

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE AND
CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Councilmember Anthony Young, Chair
Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer, Vice Chair
Councilmember Todd Gloria
Councilmember Carl DeMaio
Councilmember Marti Emerald
Council President Ben Hueso
Councilmember Sherri Lightner
Councilmember Donna Frye**

**ACTIONS FOR
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2009, AT 9:00 A.M.**

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Councilmembers Present: Young, Lightner, Gloria, DeMaio, Emerald
Councilmembers Not Present: Faulconer, Frye, Hueso

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: Joan Raphael commented that she was willing to pay for services such as trash pick-up and pointed out the importance of libraries and parks.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE COMMENT: Councilmember Demaio thanked everyone for attending the meeting and applauded Councilmember Young for holding the Budget and Finance Committee meeting in the evening to make the City Council accessible to the public. Councilmember DeMaio also expressed his pleasure that Mira Mesa was selected for the District 5 meeting location. He encouraged the public to bring forward any ideas or concern it might have. Councilmember DeMaio also referred to a recent memorandum he sent to the Financial Management Department regarding fringe benefits.

Chair Young encouraged the television audience to visit the Budget and Finance Committee web site (www.sandiego.gov/budgetandfinance) and fill out the survey and to call the San Diego Speaks Hotline at 619-236-6934. Information from both sources will be compiled to provide to the Mayor as he prepares his budget.

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CITY ATTORNEY, IBA, AND MAYORAL STAFF COMMENT: Mayor Jerry Sanders thanked the public for attending the meeting. He indicated that there were some very tough decisions to be made over the next three or four months and that the idea of the budget meetings is to listen to what is important to the public. The Mayor thanked Chair Young for coming up with the idea of conducting budget hearings before the budget is put together. The Mayor informed the public that they could provide ideas regarding the budget by visiting the City's web site.

ADOPTION AGENDA

Approval of the Record of Action Items for January 30, 2009

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember DeMaio, second by Chair Young, to approve.

VOTE: Young-yea, Faulconer-not present, Lightner-yea, Hueso-not present, Gloria-yea, Emerald-yea, Frye-not present, DeMaio-yea

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM-1: SAN DIEGO SPEAKS: INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC ON BUDGET PRIORITIES (This portion of the agenda was allocated to allow members of the public an opportunity to provide input on budget priorities.)

(See Chief Operating Officer's February 4, 2009, PowerPoint)

ACTION: Information only. No action taken. Chief Operating Officer Jay Goldstone provided an overview of the financial outlook for Fiscal Year 2010-2014 and the process involved in the Mayor and City Council determining the budget.

Chair Young informed the public that in 2010 we will have about \$53 million dollars less money to provide the same services that existed in 2009 and it is anticipated that we will have about \$100 million less the following year. He indicated that we are in serious economic peril and encouraged the citizens of District 5 to provide any ideas they have in how to better provide services, how to prioritize services and to perform services more efficiently.

Councilmember DeMaio commented that it was clear that we cannot cut service

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levels any more than we have as a City and that efficiencies must be found.

Councilmember Todd Gloria thanked those community members from Council District Three for attending the meeting. Councilmember Gloria thanked Councilmember DeMaio for his prior comments regarding corrections to the memorandum regarding fringe benefits. Councilmember Gloria also recommended that the IBA also make a presentation at one of the upcoming San Diego Speaks community meetings and encouraged the Mayor's office to bring the fee study forward. Finally, Councilmember Gloria thanked the community members for their willingness to pay more for fees.

Councilmember Emerald encouraged the public to e-mail their neighbors and friends and tell them how important the San Diego Speaks meetings are to the City Council and reminded them of upcoming meetings in Districts Three and Seven. Councilmember Emerald also encouraged the public to attend the Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee meetings to provide input.

Chair Young thanked the Council District Five community members for attending the meeting and making such good comments, the Mira Mesa Library staff for opening up their library for the meeting and the City TV staff for their work.

Anthony Young
Chair