



RECEIVED

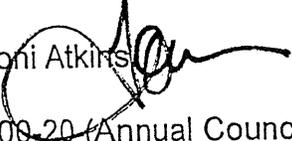
JUN 21 2004

City of San Diego

CITY MANAGERS OFFICE

DEPUTY MAYOR TONI ATKINS
THIRD COUNCIL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 21, 2004
TO: City Manager Lamont Ewell
FROM: Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins 
SUBJECT: Council Policy 000-20 (Annual Council Programming)

As you know, Council Policy 000-20 (Annual Council Programming) was originally adopted in 1976 and last amended in 1981 as a method for the City Council to provide guidance as to the priorities for city-wide budget goals. The stated purpose of annual Council programming is to increase Council and citizen involvement in the formative stages of budget preparation and to establish a set of city-wide goals, objectives, and budget priorities on an annual basis. This process is meant to enhance the ability of the City Council to shape the budget and direct the activities of the City.

Council Policy 000-20 establishes a schedule by which the annual council programming shall be conducted. Included are an annual "basis for programming" report that the Manager is to submit to Council in early November, followed by policy committee meetings and a public hearing mid-November. In late November, the policy calls for the City Council to devote at least one meeting to formulating city-wide goals and objectives, program priorities, and other budget policy guidelines. These budget guidelines and priorities are to be the basis for the annual budget proposal that the Manager submits in March.

During a recent budget hearing, Councilmember Frye inquired as to why the process outlined in Council Policy 000-20 is no longer followed. This issue is also of great interest to me. I would like this policy to be fully implemented and its process followed as the FY '06 budget, and future budgets, are prepared. Please report back to me on the steps you intend to take toward restoring this policy to active practice.

Thank you for your consideration.

TA:sjh

cc: Mayor Murphy and Councilmembers