AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
SIERRA MADRE CITY COUNCIL,
SUCCESSOR AGENCY, AND
PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

6:30 pm

City Hall Council Chambers
232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, California 91024

John Capoccia, Mayor
Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem
Rachelle Arizmendi, Council Member
Denise Delmar, Council Member
John Harabedian, Council Member

Nancy Shollenberger, City Clerk
Richard Mays, City Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENT
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PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:
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PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
Time shall be devoted to audience participation early on the agenda. If additional time is needed, the Mayor will allow for same at the end of the agenda.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL	Mayor John Capoccia, Mayor Pro Tem Gene Goss, Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, Denise Delmar, and John Harabedian
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION/INSPIRATION	Council Member Rachelle Arizmendi
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Vote of the Council to proceed with City business.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Approval of minutes from the Regular City Council meeting on October 13, 2015 and Special City Council meeting on October 19, 2015.
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS	Reports of individual Council Member activities relating to City business.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Regarding items not on the Agenda.
PRESENTATION	Assembly Member Chris Holden Annual Address
PRESENTATION	Community Services Department Annual Report

ACTION ITEMS

1. **CONSENT**

a) **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 15-63 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS**	Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 15-63 for approval of payment of City Warrants in aggregate amount of $313,274.65; Library warrants in the aggregate amount of $7,555.09, and payroll transfer in the aggregate amount of $334,765.31 for fiscal years ending June 2016.
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c) **INTENT TO RETURN OES ENGINE 281 TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**	Recommendation that the City Council approve the return of OES Engine 281 to the State of California.
d) **RESOLUTION 15-64, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A FUNDING FOR CIVIC CENTER LANDSCAPING PROJECT AND APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN**	Recommendation that the City Council approve Resolution 15-64 approving the grant application for the Sierra Madre Civic Center Landscaping Project and the Youth Sports Leagues' Field at Sierra Madre Middle School.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2. **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SHERIFF'S PROPOSAL COMMITTEE AND CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING UTILITY USER'S TAX MEASURE AT THE APRIL 12, 2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**	Recommendation that the City Council provide staff with direction.
3. **CONSIDERATION OF FINAL CORROSION CONTROL STUDY**	Recommendation that the City Council receive and file.
4. **APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC PLAN FROM OCTOBER 20, 2015 RETREAT**	Recommendation that the City Council approve the Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives from the October 20, 2015 Strategic Plan Retreat.
5. **DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS**	Recommendation that the City Council provide staff with direction.
6. **PUBLIC ART PROGRAM**	Recommendation that the City Council approve the appropriation of $44,000 to the Public Art Program and prioritize the project list.

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ACTION ITEMS

Regardless of staff recommendation on any agenda item, the City Council will consider such matters, including action to approve, conditionally approve, reject, or continue such item.

PUBLIC HEARING

The appellant and/or applicant will each be provided a total of ten (10) minutes to address their item. A portion of their allotted time may be reserved for rebuttal or a summary conclusion at the close of public comment. All other speakers will be limited to a total of three continuous minutes, which cannot be delegated. These rules will be enforced but may be changed by appropriate City Council action.

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ADJOURNMENT

The City Council will adjourn to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

Agenda
Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council,
Successor Agency, and Public Finance Authority
Tuesday, October 27, 2015
6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers, 232 W. Sierra Madre Boulevard

Mayor, John Capoccia, opened the Regular Meeting of the Sierra Madre City Council, Successor Agency and Public Finance Authority at 6:30 p.m. City Clerk, Nancy Sue Shollenberger, read the Roll noting that all City Council Members were present.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Present: John Capoccia, Mayor; Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem, Council Members Rachelle Arizmendi, Denise Delmar and John Harabedian

Absent: None

Also Present: Elaine Aguilar, City Manager
Teresa Highsmith, City Attorney
Bruce Inman, Director of Public Works
Elisa Cox, Assistant City Manager
Dani Cullens, Community Services Manager
Vincent Gonzalez, Director of Planning and Community Preservation
Steve Heydorff, Fire Chief
Larry Giannone, Safety Director and Police Chief
James Carlson, Management Analyst
Nancy Sue Shollenberger, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION/INSPIRATION:

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi led the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with the message the President gave on October 1, 2015, marking Filipino-American History Month:

"THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON – October 1, 2015
I am honored to join in marking Filipino-American History Month and in reflecting on the struggles and victories of the many Filipino-Americans who have helped shape our Nation. Generations of Filipino Americans have lent their unique voices to the vibrant diversity of origins, cultures, and communities that make America what it is. Their legacy speaks to the extraordinary spirit of common purpose – of unity forged through the ideals that bind us together as one people – that has always been central to our Nation. This month, we honor the Filipino Americans who have worked to build and defend our country, and we reflect on moments that have changed the course of the American story. Seventy years ago, the United States and our allies overcame forces of tyranny and oppression that threatened not only the Pacific, but the entire world – a victory made possible in part by thousands of Filipino Americans who fought for our Nation but who, for far too long, were denied the compensation they had earned. Fifty

years ago, courageous farm workers in Delano helped bring about progress that would forever change the labor movement – both within the Filipino-American community and for our country as a whole. And in the decades that have followed, Filipino-American citizens have helped expand our Nation's promise throughout every aspect of our society. As you come together to celebrate the extraordinary ways Filipino-Americans have contributed to our country, you have my warmest regards,

Barack Obama, President of the
United States"

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss moved and it was seconded by Rachelle Arizmendi for approval of the Agenda as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2015 AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2015:

Council Member, John Harabedian moved and it was seconded by Council Member, Denise Delmar, for approval of the Minutes of October 13, 2015 as amended, by Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the City Council:

Page 21 of 27: Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, stated, "Go back to the Revenue Committee – 12% is just temporary. A special assessment will be necessary in the future. What do we need short term?"

Amended to read: Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, stated, "Go back to the Revenue Committee -12% is just temporary. A special assessment, well read, may be necessary in the future. What do we need short term?"

Council Member, John Harabedian moved and it was seconded by Council Member, Denise Delmar, for approval of the Special City Council Meeting of October 19, 2015 as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the City Council.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

1) Mayor, John Capoccia, was honored to judge the Halloween Window Painting in Sierra Madre. Thanks to Civic Club. Participation was outstanding, and it is solely run by volunteers. Also, Civic Club paid for the trimming of the Wistaria Vine at the entrance to City Hall. I attended the U. S. Conference of Mayors. There was good advice on storm water problem. There is no way the voters will approve the storm water tax.

2) Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi and Council Member, John Harabedian did not have a report.
3) Council Member, Denise Delmar, attended a Neighborhood Watch Program, where the Police Officers shared burglaries and break-ins – call 355-1414 if you see anything suspicious. The Library Proposal was held October 20th, there was a large turnout. The Committee will return with a report.
4) Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, announced that the Sheriff's Committee met last night, standing room only. It was a very productive meeting. I wish to thank the public for showing up.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Osterling, candidate running for PCC Board of Trustees

Mr. Osterling thanked all his supporters. He asked everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Bill Cannon, Edgeview Drive

Mr. Cannon wanted to question related to revenues for the City. Ms. Delmar made a remark if UUT of 8% or 10% - we would still need additional resources of revenue? Also, is it true that if a home is built, the City gets $40,000?

Mayor, John Capoccia, answered Mr. Cannon's questions: The $40,000 is used to pay for impact of additional use of infrastructures.

Mr. Cannon also asked: Is it also true that there is a lawsuit of Planning Commission on the property at 1 Carter?

Mayor, John Capoccia answered, "Yes".

The Mayor closed public comment portion.

PRESENTATION:

Assembly Member, Chris Holden, was present this evening to give his Annual Address.

Mr. Holden was present at this meeting to give the Capitol Update of 41st District Assembly District.

Budget:

- Strengthening healthcare and human services for every Californian.
- Help for working families.
- Protecting our communities.

Education:

- Ensuring all Californians receive a quality education.
- Bills: AB220: Algebra Requirement Reform.
  - AB288 – concurrent Enrollment.

Legislation:

- AB 15 – Human Rights
- AB265 – Buy Here, Pay Here Auto Loans
- AB525 – Franchise Bill.

Drought:

- Statewide urban water conservation
- Help Out. We're in a Drought!
- Thank you for local conservation efforts

Transportation:

- Gold Line Foothill Extension, Phase 2a is now complete.
- Phase 2b to Claremont is a SGV COG priority for bond funding.
- Metro Operations facility in Monrovia creating local jobs.
- Ontario Airport returns to local control.
- Caltrans has very limited capacity for new programming.
- $5.7 billion shortfall in needed repairs on roads in our state
- Fuel efficiency contributes to revenue loss.

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- Staff: Robbin Lewis-Coaxum, Chief of Staff; Kayleen Mays-Aviles, District Director; Alex Zucco, Field Representative and Darryl Lucien, Legislative Director.

Mr. Holden concluded with: It is a pleasure to represent Sierra Madre.

Council Member, John Harabedian, thanked Mr. Holden for coming. It is nice to hear what is going on.

Mayor, John Capoccia, remarked about the "transportation wars" – push more to other means of transportation. Do you think we can get a transit system?

Mr. Holden replied: "We will get there". The needs of the San Gabriel Valley area are being addressed. Mayor Garcetti supports the Gold Line – we have momentum to Metro Board. We had a news conference last week on Gold Line to Azusa. We are enthusiastic about our chances and San Bernardino too.

Mayor, John Capoccia, questioned funding for the 710 Tunnel.

Mr. Holden remarked: Don't know if they will have money designated.

Council Member, John Harabedian, stated that COG removed the 710 from their projects.

Council Member, Denise Delmar also thanked Mr. Holden for getting the 288 enrollment passed.

Mayor Capoccia asked the residents to contact Mr. Holden's office with any concerns.

PRESENTATION:

Dani Cullens, Community Services Manager, gave the following report for the Community Services Annual Review – FY 2014-2015:

The Mission of the Sierra Madre Community Services Department is to provide safe facilities, quality services, and programs that are affordable, open, and friendly to enrich the overall quality of life for all visitors and residents.

The Community Services Department focuses on core programs and services to meet the City's goals outlined in the General Plan, Department master plans, and the Council's Strategic Plan. The Department relies on contract instructors, volunteers, and partnering organizations to provide quality programming to the community.

Organizational Chart: Assistant City Manager

Community Services Manager and Administrative Aide
Recreation Supervisor (Frozen)
Part Time Program Specialists (2,880 hours)
Pat time Recreation Leaders (100 hurs)

Board/Committee Liaison: Community Services Department
Community Services Commission
Arts Advisory Board, Special Event Committees, Waterworks Advisory Board
Senior Community Commission
Senior Master Plan Committee

Accomplishments: Events/Programs: Wellness in the Park, Halloween Happenings, Huck Finn Fishing Derby, Huck Finn Campout, Mount Wilson Trail Race, Older American Reception, Community Yard Sale, Family Friday Movies, Concerts in the Park, Summer Fun in the Park, Fourth of July Parade, Classes, Senior Lunch Program, Huck Finn Committee Mount Wilson Trail Race Committee, Fourth of July Committee, Fixed route Transportation and Dial-A-Ride.

Preserve our Small Town Character with a Vibrant downtown.

- Completed the 2014 Senior Master Plan Scorecard.
- Created an addendum to the YMCA Lease Agreement.
- Expanded daily programming at the Hart Park House Senior Center.
- Expanded the Compost Giveaway event with annual dates in spring and fall.
- Extended the transportation contract with First Transit and modified service hours of the Gateway Coach fixed route and Dial-A-Ride programs.
- Partnered with the Downtown Repertory Theater to provide Shakespeare in the Park for the 2015 Summer Season.
- Secured title sponsors to cover the Fourth of July parade entry costs.

Maintain and Improve City Infrastructure:

- Guided the approval process for the Hart Park House storage room project.
- Installed new park signage at Memorial Park and for the Hart Park House Senior Center.
- Partnered with Athens Services and identified locations for dog waste stations at all City parks.
- Worked with a local scout to refurbish the wood picnic benches at Sierra Vista Park and Memorial Park for an Eagle Scout project.

Make Sierra Madre an environmentally sustainable community, especially regarding water

- Partnered with the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre and introduced the first World Water Day event which focused on conservation and education on water resources in 2015.

Maintain financial stability and sustainability

- Increased sponsorship levels for the Concert in the Park series.
- Oversaw the administering of the Art in Public Places funds to support a local organization's art festival over a four-year period.
- Renewed aquatics lease for the Aquatics Center with Waterworks Aquatics in 2014 and increased the monthly lease payments to the City by $1,000 per month, for a total of $72,000 a year.
- Updated the Fee Waiver Policy.

Finalize and implement the General Plan update

- Begin the update of the Youth Master Plan.
- Complete the update of the Senior Master Plan.

Provide high quality, cost-effective, and achievable public services

- Complete Hart Park House Storage Room project by December 2015.
- Complete the Sierra Vista Park Open Space Project.
- Identify permanent, public art direction for utilizing the Art in Public Places funds.
- Maintain Department service levels with current staffing structure.
- Re-plaster main pool and wading pool at the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center by October 2015.

Achieve financial stability and sustainability

- Continue to seek sponsorships for City special events.
- Enter into a lease agreement with the YMCA for the Community Recreation Center.

Operational Highlights

- Continued monitoring of contract services for the operations of the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center provided by Waterworks Aquatics.
- Enter into a new lease with the Pasadena YMCA for expanded community programming at the Community Recreation Center.
- Maintain 2014 department staff reorganization: o two (2) full-time positions and three (3) year-round part-time positions.
- Maintain the Community Services Commission's, Senior Community Commission's, and community volunteers' participation in the planning and implementation of Community Services' programs and events
- Transfer responsibility for Transportation Services to the Public Works Department

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, thanked Ms. Cullens for the report. She questioned the Water Works and the people on the Advisory Committee – have you had any volunteers?

Elisa Cox, Assistant City Manager, stated, "Haven't found any yet".

Mayor Capoccia, thanked the volunteers.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

Elaine Aguilar, City Manager, gave the following report under the Consent Calendar:

1a). WARRANTS

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 15-63 "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS" and approval for payment of City Warrants in the aggregate amount of $313,274.65; Sierra Madre Library Warrants in aggregate amount of $7,555.09 and Payroll Transfer in the aggregate amount of $334,765.31 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

1b). AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO SA ASSOCIATES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $22,000 FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE CITY'S 2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The City's state-required Urban Water Management Plan must be updated every five years. That update comes due in June, 2016; due to the significant amount of time and effort that needs to go into preparation of the document, work needs to start in November at the latest. Staff recommends that the City Council award a professional services contract to SA Associates for the preparation of the City's 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) in an amount not to exceed $22,000.

1c). INTENT TO RETURN OES ENGINE 281 TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The Sierra Madre Fire Department is no longer able to staff OES Engine 281 as per its agreement with the State of California. This is the result of the reduction of qualified volunteers, limited to full-time and part-time personnel who are qualified, as well as the required staffing to man Engine 41 for responses within the City.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the return of OES Engine 281 to the State of California

1d). RESOLUTION NO. 15-64: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A FUNDING FOR THE CIVIC CENTER LANDSCAPING PROJECT AND APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN

The Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 through Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's Office has provided a $25,000 grant to the City of Sierra Madre through the Fifth Supervisorial District Excess Funds.

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich granted the City of Sierra Madre funding for the Civic Center Landscaping project from the Fifth Supervisorial District Excess Funds. Qualified projects consisted of improvements to and/or rehabilitation of existing public parks including infrastructure, community/recreation facilities, and/or development of new small facilities.

Staff recommends the City Council approve Resolution No. 15-64 "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIERRA MADRE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A FUNDING FOR THE CIVIC CENTER LANDSCAPING PROJECT AND APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN", and the Youth Sports Leagues' Field at the Middle School.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, remarked that on Item 1b – We must do, and what happens if we don't do?

Bruce Inman, Director of Public Works, stated that the document is required as water supplier every five years. If not, we would be subject to third party lawsuits and state funding.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public input.

Barbara Leigh Cline, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Cline asked Item 1b re awarding contracts – will it include development – we will see in the next five years. Also Item 1d – how much will Pasadena provide for the Sierra Madre Middle School?

Mr. Inman remarked that it will include future development – yes.

The City Manager remarked that the other question is not part of this evening.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, also remarked about 1b – the residents need to understand how much the higher levels of government force us to pay things. We sign off on some outlays all the time.

Mayor Capoccia remarked: I often get asked, "Why can't we be like we were in the 50's?" The Answer is that we didn't have these requirements in the 50's!

Council Member, Denise Delmar remarked that when she votes on the Consent Calendar, she will recuse herself on the warrant paid to her.

The City Manager asked that the City Council, when voting, strike the last sentence in the staff's recommendation: ..."and the Youth Sports Leagues' Field at the Middle School".

Council Member, John Harabedian moved and it was seconded by Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi for approval of the Consent Calendar as recommended by staff. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the City Council.

2). RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SHERIFF'S PROPOSAL COMMITTEE AND CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING UTILITY USERS TAX MEASURE AT THE APRIL 12, 2016 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, gave a portion of the staff report, and Glenn Lambdin, Chair of the Committee, added his remarks.

In July, the City Council created three special committees to provide input into the City's current deficit budget situation. The Council created a committee to evaluate contracting police services, another committee is evaluating contracting library services, and the third committee was tasked with evaluating the City's current General Fund revenue options.

The Revenue Committee completed their assignment which formed the basis of the City Council's discussion regarding a Utility Users Tax (UUT) Measure. At the October 13, 2015 City Council meeting the council directed staff to bring back a draft Utility Users Tax (UUT) ordinance for a ballot measure on the April 12, 2016 Municipal Election. The City Council further requested to continue the discussion on a potential UUT Measure, a potential advisory measure, public education and information, and the preparation of a budget based on a 6% UUT to this meeting.

The Sheriff's Proposal Committee completed their review at their October 26, 2015 meeting and will be presenting their recommendation to the City Council at tonight's meeting. The Sheriff's Proposal Committee report was not ready in time to be included in this agenda packet. The report will be available on Tuesday, October 27th.

The Library Proposal Committee anticipates providing their recommendation to the Council at the November 24, 2015 City Council Meeting.

The City Council appointed the Public Safety Committee along with the former Police Chief and a Council Member to the Sheriff's Proposal Committee.

Glen Lambdin, Chair
Bill Coburn, Vice Chair
Rosemary Burnett, Committee Member
Donald Handley, Committee Member
Marilyn Diaz, Police Chief (Retired)
Gene Goss, Mayor Pro Tem

The City Attorney has prepared a draft ordinance to amend Section 3.36.80 (Utility Users Tax Rate) and Section 3.36.230 (Oversight Committee) of the Municipal Code. These changes incorporate the City Council's direction for a 10% Utility Users Tax rate beginning July 1, 2016, no sunset clause, and removal of the Citizens' Oversight Committee. Once the City Council is satisfied with the draft ordinance, it will return to the City Council with all the election related resolutions.

The City Council may wish to discuss placing an advisory measure(s) to accompany the UUT Ordinance on the April 12, 2016 Municipal Election. If so, staff would need direction on what "yes or no" question(s) the Council would like to ask. At the previous meeting, suggestions from a Council Member included "Should the City outsource the Police Department?" and "Should the City outsource Library Services?"

The Revenue Committee recommended the initiation of a public education program, "in regards to historical revenue and expense data, sources of revenues and expenditures, and the general trends in city finance". Staff would need direction regarding the preparation of materials, and the format of the educational forums. It is important to note that City resources cannot be used to advocate for or against any measure, but City resources can be used for educational purposed.

At the City Council's October 20th Strategic Plan Retreat, the Council identified an objective of "drafting UUT Public Education materials". By a committee composed of the City Manager, Finance Director, Assistant City Manager, and the UUT Oversight Committee (also the Revenue Committee), along with Mayor Pro Tem Goss and Council Member Harabedian. The deadline to present the materials is the December 8, 2015 Council Meeting.

The Revenue Committee recommended that the Council initiate the preparation of a financial contingency plan, identifying budget reductions, and reduction in City services, should the UUT remain at 6%. The Committee recommended that the recommendation be ready to put in place the beginning of FY 2016-2017. This recommendation was made to avoid further depleting City reserves.

Staff has previously prepared a list of Level I, II, and III budget reductions, which were attached to the Agenda, along with the Level I reduction the City Council already made in preparing the fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget. It would be possible to use this information to determine where further budget reductions could be made.

The recommendation of the Committee to the Council was that they reject the contract proposal from the Sheriff's Department; that there be no additional cuts to the Police Department and if and when funds become available that the Police Department be given sufficient budget resources to provide a minimum field deployment of two police officers and one supervisor at all times.

Additionally, at the City Council's October 20th Strategic Plan Retreat, the Council identified an objective of, "Presenting a budget based on a 6% UUT," to the Council at the November 10th meeting. It is recommended that this date be revised to the November 24th meeting. The subcommittee assigned to this objective is composed of the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Finance Director, and Mayor Capoccia and Council Member Arizmendi.

The current Fiscal Year Budget projects a $530,000 deficit with an 8% UUT rate, while the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 is estimated to have a $995,000 deficit with a 6% UUT rate. If a 10% UUT Measure passes, the budget would reflect an estimated surplus of $70,000 for FY 2016-2017, and a deficit of $300,000 in FY 2017-2018, keeping all other FY 2015-2016 revenues unchanged and expenditures increasing by a modest 4%.

Staff is recommending that the City Council provide staff with direction. Staff included the Agenda item that was at the October 13, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting also.

Mayor, John Capoccia, remarked that he appreciates what Mr. Lambdin said. We want dialog. It is important for all citizens to get the unbiased view of the facts. Those who support the Sheriff, feel free to express yourself. We want to make the right decision.

Donald Handley, Member of Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen, since the time my wife and I moved to Sierra Madre a bit over four years ago, there has been a continuing discussion about the need to raise revenue for the City. There have been two attempts in the recent past to modify the Utility User Tax that was enacted some years back. Both times, the voters said no. That tax is scheduled to go down to a permanent rate of 6% next July, creating what is projected to be a funding shortage of around $1 Million in the next fiscal year.

That shortage, of course, is based on maintaining the status quo. But, that status quo is – to put it simply – a city that is being held together by baling wire and duct tape. We have streets and sidewalks that are crumbling around us and a water utility that is rotting away as we speak. Raising more tax revenue to simply keep this situation in place is shortsighted. You are now dealing with decades of councils that came before you who looked only at issues of the day and not to the future.

Each one of you, at some point during your campaigns for election to this council, said you were the one who was ready to make the tough decisions needed to get things right. By only increasing revenue, you aren't making any decisions, much less tough ones. You are doing nothing more than kicking the can down the proverbial road – provided you can find a road in good enough condition.

Without addressing things on the spending side, all of the doomsday discussions and committees that have been taking place these past few months will be necessary again. The 10% UUT you will try to get will still result in a $300,000 deficit in two years. Then you or your successors will be trying to decide whether to ask for 15% or 18%. And so it goes. Taxes are like closet space – there's never enough.

The City is a municipal corporation and you are its board of directors. You have a responsibility to be as prudent as possible when deciding how to spend the money the residents provide to you. Simply raising revenue is not a viable solution, particularly when seeing that the City was designed such that the major source of revenue normally available to municipalities – the sales tax – is minimal. The City was developed with little room for business.

You will need to fundamentally change the way the City does things. You are required by law to provide public safety services – although the means by which you do it is at local discretion. But, there is no requirement to own, operate and maintain your own utilities, library or even parks.

As an example of what I'm talking about, I volunteered as a member of the Public Safety Committee which was expanded during the summer to conduct a review of a proposal from the Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement service to Sierra Madre. The last two meetings were in front of a full house packed with people who couldn't say enough about how they love their police department and how awful it would be to contract with the LASD. Most of what was said made it seem as though the police department is viewed more as a social club than a law enforcement agency.

It was apparent to me from the outset of the review process that the committee was predisposed to recommend keeping the police department. If that is the decision this council makes, it should be made with the full knowledge of just how thin the resources in the department are being stretched.

We learned that there are times when the Chief of Police has had to respond 20 miles from home to handle calls for service because no one is available. I'm here to tell you that this isn't the 1950s and this isn't Mayberry. To have to wait for someone, much less the Chief, to drive 20 miles from home to provide service is not effective public safety. And I speak from 32 years of experience in law enforcement.

The police department's own deployment information that was provided to the Sheriff's Department for comparison purposes shows that for 12 hours of each and every day there is only one police officer scheduled for deployment in the field. Our review determined that under a contract with the LASD, we never would have less than two deputies deployed in the field 24/7 – with three during the traditionally busier evening hours – with the current 24-hour presence in the police station, for $300,000 less than the existing budget. And because of presumably lower salaries – making recruiting new officers difficult at best – you would need to budget more just to keep the precarious status quo as more and more officers look elsewhere.

