

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 990 PALM STREET
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

ROLL CALL:

Council Members

Present: Council Members John Ashbaugh, Jan Howell Marx, Allen K. Settle, Vice Mayor Andrew Carter, and Mayor Dave Romero

City Staff

Present: Katie Lichtig, City Manager, Christine Dietrick, City Attorney, Shelly Stanwyck, Assistant City Manager, and Elaina Cano, City Clerk, were present at Roll Call. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

By consensus, Council agreed to re-organize the agenda by moving Business Item #2 to the last item on the agenda.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. DOWNTOWN MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION UPDATE.

Public Works Director Walter introduced this item, following which Parking Services Manager Horch presented the agenda report and responded to questions.

Council discussed the possibility of reallocating approximately \$500,000 of General Fund money that was intended for the Mission Sidewalk repairs.

City Manager Lichtig stated that staff will return in June during the review of the Mid-Year Budget with a comprehensive plan as it relates to the budget shortfall.

Public Comments

Dave Garth, San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of staff's recommendation and reiterated that the Chamber does not have a recommended approach to the implementation of the objective.

Deborah Cash, Executive Director - Downtown Association, spoke in support of staff's recommendation and the importance and necessity of additional lighting in the downtown area.

Tres Feltman, Owner, Hands Gallery - San Luis Obispo, spoke in support of additional lighting in the downtown area. Mr. Feltman also expressed his concerns regarding the news rack and possibilities of vandalism.

---end of public comments---

Council discussion ensued during which they discussed issues regarding lighting in the downtown area, news racks, sidewalk repairs, and funding.

ACTION: By consensus, Council agreed to move forward with focused approach on the block of Higuera that encompasses Wineman with all different streetscape elements discussed. If after completing Wineman block there are "extra dollars" then staff will give Council a prioritized list on how to spend. Once Staff presents Council with a prioritized list, Council will then evaluate the General Fund portion as a funding source with the budget in June. Staff will work with the Downtown Association to arrange private donation of lampposts program in place and active. The Architectural Review Commission will continue to review any design elements. Staff will articulate differences with funding plan in the CIP versus plan based on concept direction.

2. FOXPRO APPLICATION REPLACEMENT.

By Council consensus, this item was moved to the last item on the agenda.

Director of Finance & Information Technology Statler presented the agenda report and responded to questions.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

---end of public comments---

Moved by Ashbaugh to approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the replacement of FoxPro applications and authorize the City Manager to award the contract if within the project budget of \$1,150,000; motion failed due to a lack of the second.

ACTION: Moved by Marx/Carter to approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the replacement of FoxPro applications and authorize the City Council to award the contract if within the project budget of \$1,150,000; motion passed 5:0.

3. 2009-10 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW.

City Manager Lichtig introduced this item, following which Director of Finance & Information Technology Statler and Assistant City Manager Stanwyck presented the agenda report and responded to questions.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

---end of public comments---

Council discussed issues regarding the parking fund, Monterey Street sidewalk repair funding, and the City's overall fiscal situation.

ACTION: Moved by Carter/Marx to: 1. Review and discuss the City's financial condition and status of City goals at the mid-point of 2009-10; 2. Approve revenue and expenditure changes presented in the accompanying Mid-Year Budget Review document; and 3. Authorize implementing Fiscal Health Contingency Plan short-term actions as outlined in the accompanying Mid-Year Budget Review. Return the \$500,000 allocated to the upper Monterey Street sidewalk improvements back to the General Fund and defer the action for the FoxPro Application Replacement; motion carried 5:0.

Council recessed at 9:25 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m. with all members present.

4. **CALPERS RETIREMENT COSTS: WHERE WE'VE BEEN AND WHERE WE'RE HEADED.**

Director of Human Resources Irons and Director of Finance & Information Technology Statler and Barbara Weir, CalPERS Representative, presented the agenda report and responded to questions.

Public Comments

Erik Justesen, San Luis Obispo, commended staff for the comprehensive presentation and spoke of his concerns regarding the private sector.

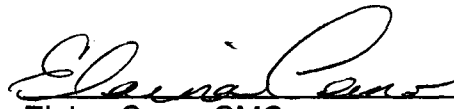
Ermina Karim, Chamber of Commerce, spoke about her concerns regarding the escalating costs of employee benefits.

Michael Boudreau, San Luis Obispo, commended staff for the comprehensive presentation.

---end of public comments---

ACTION: Council reviewed and discussed the City retirement costs and trends under its participation in the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS).

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Romero adjourned the meeting at 11:53 p.m.



Elaina Cano, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: 04/20/10