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**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
2011- 2015 BUDGET PLANNING  
STUDY SESSION**

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

The Council of the City of San José convened in regular study session at 9:09 a.m. in the Council Wing Committee Rooms W118-120 at City Hall.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chirco, Chu, Constant, Herrera, Kalra, Liccardo, Nguyen, Oliverio, Pyle; Reed.

Absent: Council Members - None.

Staff: City Attorney Richard Doyle, City Manager Debra Figone, Chief Development Officer Paul Krutko, