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, May 15, 2017 in the City Council Chambers, 505 S. Garey Avenue, Pomona, California. Closed Session items will be discussed at 5:30 p.m. The Open Session will commence at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Clerk/Secretary of the Pomona
Housing Authority

ATTEST:



TIM SANDOVAL
Mayor/Chair of the Pomona
Housing Authority