Keeping your own police department is your decision to make. It seems from public sentiment that there is no limit to how much the City may spend to keep its own PD. You will need to spend more to keep what you have – to stem the exodus – spend a lot more to make it realistic or spend less to get more. It is only a matter of time before the prison realignment and Prop. 47 folks get wind of what the policing situation really is here before things get uncomfortable and out of hand – and we may be starting to see that already with an upward trend in burglaries. But, you are going to have to make those tough decisions you all promised and figure out how to keep the City afloat. It will take more than raising taxes to do it.

You all know full well that the City – as it conducts business today – is not sustainable over the long term. The fact that there is a utility tax in the first place shows that you are doing things you can't afford. The fact that the increase you seek puts you back in the red just two years from now reinforces that. You have the opportunity to get Sierra Madre on sound fiscal ground but it will require some unpopular but necessary changes. It will require those tough decisions.

Marilyn Diaz, Toyon Rd., Member of Committee

Ms. Diaz thanked the City Council for allowing her to be on the Committee. Mr. Handley said a lot. If the City Council retains the Police Department, the Department must be funded, so there are sufficient monies for raises. We are the lowest paid Police Department. This is an expensive proposition. We focused on the Police Department. It is difficult to get volunteers for the Fire Department – it will change to paid employees. This is an expensive, long-term, problem. 12% might take care of the Police Department. If you go with the Police Department, you will have a cushion. If not, reconsider the Sheriff's Department Proposal. It is a tough decision.

Bill Coburn, Member of Committee

Mr. Coburn agrees with the Committee. It is a very difficult situation. Public comment concerned me – unintended consequences. If people don't feel safe, they will arm themselves. I voted the way I did, we have $1M shortfall - $400,000 for vacations and pensions. The cost to reinstate the Police Department , if you get rid of them, would cost $6-7M. If you went with the Sheriff's Department, the only option would be to find someone. Arcadia and Pasadena passed. It would leave the City with no options! The City Council has the responsibility to provide for the Public Works, Fire Department and Police Department. Everything else comes after that. We need to be safe!!

Council Member, John Harabedian, remarked that with the Sheriff's Proposal –Plan B – we would have two deputies at all times in the City, or out of Temple City?

Mr. Handley remarked that with the Sheriff's Department, the deputies work in the City, using Police facilities. They would work out of the City Building. They would have $400,000 to pay for vacations.

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, stated that the total first-year cost would be an estimated $321,000, $394,000 lead time; Phase II assessment $25,000 with $100,000 contingency, with $200,000 revenue coming in.

Mr. Lambdin remarked that Proposal B would be a $400,000 buyout; Phase 2 $50,000. $1.8M will be spent. The first year there will be a $39,000 savings. The breakeven point is 15 years. Proposal A could do hybrid. What do you want? We are not stuck to three proposals – it would cost $50,000 to find out.

Bill Coburn noted that Phase 2 Proposal could be more than $25,000. The factor of Phase 2 – can we handle what the Sheriff's need? Do we have parking? We need Phase 2 to find out.

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, stated that staff put together the costs. Eight years out, Alternate A – the first year it is always more. Proposal A – partial closure $280,000. There would be increases as you go out. Proposal B – open for 24 hours/day, there is not savings until Year seven. The costs for no facility were also reviewed.

Mr. Handley stated that he is not interested in the Sheriff's Contract that doesn't use our facility. There would be a $300,000 savings. (Hybrid – field appointment – Proposal A, Station components, start-up costs additional).

Mayor Capoccia asked: "Isn't the shoe on the other foot – Altadena or Duarte could come over."

Mr. Handley remarked that with the Sierra Madre Contract, a unit going to Duarte is slim to none, unless under attack. All Contract Cities are handled by Sheriff's Department.

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, remarked that there is no need for the Sierra Madre staff person to worry about employment. Liaison to handle contract over $2M. Included staff person to oversee Police and Fire.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, asked if anybody in the community talked to other cities that have Sheriff's Department?

Mr. Handley stated "I didn't".

Mayor Capoccia asked that Mr. Lambdin, Mr. Coburn and Ms. Diaz, jump in at any time during the discussion.

Council Member Delmar noted that she saw an e-mail on response time – the Sheriff's personnel will always be in Sierra Madre.

Mr. Handley stated that with regard to Proposal C – he is not in favor of. We all wanted a contract to use our facilities. Patrol here to do shift and drive home. Always somebody here.

Marilyn Diaz noted that on occasion we had women who felt they were followed. Sierra Madre has a drive-up facility with cameras. It was a comfort to everyone. The Fire Department may or may not be staffed. Weekend nights – bar activity – having police after 10:00 p.m. quite useful.

Mr. Handley noted that Proposal B has field personnel, 40-hour deputy and extra Sergeant.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, noted that for special events, there is an estimated $200,000 in overtime.

The City Manager stated that they are inflated totals.

Mayor Capoccia noted that Phase 2 covers lots of events. How does that affect volunteers? Halloween on Alegria? If we go to Sheriff's, do volunteers feel differently?

Larry Giannone, Director of Safety and Police Chief.

> Police Chief Giannone noted that volunteers must meet Sheriff's Department requirements for volunteers' process. It is more stringent.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss asked what the actual process would be.

Police Chief Giannone stated "More bureaucratic".

Mayor, John Capoccia, noted that we need more resources to keep our department intact. We need to cut police more to keep.

Marilyn Diaz remarked that the committee recommended if the City retains the Police Department, ensure fully funded and staffed. Mr. Giannone mentioned two frozen positions would allow wiggle room for vacations and administrative time. Mr. Giannone handles police calls and fills in for vacancies. To give the department enough effectiveness, fill one frozen position, it is less strain on the officers.

Mayor Capoccia stated that if we fill the frozen position, the costs go up. Our police department is not funded properly today even though our crime rate is lowest in the area, this may not be sustainable.

Ms. Diaz remarked that we came up with part-time officers currently. We used them for burglary patrol. When Sheriff's provide services, if someone is sick, they have another deputy come in.

Mayor, John Capoccia, stated that we need to give choices to the residents. If we keep the facility open, if funded fully, would cost over one-half million - if our facility is sufficient. We need to do Phase 2.

