

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE
CONCORD CITY COUNCIL AND
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
1950 PARKSIDE DRIVE
CONCORD, CALIFORNIA
MAY 6, 2009

The Concord City Council and Redevelopment Agency met in a special joint meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room at 1950 Parkside Drive with Mayor/Agencymember Hoffmeister presiding. All members were present and there were no public comments. The meeting recessed at 5:35 p.m. to immediately reconvene in Closed Session to confer with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 whom included: Daniel E. Keen, City Manager, Valerie Barone, Assistant City Manager, and Kathy Ito, Director of Human Resources regarding Employee Organizations: The Administrative, Technical & Clerical Representation Unit Concord Employees' Association, Local One, The Field & Operations Representation Unit Public Employees' Union, Local One, Concord Associated Professional Employees, Concord Police Officers Association and Police Management Unit.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. to reconvene in special joint session in the Council Chamber.

The Concord City Council and Redevelopment Agency reconvened in a special joint meeting at 7:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber located at 1950 Parkside Drive with Mayor/Agencymember Hoffmeister presiding. All members were present and the pledge to the flag was led by Vice Mayor Bjerke. Minutes follow in abbreviated form per Resolution 3361 and Council Minutes of September 26, 1966.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Helen Allen, Guy Bjerke, Mark Peterson, Bill Shinn, Laura Hoffmeister

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Keen, City Manager; Mark Coon, Assistant City Attorney; Mary Rae Lehman, City Clerk; Valerie Barone, Assistant City Manager, Alex Pascual, Director of Building, Engineering, and Neighborhood Services; Qamar Khan, Director of Public Works; Jim Forsberg, Director of Planning and Economic Development; Peggy Lefebvre, Director of Finance; Kathy Ito, Director of Human Resources; Ron Puccinelli, Director of Information Technology; Chief David Livingston; Joan Carrico, Director of Community and Recreation Services

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE
WHO ADDRESSED COUNCIL:

Keith McMahan, Concord; David Lee, Concord; Diane Lorenzetti, Concord; Ferne Scelsie, Concord; Linda Cheshire, Concord; Kerry Stickney, Concord; Paul Hodge, Concord; Stan Rhodes, Antioch; Jeanette Green, Concord; Paul Poston, Concord; Edi Birsan, Concord; Jack Biller, Concord

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD No one addressed the City Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hoffmeister announced that the City Council had held a closed session to discuss the benefits of an early retirement program to support proposed budget reductions.

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MAY 4, 2009 BUDGET WORKSHOP

City Manager Daniel E. Keen made a brief introduction and Alex Pascual, Director of Building, Engineering and Neighborhood Services; Joan Carrico, Director of Community and Recreation Services; Peggy Lefebvre, Director of Finance; Qamar Khan, Director of Public Works; Kathy Ito, Director of Human Resources; Jim Forsberg, Director of Planning and Economic Development; and David Livingston, Chief of Police provided response to questions raised during the May 4, 2009 workshop. The City Council made comments and received clarification during the summary presentations.

City Manager Keen advised that the reduction in reserves to a 15% level would not sufficiently offset the financial deficit. He stated that it was necessary to explore for expenditure reductions, and noted that there were potential savings in an early retirement program where the position isn't refilled, from program and operational changes, and from salary and benefit reductions negotiated through discussion with the employees and bargaining units.

Mayor Hoffmeister called a recess at 8:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

This item was continued to a date uncertain.

FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 ENTERPRISE FUNDS

The Sewer Enterprise Fund presentation by Qamar Khan, Director of Public Work, was continued to a date uncertain.

The Golf Course Enterprise Fund presentation by Joan Carrico, Director of Community and Recreation Services, was continued to a date uncertain.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING THE BUDGET

Mayor Hoffmeister opened a public comment period.

Keith McMahon, Concord, stated that he had watched the budget meeting on Monday night

and supported the retention of the Treasurer Manager position and expressed his opinion that the employees could alter the work week, or take voluntary leaves of absence without loss of seniority.

David Lee, Concord, expressed his support of retaining the staff levels in the Permit Center and cited the proficiency of the Division.

Diane Lorenzetti, Concord, spoke against the proposed closure of the Concord Senior Center on Thursdays and asked that it remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to continue the activities for the senior citizens.

Ferne Scelsil, Concord, spoke against the proposed Thursday closure of the Concord Senior Center.

Linda Cheshire, Concord, expressed her opinion on the quality of work and dedication the City receives from an employee, and encouraged the Council to retain the custodial staff.

Kerry Stickney, Concord, asked the City Council to remove the custodians from the list of possible positions to be eliminated.

Paul Hodge, Concord, suggested that pending projects be placed on hold to keep employees on the payroll.

Stan Rhodes, Antioch, gave a brief overview of the pool and fountain maintenance he does for the City as a specially trained maintenance worker and stated the City's need to maintain the swimming pools in a condition that is safe for its residents.

Jeanette Green, Concord, expressed appreciation for the support and services the Neighborhood Services personnel have given to the Holbrook Heights area, and asked that the Council reconsider proposed cuts to the CDBG funding.

Paul Poston, Concord, stated his support of the services and program offered by the Neighborhood Services division.

Edi Birsan, Concord, suggested that neighboring Cities consider combining resources into a metropolitan service district.

Jack Biller, Concord, asked the Council to increase the taxi cab Drop and Mileage fees by \$.25 during this budget cycle, and requested a meeting to discuss taxi cab operations in the City of Concord.

Mayor Hoffmeister closed the public comment period.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

The Councilmembers each shared their opinions over various matters raised or addressed during the two workshop meetings and agreed that the economic conditions were requiring unprecedented review of the City's financial health.

SUMMARY COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Daniel E. Keen advised the Council that additional information would be forthcoming following the results of the May 19th Special Election.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Miscellaneous information supporting the response to questions raised by the City Council at the May 4, 2009 Workshop.
- b. Letter dated May 5, 2009 from Liz De La Campa regarding proposed position eliminations in the Building Division.
- c. Letter dated May 6, 2009 from Cindy Turlington and Adair Macfarlane regarding the elimination of two Building Inspectors supporting the Multi-Family.
- d. E-mail from Dennis and Karen Gremer dated May 6, 2009 regarding the potential impact of reducing Building/Neighborhood Services staffing levels.
- e. Anonymous comments to Mayor Hoffmeister concerning staffing levels in the Building, Engineering and Neighborhood Services Department.
- f. E-mail dated May 5, 2009 from Judy Madsen to Councilmember Bjerke expressing concern concerning proposed budget reductions.
- g. Miscellaneous documentation presented by Stan Rhodes in support of his comments concerning the preservation of the Recreation Utility Worker position.

By order of the Chair, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

LAURA M. HOFFMEISTER
MAYOR/AGENCYMEMBER

HELEN M. ALLEN
COUNCILMEMBER/AGENCY CHAIR

MARY RAE LEHMAN, CMC
CITY CLERK/AGENCY SECRETARY