

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Moorpark, California

June 10, 2009

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Moorpark was held on June 10, 2009, in the Community Center of said City located at 799 Moorpark Avenue, Moorpark, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Parvin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Mikos, Millhouse (arrived at 6:25 p.m.), Pollock, Van Dam, and Mayor Parvin.

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; Ron Ahlers, Finance Director; Melody Johnston, Information Systems Manager; David Moe, Redevelopment Manager; Irmina Lumbad, Finance/Accounting Manager; Stephanie Shaw, Recreation Supervisor; John Brand, Senior Management Analyst; Shaun Kroes, Senior Management Analyst; Jennifer Mellon, Senior Management Analyst; Captain Ron Nelson, Sheriff's Department; Deborah Traffenstedt, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk; and Maureen Benson, Assistant City Clerk.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

AT THIS POINT in the meeting Item 4.A. was heard concurrently with Item 4.A. on the Redevelopment Agency agenda.

4. PRESENTATION/ACTION/DISCUSSION:

- A. Consider Proposed Operating and Capital Improvements Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009/10. Staff Recommendation: Discuss proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009/10.

Mr. Kueny gave a brief staff report and stated his recommendations for lower General Fund expenses by implementing the following expenditure reductions and transfers to other funds to balance the budget:

Reduce annual \$400 per employee training by one-half for a savings of about \$10,400.

Eliminate the Special Projects Coordinator for a savings of about \$19,400

Not automatically budget for potential City Council appraisal/conflict of interest; and only take funds from the General Fund Reserve if needed for a savings of \$2,500.

Reduce tree trimming in parks for a savings of \$20,000, and reduce tree trimming by 50% in the Citywide Landscape Maintenance Districts for a savings of \$30,000 (tree trimming would be done based on need and to the extent as may be required to maintain Tree City USA designation).

Reduce downtown area street sweeping from weekly to twice monthly (same basis as other residential streets) for a savings of \$4,000.

Use City Affordable Housing Fund to fund \$18,000 of staff time for work on the Housing Element.

Phase in a 50% reduction of lawn mowing in parks and in the Citywide Landscape Maintenance Districts for an initial savings of \$50,000 (mowing will be based on need and grass type).

Discontinue the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program and upgrade the two 40-hour patrol cars (without relief) to an 84-hour patrol car. This will result in an annual savings of about \$120,300.

Use \$50,000 of Traffic System Management funds in place of Transportation Development Act (TDA) for certain transit costs, such as Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fuel when its use comes online in Fiscal Year 2010/11.

Consider establishment of a Street Sweeping Fee as part of the monthly refuse collection service fee for approximately 75-cents per residence and approximately \$2.00 per commercial customer for approximately \$100,000 in revenue.

There were no speakers.

A discussion followed among the Councilmembers and Mr. Kueny concerning:

Potential increase of \$3,400 in General Liability Insurance premium in Finance/Central Services Account 9233.

A set-aside of \$12,000 for Unemployment Insurance.

A decrease of \$55,000 in revenue from the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)

A carry-over of \$58, 771.00 for a 40-hour patrol car.

Add Mammoth Highlands Park costs of \$48,100 in addition to the revenue of \$85,000 anticipated from the Pardee development.

In response to Councilmember Van Dam's request, Mr. Kueny recommended deleting Special Professional Services Account 9103 for a savings of \$2,500, decreasing Community Promotion Account 9240 by \$2,000, and transfer the \$2,000 savings to the Employee Recognition Account 9241.

MOTION: Mayor Parvin moved and Councilmember Van Dam seconded a motion to accept the recommendations as amended in prior discussion, and to schedule the budget adoption for July 1, 2009. The motion carried by voice vote 5-0.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to waive rules to hear a late speaker.

Robert Hesketh, a Moorpark resident, requested information regarding whether or not the State could take cash reserves from the City. He stated, after listening to the budget discussion and learning of the sound financial position of the City, he wanted to express his high regard for past and present Councilmembers for their prudent fiscal management.

5. CLOSED SESSION:

None was held.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Parvin adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Janice S. Parvin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maureen Benson, Assistant City Clerk