Rosemary Burnett, Committee Member

> Ms. Burnett questioned who pays for revisions to our department? They said it would be negotiated at the time – who pays? It could be an additional cost. I voted the way I did because of response time unless they are at our facility. We need to inform the City. If we close the facility for eight hours – response time?

Mr. Coburn noted that they will patrol the streets.

Ms. Burnett stated that what bothered her, the residents ask how long it would take to fingerprint when there is a burglary. They said 24 hours. We can't go back and that bothered me.

Mayor Pro Tem Goss stated that our police can do in minutes.

Mayor Capoccia asked, "When you fingerprint, when crime solved? What is difference?

Mr. Handley stated that there is no way to find metric. If not in system, they may never get solved. If prints not done quickly, field deputy could do own printing.

Mayor Capoccia noted that you would need to train field deputies.

Mr. Handley noted that with regard to response times, when the officers are new to the area, it takes longer. Peace officers learn area and know exactly where he is.

Council Member, John Harabedian, remarked that the main concerns of the committee were "culture". If contract out, what do we lose?

Mr. Lambdin stated that an important element is culture aspect. I can talk to police chief. We have to understand we have long-term officers. It must go in the mix. To throw long-term officers out doesn't fit what I want. It is not good for morale. Their Jobs are at risk. The residents will express themselves. We know our officers and they will be available. That is nature of Sierra Madre.

Mr. Coburn stated that we have 50+ people speak and they wanted our police department. Complaint was that it is not a good fit. L. A. County Sheriff's Department is huge. It can be para -military department. Is that mentality what we want to bring into our town?

Mr. Handley stated that the contract proposed for Sierra Madre does not bring brand new deputy's into Sierra Madre. Contract is veteran deputy and he would ask to work here.

Mr. Coburn stated that the Sheriff's Department noted that there will be long-term officers eventually, but not sure.

Mayor, John Capoccia, stated that when we look at Option A, it is $800,000 savings out to Year 8, with 3% increases each year. I get you want our police department. Are you willing to pay for it? If not, I don't know that we have a choice.

Mayor Capoccia opened for public comment.

Renee Cossutta

Ms. Cossutta stated that whatever change is, it is always difficult. I am willing to pay more taxes.

Dr. Katherine Emerson

Dr. Emerson stated that with regard to the fingerprint comment. Give safety back. As victim, you are violated. Our police responded immediately, so I can return to my life. I am willing to pay and campaign.

Barbara Leigh Cline, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Cline supports the Sierra Madre Police Department. She worked in an unincorporated area. She was happy with Sierra Madre Police Department. We are really fortunate to have guys that know us. If there is an earthquake, what happens? Would we have backup? Initial UUT dealt solely for funds for public safety – later city wanted to add General Fund. We should just deal with public safety. We are very fortunate to have the officers that know us.

Connie Luder, N. Canon

Ms. Luder is very impressed with the committee. Volunteers go through Sheriff's Department training. We want just Sierra Madre. Pleased to say Police Department gives me peace of mind. I had issues in the Canyon. For me, I have been privileged to have the safety of Sierra Madre. If there is a parcel tax – would you be able to get the community willing to increase payments. Share with residents as community fee.

Jim Johnson

Mr. Johnson stated that he is adamantly opposed to contracting out the Police Department. They do an exceptional job. I have lived here since the mid-50's, Sierra Madre is one of the safest cities in the region. Maybe scale the Police Department down. In a report dated 1970, we had a Chief, 4 Sergeants, Investigator and 9 patrol officers and police cadet. We had wonderful service.

Allen Wolf, W. Grand View

Ham operators worked as volunteers. There is no place better than Sierra Madre Police Department. Sheriff's Department was difficult. I will not support Sheriff's Department. Only one on the City Council listened to Sheriff's – they were slippery. Consider City shutting down in 2-5 years. Unload everything you can. Ask us for money.

Sue Levoe, Fairview

Ms. Levoe remarked that a lot of the residents will write a check. Everything is changing. The City needs to increase volunteers as they are crucial for what they do. My history with the Sierra Madre Police Department, we had parties, every time they came, they were always respectful. My recent event was with my daughter's break-in. She felt safe again. The Police came. It would be foolish to bail on our Police Department. It is a forever contract. If we are unhappy we can't rebuild. Look down the road!

Pat Alcorn, E. Grand View

Ms. Alcorn remarked that in the meeting last evening here in the Council Chambers, the residents want our Police Department. We could have a property assessment – it requires a 2/3 vote of the residents. If we want our own police department, it could happen. To cover the shortfall, the UUT could cover for two years.

Beatrice Navares

Ms. Navares lives with Dr. Katherine Emerson. I will carry an arm in my home. It is a shame to think that we will have the Sheriff's Department. Our Sierra Madre Police look out for things. I will do whatever it takes to keep our Sierra Madre Police Department.

Kurt Richter, W. Highland

Mr. Richter remarked that the City Council seems to appear to be in a good position to put this on the ballot. This is important. We don't want a decision rammed down our throat. It has been a pleasure for me to golf with the L. A. County Sheriff's for hours – it is not a cultural fit!! They also talked about drug use!

Johnny Thurm, Grand View

Mr. Thurm stated that we need to fund our Police Department. It would be a mistake to bring in the Sheriff's Department. I recently had an event and talked to Officer Enrique. It wouldn't happen with the Sheriff's. I'll pay, keep our Police Department.

Rosemary Burnett, E. Montecito

Ms. Burnett stated that residents will be able to use the 355-1414 number. There will be somebody to man phones if we have full facility, or blue phone in lobby.

David Golden, Fairview Avenue

Mr. Golden asked if there would be another meeting to discuss this. Can you reduce the cost of the police force? Get objective appraisal.

Linus Pakulski

Mr. Pakulski stated that we all want our police department. We have an infrastructure problem with water. We need to come up with an assessment. We need our pipes fixed. You have a big problem, convince the people.

Mike Amerio

Mr. Amerio stated that he is not sure all the information is out there. There is a discrepancy in cost savings. There will be increases in salaries. More costs will be coming. I am a huge fan of our Police Department. I am not a city person. This city cannot go to bankruptcy. You must be fiscally responsible. I hope the City Council will postpone a vote and gather more facts. Talk to the Sheriffs and understand patrol.

