

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OF
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1992
AT 2:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 12TH FLOOR

To Council Members Wolfsheimer, Roberts, Hartley, Stevens, Behr, Stallings, McCarty, and Filner, members of the City Council of the City of San Diego, California:

A SPECIAL MEETING of the City Council is hereby called to be held in the Council Chambers, 12th floor City Administration Building, 202 C Street, San Diego, California, at the following dates and hours:

October 5, at 2:00 PM
October 6, at 2:00 PM
October 8, at 2:00 PM

Said meeting will be held for the purpose of continuing deliberations on the Fiscal Year 1993 City budget.

Dated October 2, 1992.

MAUREEN O'CONNOR, MAYOR

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 3:53 p.m. Mayor O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

- (M) Mayor O'Connor-present
- (1) Council Member Wolfsheimer-present
- (2) Council Member Roberts-present
- (3) Council Member Hartley-present
- (4) Council Member Stevens-present

- (5) Council Member Behr-present
 - (6) Council Member Stallings-present
 - (7) Council Member McCarty-not present
 - (8) Council Member Filner-present
- Clerk-Abdelnour (so)

FILE LOCATION: MINUTES

ITEM-1: ROLL CALL

- Clerk Abdelnour called the roll:
- (M) Mayor O'Connor-present
 - (1) Council Member Wolfsheimer-present
 - (2) Council Member Roberts-present
 - (3) Council Member Hartley-present
 - (4) Council Member Stevens-present
 - (5) Council Member Behr-present
 - (6) Council Member Stallings-present
 - (7) Council Member McCarty-not present
 - (8) Council Member Filner-present

ITEM-702: CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 20, 1992, 3:30 P.M.

(Trailed as Unfinished Business from the meetings of October 1, 1992, Item 702 and October 5, 1992, Item 702; Continued from the meeting of October 6, 1992, Item 702.)

Two actions relative to the FY93 Budget:

Subitem-A:

Continuing deliberations on the Fiscal Year 1993 City Budget.

Subitem-B: (R-93-511)

Directing the City Manager to prepare an amendment to the Fiscal Year 1993 Annual Appropriation Ordinance

based on City Manager Report CMR-92-288 which reflects (1) changes due to reduced revenues from the State and a shortfall associated with the depressed economy, (2) up to \$950,000 in reductions to the Building Inspection Department due to the sluggish economy, (3) a revised Clean Water Program Fiscal Year 1993 budget made necessary by Judge Brewster's interim order of July 10, 1992, and (4) a revised Water Utilities Department Fiscal Year 1993 Budget; approving \$2,900,000 in reductions to the Redevelopment Agency.

FILE LOCATION:

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: B193-C289.)

MOTION BY BEHR TO CONTINUE TO OCTOBER 20, 1992 AT 3:30 P.M. FOR THE RESULTS OF THE PORT DISTRICT MEETING. CONTINUE PREVIOUS MOTIONS TRAILED FROM OCTOBER 5 AND OCTOBER 6, 1992 AS FOLLOWS:

MOTION BY BEHR TO ADOPT THE CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESTORATION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS, DEFER THE ISSUE OF THE FIRE FIGHTERS' BUDGET AT THIS MEETING, AND ACCEPT COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT'S AMENDMENT TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY CONCOURSE IMPROVEMENTS. SECONDED BY STEVENS. NO VOTE.

MOTION BY STEVENS TO REQUEST THE CITY MANAGER CONSIDER STAFF CUTS AS REFERENCED IN HIS MEMO DATED OCTOBER 1, 1992 REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET STAFF REDUCTIONS. NO SECOND.

THE CITY MANAGER WAS DIRECTED TO RETURN WITH INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCIL AS POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET:

1. REVIEW THE SPECIAL PROMOTIONS BUDGET REGARDING THE 15 PERCENT CUT FOR THE ARTS. THIS REDUCTION SHOULD BE MORE EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED. CONSIDER CUTTING THE PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMS FROM 5 TO 7 PERCENT EQUALLY ACROSS THE BOARD.
2. CONSIDER RETAINING THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM, BUT LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:
 - A. DELETE THE CONSULTANTS TO THE COMMITTEES;
 - B. POSSIBLY SUBSIDIZE FROM THE COUNCIL OFFICES IF MONEY IS A PROBLEM;
 - C. LOOK AT SPLITTING THE STAFF AND RESTRUCTURING THE SYSTEM SO THAT THE CONSULTANTS COULD BE RETAINED;
 - D. CONSIDER DELETING THE CONSULTANTS THE CITY HIRES FOR RFP'S DOING THESE JOBS IN HOUSE.

