

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Moorpark, CaliforniaJune 11, 2008

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Moorpark was held on June 11, 2008, in the Community Center of said City located at 799 Moorpark Avenue, Moorpark, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

No flag present.

3. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Mikos, Millhouse, Parvin, Van Dam, and Mayor Hunter.

Staff Present: Steven Kueny, City Manager; Hugh Riley, Assistant City Manager; Barry Hogan, Deputy City Manager; Mary Lindley, Parks/Recreation and Community Services Director; Yugal Lall, City Engineer/Public Works Director; David Bobardt, Planning Director; David Klotzle, Assistant City Engineer; Melody Johnston, Information Systems Manager; David Moe, Redevelopment Manager; Irmina Lumbad, Finance/Accounting Manager; John Brand, Senior Management Analyst; Shaun Kroes, Management Analyst; Captain Ron Nelson, Sheriff's Department; Deborah Traffenstedt, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk; and Maureen Benson, Assistant City Clerk.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

5. REORDERING OF, AND ADDITIONS TO, THE AGENDA:

None.

AT THIS POINT in the meeting Item 6.A. was heard concurrently with Item 5.A. on the Redevelopment Agency agenda.

6. PRESENTATION/ACTION/DISCUSSION:

- A. Consider Proposed Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for the Fiscal Year 2008/09. Staff Recommendation: Discuss proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2008/09.

Mr. Kueny gave a brief staff report.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to discuss the Public Safety portion of the budget first.

A discussion followed in which Councilmembers Millhouse and Van Dam as Committee Members of the Ad Hoc Committee City of Moorpark/Moorpark Unified School District (MUSD) for Facilities, Programs and Advance Planning, summarized meetings with the MUSD representatives regarding the District's plans to implement a new program called "Second Step" rather than fund either the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program or the High School Resource Officer (H.S.R.O.).

The following citizens spoke in favor of retaining the D.A.R.E. program:

Whitney Hunter
Theresa Rodriguez
Sydney Walker
Olivia Nguyen
Jack Cleary
Colin Calle
Brian Sliva
Carolyn Schofield
Jodie Bilgen
Jeff Bilgen
Mary Perez
Shania Coleman

A discussion followed among the Councilmembers and staff concerning the options listed on pages XXIV-XXXV of the agenda report, which address the \$739,000 General Fund Deficit for Fiscal Year 2008/09.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council/Agency to: 1) Eliminate the Home Town Holiday event in the amount of \$2,500; 2) Eliminate funding for the Arbor Day event in the amount of \$2,200; 3) Use \$49,000 from the Endowment Fund for the cost of leasing the modular building used as interim City Hall; 4) Defer replacement of three flag poles at City Hall/Community Center for a savings of \$15,000; 5) Defer Campus Park Drive landscape enhancements for a savings of \$76,000; 6) Defer Community Center kitchen upgrade for a savings of

\$26,000; 7) Postpone the Youth Master Plan for a savings of \$15,000; 8) Determine legality of transferring the \$6,200 maintenance cost for Magnolia Park to the Moorpark Redevelopment Agency (MRA) for potential General Fund savings; 9) Determine legality of transferring the \$12,700 (20%) maintenance cost for Poindexter Park to the MRA for potential General Fund savings; 10) Transfer \$90,000 (50%) of the Deputy City Manager personnel cost to the MRA based upon duties benefiting the Agency; 11) Transfer \$77,000 (50%) of the Code Compliance Technician and Senior Management Analyst personnel cost to the MRA based upon duties benefiting the Agency; 12) Modify Recreation Division staff classifications with a cost savings of \$24,000; 13) Fill vacant Administrative Assistant position in the Finance Department with half-time, part-time Secretary I, for a savings of \$32,000; 14) Eliminate three of the five Crossing Guard locations for a savings of \$15,000; 15) Reduce part-time staffing at Active Adult Center for a savings of \$14,000; 16) Reduce by half, the number of publications of Active Adult Center monthly newsletter for a savings of \$6,500; 17) Postpone Tree Master Plan for a savings of \$7,100; and 18) Transfer \$30,000 for the Lassen Avenue Walkway Project to the Redevelopment Agency for a total savings of \$500,800.

Mr. Kueny summarized that the reductions agreed to by the Council/Agency would result in a total General Fund savings of \$500,800. He stated an additional revenue enhancement in the amount of \$97,000 would come from transferring to the General Fund, the interest earnings that would otherwise be accruing to the Endowment Fund.

Mr. Kueny proposed additional items for consideration including: 1) Increase General Fund revenue by \$80,000 by including special assessment for Police services fee from Pardee Moorpark Highlands; 2) Reduce Library cost plan allocation by fifty (50%) for a savings of \$54,000; 3) Use \$150,000 of additional contingency fund for staff salaries and benefits; 4) Eliminate the assumed ten percent (10%) rate increase in medical health premiums for group insurance for a savings of \$20,000; 5) Transfer \$13,000 General Fund contribution for Magnolia Park Swings project to the Agency; and 6) Save \$20,000 by eliminating Miller Park Swings project, which will be completed in Fiscal Year 2007/08.

A discussion followed among the Councilmembers and staff regarding funding D.A.R.E., the H.S.R.O, and a 40-hour patrol car versus an 84-hour patrol car.

MOTION: Councilmember Millhouse moved and Councilmember Parvin seconded a motion to fund the D.A.R.E. and H.S.R.O. programs along with an additional fully funded 40-hour patrol car using funds from the Traffic Safety Fund (TSF) to make up the difference for the car.

Captain Nelson stated it will take approximately six months for recruitment for the 40-hour car, so approximately \$180,000 would be needed from the TSF fund.

AMENDED MOTION: Councilmember Millhouse moved to amend his prior motion and Councilmember Parvin seconded the amendment to fund the D.A.R.E. and H.S.R.O. programs along with approximately \$180,000 for the 40-hour car from TSF. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Hunter suggested discussing each department separately to find further savings.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to reduce Council Meals to \$1,875 and to eliminate \$1,500 for a Post-election Reception.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to accept the proposed amendments to the City Council and Agency budgets and to schedule budget adoption for July 2, 2008.

AT THIS POINT in the meeting, the Redevelopment Agency meeting was adjourned and the City Council meeting was recessed. The time was 9:15 p.m. The City Council meeting reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION:

Mr. Kueny requested the Council go into closed session for discussion of Item 7.C. on the agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Parvin moved and Councilmember Millhouse seconded a motion to adjourn to closed session for discussion of Item 7.C. on the agenda. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
(Pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code)
Agency Designated Representative: Steven Kueny
Employee Organization: Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO,
CLC, Local 721

Present in closed session were Councilmembers Mikos, Millhouse, Parvin, Van Dam, and Mayor Hunter; Steven Kueny, City Manager; Hugh Riley, Assistant City Manager; and Deborah Traffenstedt, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk.

The Council reconvened into open session at 9:28 p.m. Mr. Kueny stated Item 7.C. was discussed and there was no action to report.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hunter adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Patrick Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maureen Benson, Assistant City Clerk