Barry Gold, Ramona

Mr. Gold stated that unfortunately, we will need to make a change in safety services. We will run out of money otherwise. A parcel tax is a popular thing, but only for purpose of infrastructure, not General Fund purpose. I commend the Sheriff's Committee for their work. You can't make a decision tonight. How will you handle volunteers and special events? We need a hybrid between A and B. Have the committee meet again and tailor to Sierra Madre, and let Sheriff's Department work on that. The UUT is the topic – I believe the exemption should be changed from "low" to "very low".

Gary Hood, N. Baldwin

Mr. Hood stated that he is a 37 year veteran as paid emergency response person. I worked with many police officers in Sierra Madre. I worked with many cities and safety officers. I come forward with my experience. The Sierra Madre Police Department had problems in the past. Chief Diaz will vouch for this. I have worked with the Police Department. The Sheriff's department brings professionalism. The UUT failed twice. I don't see the UUT passing. The Sheriff's Department will do a good job. We are short of money. God speed with officers in Sierra Madre.

Phil Cannon, Edgeview

Mr. Cannon stated that he has friends that say the Sheriff's Department is great. I don't have an opinion on the police. My opinion is on the fiscal management. What was said that got you elected? Limit and control development. If softened up a bit, maybe there would be revenues extra and above UUT. Think about it?

Michael Perris, Laurel Avenue

Mr. Perris addressed the Prop 13 issue – he is a strong supporter. Prop 13 gave benefits to many. I suggest serious consideration of a flat tax to have citizens vote on it to help issues you have. I am neutral on Police Department. I am concerned about the water. You need to state how the funds will be spent. You need to look at where we can reduce costs and ask for property tax. UUT could get shot down again.

Mr. Handley remarked about Prop 13 – when he was Patrol Deputy in Pico Rivera, they had the nicest City Parks. Pico Rivera did not have a property tax. Check with them on how they did it.

Mary Carney, W. Alegria

Ms. Carney asked about the growth in residents – how much water do we have? How will we handle more people? Realtors in town didn't address the UUT. New residents bought homes with 10% in budget – they would be against the UUT. People shouldn't be surprised. Our infrastructure needs more money to maintain. Money has to come from somewhere. I support our Police Department.

Marilyn Diaz, Member of Committee, noted that to reduce costs, contract with Arcadia. It couldn't be as expensive as Sheriff's.

Mayor, John Capoccia, closed public portion of meeting.

BREAK: The City Council requested a break at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

Council Member, John Harabedian thanked the community for their input and the Committee for their hard work. It is a difficult decision to make. It is really tough. I am against outsourcing to Sheriff's. I would like to fund Sierra Madre Police Department. If things stay as they are, we have a $1M deficit. What happens with UUT, we must have options. I agree we should keep our Police Department. Also, as City Council Members, it is our decision to make if voters don't show us they are willing to pay for our Police Department. the Library, and other Departments, On May, 2016, we want to have every option possible to make a decision. The City Council takes the proposal and looks at balancing the budget, and how to retain quality of life. We look at revenues and cut close to $2M from budget. The City Council has looked at costs. We cut almost everything we can. If the UUT doesn't pass, we could lose complete departments. We must leave options open. Maybe Phase 2 for now.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, remarked that it has been a pleasure working on the committee. It is pretty well known that I am a supporter of our Police Department. We would lose our destiny with the Sheriff's Department. We had many opportunities to engage our Police Department. We are getting a bargain. Look at our past – we have been cutting. This is not a fat government. We have a $1M hole. None of these proposals save $1M. If we decide to contract with the Sheriff's Department, we still have a major hole! I would like a 12% UUT in April and come up with long-term proposal. The UUT buys us time. Mike Amerio noted we could be bankrupt – it woke me up! Council Member Harabedian is correct. Consider second phase and look at Sheriff's. I want an option.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi also thanked the committee for their hard work. I stepped down for the Sheriff's proposal committee. Lots of work went into it. My husband and I moved here for small town atmosphere. We can walk our dog at 10:30 p.m. and feel safe. Our Police Department is great and very effective. I know our responsibility is to consider proposal before us. I want our Police Department. We would need to increase our Police Department. It would be financially irresponsible not to consider this proposal. We have to address a 6% budget. The public can now see the numbers. The savings doesn't come immediately. Prop A – savings year 1; Prop B, savings year 7. Phase 2 has questions. It would be helpful to get a better estimate. Maybe hybrid considerations. I stand considering proposal with 6% budget – I want to keep our Police Department.

Council Member, Denise Delmar also thanked the Committee and the public for their input. No-one wants to contract out the Police and Library, but we can't keep level of service. Listening to staff for Police Department, and red flag on safety, I would consider Phase 2. We have EMT and Fire Department and that may help in making our decisions in the future. We can look at a parcel tax. The UUT is just a temporary fix. We don't want to contract out our Police Department. Let's look at Phase 2 and see what it will be. We could consider Arcadia and Pasadena again.

Mayor, John Capoccia, stated that his sentiments are the same as expressed. The majority are going for Phase 2. This is too big a decision to be made by us. Let's do Phase 2 and do more public hearings and polling. Let's consider putting this to a vote of the people. In the meantime, I see a potential of $500,000 savings in Year 5. I can't ignore that fact. Hopefully, the people will approve the UUT. It is not sustainable to continue with the Police Department without major changes. Let's do Phase 2 immediately. Let's give staff Phase 2 and they can come back with recommendations.

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, noted that staff will get an estimate on what it will cost.

Mayor, John Capoccia, asked if the Committee would look at Option A or B again? The committee must understand our budget requirements. I say if voters do not approve a 10% UUT, you will accept cuts across the board.

Mr. Lambdin asked, "How much do you want to save?"

Council Member Delmar noted that we need to see what they can come up with first. I don't want it to be just finance. I don't think we can close our Police Station.

Council Member, John Harabedian stated, "Give the committee concrete direction".

Mayor, John Capoccia, stated that he sees the UUT at 10%. Use proposal at future time to see if the voters want savings, then we can consider sunsetting the UUT.

Mr. Lambdin stated that the Sheriff's Department works off of units – let us know what you want us to do.

Council Member, John Harabedian, stated that event staffing is important. We need the Sheriff Department to sharpen their pencil. Give them a unit number.