3. DISCUSS THE DUPLICATE EFFORTS AND EXPENSE INVOLVED WITH THE COMMITTEE SYSTEM AS WELL AS THE HIDDEN COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH STAFF SITTING AROUND AND WAITING TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS THAT THEY MAKE AGAIN TO THE FULL COUNCIL. REVIEW THE EFFECT OF TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS FROM ONE BUDGET TO ANOTHER.
4. THE CUTS THAT CAME OUT OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET VS. OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT ARE DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. RECONSIDER DELETING THE POSITION OF PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR THE OTAY VALLEY AND THE SAN DIEGUITO REGIONAL PARKS BECAUSE THIS JEOPARDIZES THE AMOUNT OF THE CITY'S OPEN SPACE AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN GRANTS WHICH IS COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. RECONSIDER THE COMMUNITY PLANNING OR STRATEGIC PLANNING SECTION THAT IS PROPOSED TO BE CUT IN THE BUDGET. DIRECT THE NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR TO PROVIDE THE REORGANIZATION OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO COUNCIL BEFORE MAKING ANY CUTS TO PROTECT THE LONG-TERM PLANNING OF THE CITY. CONSIDER NOT KEEPING THE EARLY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
5. RECONSIDER CUTTING LIFEGUARD SERVICES AT NIGHT AT TORREY PINES.
6. RECONSIDER THE TRANSFER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CENTRE CITY PLAN TO CCDC BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF CONTROL OF OUR DOWNTOWN TO THE CITY. RECOMMEND ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CCDC TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR THE SERVICES OF ITS ARCHITECT. THERE COULD BE POSSIBLE SUBSTITUTIONS FOR PROGRAM CUTS WITH THE LEAST DAMAGE IN THE LONG TERM.
7. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT AGAIN WITH SUPPORT FOR THE HISTORICAL SITE BOARD. THERE SHOULD BE SOME ATTEMPT TO RESTORE STAFF ASSISTANCE EVEN IF IT IS PART TIME, AND STATE LEGAL MANDATES NEED TO BE SUPPORTED. THE CITY NEEDS TO LOOK AT PROTECTING AND ENHANCING ITS CULTURAL BACKGROUND AS WELL AS ITS DIVERSITY TODAY.
8. SUPPORT AN ACROSS THE BOARD STRUCTURE FOR TOT FUNDING, BEING FAIR IN WHATEVER IS DONE. DO NOT EVEN CONSIDER RAISING HOTEL AND MOTEL TAXES AT THIS TIME.
9. COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICERS NEEDS TO BE RESTORED WHICH HAS COUNCIL APPROVAL.
10. IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY, RECONSIDER EMPLOYEE LAYOFFS. DON'T LAY OFF PEOPLE WITH LOWER PAYING, ENTRY LEVEL POSITIONS SUCH AS THOSE WORKING IN MANHOLES, FIXING THE LIGHTS, AND WATERING AND MAINTAINING THE CITY'S PARKS. MORE WORKING POSITIONS NEED TO BE RETAINED WITH FEWER SUPERVISORS WATCHING THESE PEOPLE.
11. DO NOT REMOVE THE AFTER SCHOOL RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS. THESE PROGRAMS NEED TO BE STAFFED.
12. RE-ESTABLISH AND EMPHASIZE THOSE THINGS THAT ARE LIKELY TO MAKE MONEY FOR THE CITY. THE CITY IS SUBSIDIZING

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY CONCOURSE TO A GREAT DEGREE, AND THIS NEEDS TO BE RESTORED. A MAJOR INVESTMENT IS NEEDED TO TURN THIS AROUND TO PRODUCE MONEY AND PRODUCE ADDITIONAL TOT TAXES GIVING THE CITY MORE MONEY TO SPEND. THIS SHOULD BE FULLY FUNDED.

13. SET UP A MAJOR EVENT TRUST FUND TO GIVE THE CITY SOMETHING TO NEGOTIATE WITH TO BRING IN MAJOR CONVENTIONS. THIS SHOULD BE FULLY FUNDED.

14. FIGURE OUT A SOLUTION TO RESTORE \$86,000 FOR HELP TO CRIME VICTIMS.

15. ASK LOCAL 127 TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE REST OF THE EMPLOYEE UNION ORGANIZATIONS WITH AN OFFER TO THE CITY TO NEGOTIATE. REFER TO THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY MANAGER TO SEE IF ALL EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS CAN PARTICIPATE BECAUSE IT SENDS A BIG MESSAGE TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

Second by Stevens. Passed by the following vote:
Wolfsheimer-yea, Roberts-yea, Hartley-not present, Stevens-yea, Behr-yea, Stallings-yea, McCarty-not present, Filner-yea, Mayor O'Connor-yea.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor O'Connor at 4:48 p.m.

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COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: C289).