



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING March 13, 2013 CHASE PALM PARK RECREATION CENTER 236 E. CABRILLO BOULEVARD

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Dale Francisco (9:15), Frank Hotchkiss, Cathy Murillo, Randy Rowse, Bendy White, Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: Grant House.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk Deborah L. Applegate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, March 7, 2013, posted this agenda in the Office of the City Clerk, on the City Hall Public Notice Board on the outside balcony of City Hall, and on the Internet.

WORK SESSIONS

Subject: Fiscal Year 2014 Special Budget Work Session (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council hold a special work session on the Fiscal Year 2014 budget.

Documents:

- March 13, 2013, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2014 Special Budget Work Session (Cont'd)

Speakers:

Staff: City Administrator James Armstrong, Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director Paul Casey, Finance Director Robert Samario.

Discussion:

City Administrator Armstrong presented a brief review of the state of the City's finances and an overview of possible new revenue streams and potential revenue options Council may want to consider for the upcoming Fiscal Year. Finance Director Samario discussed revenue from existing taxes, potential revenue options, and voter thresholds. Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director Casey discussed comparative election results, regional and State initiatives, comparative sales tax and TOT rates; timing considerations were also discussed.

Speakers (Cont'd):

- Infrastructure Task Force: Member Dick Jenson.
- Parks and Recreation Commission: Chair Lesley Wiscomb.
- Members of the Public: James H. Smith, Brian Robinson.

Recess: 10:36 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Speakers (Cont'd):

- Staff: City Attorney Stephen Wiley, Assistant City Administrator/Administrative Services Director Marcelo López.

Discussion (Cont'd):

City Attorney Stephen Wiley clarified various tax options and the requirements for voter approval. Councilmembers discussed the need to continue exercising fiscal discipline and efficiency in upcoming years. By consensus, the Council supported polling residents to see if they would be in support of possible new revenue measures. City Administrator Armstrong stated that an item regarding polling residents will be placed on a future agenda for Council consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DEBORAH L. APPLGATE
DEPUTY CITY CLERK