



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** April 21, 2009  
**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Administration Division, Finance Department  
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2010 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Receive the Fiscal Year 2010 recommended Operating and Capital Budget;
- B. Hear a report from staff in connection with the filing of the Fiscal Year 2010 recommended budget; and
- C. Approve the proposed public hearing schedule and review schedule for the presentation of the recommended budget.

**DISCUSSION:**

In accordance with City Charter, the Fiscal Year 2010 Recommended Budget has been filed with the City Clerk's Office and is being submitted to Council.

The development of the recommended budget was done in the context of arguably the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, which has led to historic declines in key General Fund revenues. While the impacts have been the greatest to the General Fund, other important operations accounted for in Special Revenue and Enterprise Funds have also been impacted by the economic downturn.

The recommended budget includes a balanced General Fund that includes only minimal use of one-time funding measures, but no use of budgetary reserves. This is achieved through a comprehensive balancing strategy used to offset a projected \$10.7 million deficit for fiscal year 2010. The largest piece of the balancing strategy includes departmental adjustments totaling \$7.4 million, which are largely achieved through spending cuts, but also include some new or enhanced revenues.

City staff has scheduled special budget work sessions over the next two months during which the details of the recommended budget will be presented and discussed. Over the course of the special meetings, each department will present their respective budget to City Council focusing on the budget adjustments required to meet their share of the total \$7.4 million in adjustments allocated to General Fund departments. Enterprise Funds will also discuss any impacts of the current economic downturn on their operations and the measures recommended in response to those impacts.

The first of these special budget work sessions will be held on Thursday, April 23, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The budget work sessions are scheduled at different times of the day and evening to encourage public participation. The proposed public hearing and budget review schedule is included as an attachment to this report.

In addition to the review by Council, staff is recommending that the Finance Committee review certain elements of the recommended budget in more detail. The proposed Finance Committee review schedule will be presented to the Finance Committee on April 21, just prior to the City Council meeting for approval.

A copy of the recommended budget will be available for review in the City Clerk's Office and the Public Library's main and eastside branches. It can also be found on the City's website at [www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov](http://www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov).

**ATTACHMENT:** Council Budget Review Work Session and Public Hearings Schedule

**PREPARED BY:** Robert Samario, Assistant Finance Director

**SUBMITTED BY:** Robert D. Peirson, Finance Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**Council Budget Review and Public Hearing Schedule**  
**Fiscal Year 2010 Recommended Budget**

*Schedule Subject to Change*

(All Meetings Will Be Held in City Hall Council Chambers)

Meeting Date and Time	Department
<b>Tuesday, April 21, 2009</b> 2:00 p.m. (Regular Council Meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Overview of Recommended Budget</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, April 23, 2009</b> 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Special Worksession)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Administrative Services</li> <li>➤ City Administrator</li> <li>➤ Mayor &amp; Council</li> <li>➤ City Attorney</li> <li>➤ Community Development Department</li> </ul>
<b>Monday, May 4, 2009</b> 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Special Worksession)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Library</li> <li>➤ Parks &amp; Recreation</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, May 5, 2009</b> 2:00 p.m. (Regular Council Meeting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Capital Program Budget</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, May 6, 2009</b> 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Special Worksession)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Public Works</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, May 26, 2009</b> 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Special Worksession)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fire</li> <li>➤ Police</li> </ul>
<b>Monday, June 1, 2009</b> 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Special Worksession)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Airport</li> <li>➤ Waterfront</li> <li>➤ Finance</li> <li>➤ Non-Departmental</li> </ul>

<b>Tuesday, June 2, 2009</b> 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Special Worksession)	➤ Budget Deliberations (if needed)
<b>Tuesday, June 9, 2009</b> 2:00 p.m. (Regular Council Meeting)	➤ Budget Deliberations (if needed)
<b>Tuesday, June 16, 2009</b> 2:00 p.m. (Regular Council Meeting)	➤ Budget Deliberations (if needed)
<b>Tuesday, June 23, 2009</b> 2:00 p.m. (Regular Council Meeting)	➤ Budget Adoption