

M I N U T E S
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2006 - 10:00 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 990 PALM STREET
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Romero called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members

Present: Council Members Paul Brown, John Ewan, Christine Mulholland and Mayor Dave Romero were seated at Roll Call. Vice Mayor Settle was seated at 10:27 a.m., following his attendance at a LAFCO meeting.

City Staff:

Present: Ken Hampian, City Administrative Officer; Jonathan Lowell, City Attorney; Audrey Hooper, City Clerk; Shelly Stanwyck, Assistant City Administrative Officer; John Mandeville, Community Development Director; Bill Statler, Finance Director; Deborah Linden, Police Chief; John Callahan, Fire Chief; John Moss, Utilities Director; Jay Walter, Public Works Director; Betsy Kiser, Parks and Recreation Director

INTRODUCTION.

City Administrative Officer Hampian initiated the presentation with a discussion on the purpose of this workshop.

Finance Director Statler presented background information and gave an overview of the reports that followed for each item.

1. STATUS OF GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS.

Finance Director Statler updated Council on the status of the General Plan Implementation Programs.

2. LONG-TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

Finance Director Statler provided Council with a summary of the City's long-term Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for facility, infrastructure, equipment and land costs needed to serve the City.

Mayor Romero discussed the need to fund an update of the Circulation Element in the near future since it does not deal with a number of transportation issues.

CAO Hampian clarified that the Circulation Element is typically updated with the Land Use Element.

Council Member Mulholland initiated a discussion regarding funding for new fire engines/equipment, particularly for the funding of a fire truck for Fire Station 5, which has not yet been built, and the need for a ladder truck that would accommodate taller buildings

if the building heights are increased. During the discussion, staff indicated that an assessment will need to be done of the costs for the new vehicles and how to allocate those costs. Staff is currently in the process of studying this matter.

Andrew Carter, Council Member Elect, said that one of the Planning Commission priorities which Council will be receiving is a request to fund an update to the Land Use and Circulation Elements.

3. STATUS OF 2005-07 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

Assistant City Administrative Officer Stanwyck presented the status of the 2005-07 goals and objectives. She and Community Development Director Mandeville responded to questions regarding the status of the housing program and the future availability of Community Development Block Grant funds.

4. STATUS OF CURRENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) PROJECTS.

Finance Director Statler provided an overview of the progress of the CIP projects. He noted that no new funding opportunities were found for the approved projects. He and Public Works Director Walter responded to Council's questions.

Mayor Romero expressed concern regarding the costs of delaying projects because of a lack of staff to process them and suggested that Council will need to consider this matter during the budget process.


Council recessed from 11:10 to 11:20 a.m. and reconvened with all members present.

5. GENERAL FISCAL OUTLOOK.

Finance Director Statler provided Council with a qualitative assessment of the City's fiscal outlook in 2007-2009.

CAO Hampian concluded the presentation with remarks related to the financial stability the City has achieved and the difficult decisions that will need to be made as Council keeps the five community priorities in the forefront during the budget process.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Romero adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m. to a special meeting to be held on Friday, December 1, 2006, at noon in the Council Chamber, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.



Audrey Hooper
City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: 12/5/2006