Mayor, John Capoccia, reviewed that there are three patrols in Option A and B, Deputy and Sheriff. There would be a minimum of two deputies at all times. Option A is reasonable. It is a public safety item. I feel good having that level.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss feels Phase 2 could be handled by the City Council.

Council Member, John Harabedian feels Plan A is good. Staff can come back with our requests.

Mayor, John Capoccia feels we can tweak at that time. I don't want surprises.

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, stated that it is most efficient to be working with the City Council. It would take 3-6 months to complete the next phase. With regard to special events, we can work with numbers.

Mayor, John Capoccia, noted that he is concerned about the morale of the Police Department. By going to Phase 2, then going to the voters in two years, we are done. It is helpful to put to voters.

The City Manager stated that Phase 2 does an evaluation of the current staff.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, asked that staff expand on volunteers, and staying in Sierra Madre. Look at Fire and EMT's.

Mayor, John Capoccia, stated that we need a long-term plan for public safety.

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, stated that we need direction on the draft Ordinance. What about "low income"?

Barry Gold, Ramona

Mr. Gold talked about exemptions – we exempt 3, there are 1,078 households. Many have more than one voter who doesn't pay taxes. Don't exempt on property taxes. With regard to income levels, it is a much fairer way to handle.

Pat Alcorn, E. Grand View

Ms. Alcorn stated that this is for public safety – Police Department. We have a problem with the Fire Department. We need to cover public safety. That item should be considered.

Mayor Capoccia noted that we would be changing thresholds for exemptions. Allow extremely low and very low.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss stated, "Fairness is issue".

Council Member, John Harabedian would like to leave it the way it is. Renters vote on parcel tax. Most will be seniors.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi remarked that she said she would be willing to consider, but it is not a revenue issue. I don't feel strongly one way or another.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, stated that she is always thinking of those that can't afford it. I am fine with extremely low and very low.

Council Member Arizmendi stated that she can go with extremely low and very low.

Mayuor Capoccia remarked, "okay".

The City Manager asked the City Council if they want an advisory measure on the ballot? The committee formed for 6% budget and materials.

Council Member Harabedian likes the advisory measure.

Council Member Delmar asked staff to bring it back.

Mayor Capoccia stated, "We are solid on 10%".

3). CONSIDERATION OF FINAL CORROSION CONTROL STUDY

Mayor, John Capoccia, stated that staff needs to ask for a solid recommendation from Dr. Helene Baribeau.

Bruce Inman, Director of Public Works, gave the staff report

Dr. Baribeau of AQUAlity Engineering, Inc. has completed a draft of the Final Corrosion Study and submitted it to the City for review and comment. While some work remains to be done to complete the report, staff feels that it is important to get the information from the report out to the Council and the Community. Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file this informational report.

On June 10, 2014, the City Council awarded a contract to Baribeau Environmental Engineering (Dr. Helene Baribeau) for the engineering services to perform a corrosion control study, review the City's existing nitrification plan, and evaluate the possibility of blending the imported water with local groundwater.

The Nitrification Plan was brought back to City Council on May 12, 2015 in a report regarding the blending of the City's different source waters. A copy of that staff repot was attached to the Agenda.

On September 9, 2014, the City Council reviewed and approved an Interim Corrosion Control Plan (Dated 8/14/2014) which would be in place for the duration of an extended test period in which samples of pipe material would be exposed to different treatment materials combined with both the imported water and with local groundwater. This extended period was described as rack testing and was done in order to confirm, fine tune, or change anti-corrosion water treatment methodology for the City.

The Interim Corrosion Control Plan recommended treating the imported water with a 5:1 blend (respectively) of orthophosphate and zinc. O That treatment was initiated and continued through August 13, 2015 when the treatment system had to be shut down pending repair of a leak in the MWD connection at the treatment injection site. Up until that date, the treatment process had shown significant progress in reducing water discoloration across Sierra Madre, but had not been completely successful in cleaning the water. Since August 13, water discoloration has increased, as experienced by Water Department staff flushing hydrants and evidenced by an increased frequency in customer water quality complaints.

(Plans for the repair of the treatment/injection site repair were received 10/21/15. Bids are being sought by Public Works.)

Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file this informational report.

Mr. Inman stated that this item will be brought back on November 24th, with Dr. Baribeau. We asked for an executive summary. We are asking for clarification on how to treat the impacted water, and we ask how to treat water back out of ground.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gene Goss, stated that Dr. Baribeau said that we shouldn't have unlined pipes. Does she have technical issue on lining?

Mr. Inman said that he didn't ask her.

Council Member, Denise Delmar, stated that we need to know what is causing the problems, we started with corrosion inhibitor and had various variations. How do we rectify? I am disappointed in the report.

Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, noted that with regard to the spreading basin, is there a timeline we are working on, I like the idea of testing spreading water.

Mr. Inman stated that a geologist returned with $80,000 to $100,000 and it would take several weeks or months. Management Board is looking at it as a trial. Our benefit is to do testing first. We will bring back before putting in ground.

Council Member Delmar asked how many leaks we were having in the City?

Jose Reynoso stated that the City had 4 leaks today, two yesterday and two on Sunday.

Mr. Inman stated that we are down 10% on conservation level. We haven't heard from the State.

Mayor Capoccia stated that he is not confident we are getting out of the woods.

Council Member, John Harabedian, questioned increasing fines and flow restrictors.

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, remarked that some require resolutions. Staff can contact major users. We will schedule for February.

Council Member Delmar questioned what the "metered usage" was?

Mr. Inman stated, "Don't know".

Council Member Delmar asked that staff "provide basic data".

City Manager, Elaine Aguilar, asked the City Council if they wished to postpone Items 4, 5 and 6 to the next City Council Meeting?

Mayor Capoccia opened for public input.

Barbara Leigh Cline, E. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Ms. Cline asked staff if there were answers on the pipe on Grand View? Was it chemicals and who is paying for it?

The City Manager stated that it is the City's responsibility.

Ms. Cline questioned that if ammonia is going into the spreading grounds, maybe staff should not schedule Huck Finn Day.

Mayor Capoccia closed public input.

Mayor Capoccia noted that due to the late hour, we would be postponing Items 4, 5 and 6 until the City Council Meeting of November 10, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member, John Harabedian moved and it was seconded by Council Member, Rachelle Arizmendi, for approval of adjournment at 10:20 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the City Council.

John Capoccia, Mayor, City of Sierra Madre

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