

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING – CITY COUNCIL
May 27, 2014

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 250 East L Street, complete proceedings of which are recorded on tape.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Patterson called the special meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. CONVENE OPEN SESSION:

A. ROLL CALL

All Council Members were present.

Finance Committee Member Wines was absent. All other Finance Committee Members were present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Patterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. REFERENCE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC:

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

On motion of Council Member Schwartzman, seconded by Council Member Hughes, the Agenda was adopted, as presented, on roll call by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members Campbell, Hughes, Schwartzman, Strawbridge, Mayor Patterson, Finance Committee Members Carvalho, Griffin, and Chair Clarke

Noes: (None)

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. WRITTEN COMMENT

1 item (copy on file).

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:

A. PRESENTATION OF GENERAL FUND 10-YEAR FORECAST MODEL

Anne Cardwell, Assistant City Manager, introduced the agenda item.

Bob Leland, Senior Manager, Management Partners, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation titled 'General Fund Long-Term Budget Forecast' (copy on file).

Vice Mayor Campbell and Staff discussed the property tax forecast.

Council Member Schwartzman and Staff discussed the Vehicle License Fee Adjustment Amount (VLFAA), the issue of property taxes for single family residential homes, and the changing real estate market.

Council Member Hughes and Staff discussed the issue of revenue, increases in fees and taxes, and the City's current vacant positions.

Dan Clarke, Finance Committee Chairperson, and Staff discussed the revenue concentration pie chart, and what that chart looked like for other cities.

Mayor Patterson and Staff discussed property values, wage gaps, growth rate, assumptions, and repurposing properties.

Council Member Schwartzman discussed the importance of assumptions. He would like to see a scenario with the Valero tax appeal included, a scenario with the possibility of a Valero sale is included, and to the extent possible, what effect a possible business park would have on the City's 10-year forecast.

Council Member Strawbridge and Staff discussed how the forecast and information would integrate with the City's new financial system.

Council Member Hughes would like to see a scenario with the property tax appeals included.

Council Member Hughes clarified that the forecast was an ongoing document. He would like to see some of the suggestions included in the future.

Council Member Schwartzman and Staff discussed Valero's property tax appeal funds.

Chairman Clarke thanked Staff for their efforts. He would like to see periodic updates (annually).

Public Comment:

1. Brian Tullock - Mr. Tullock discussed the property tax forecast.

Anne Cardwell, Assistant City Manager, thanked everyone for participating. The next step, as part of the Sustainability Community Services Strategy, after the organizational scan is completed, the forecast would be updated to include the unmet needs. That will be an opportunity to see what is feasible in terms of the different scenarios discussed tonight. At that point, Staff should be able to provide more detailed assumptions. Tonight was an opportunity for Council and Staff to familiarize themselves with the model and ask questions. That should be in late summer/early fall.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Lisa Wolfe, City Clerk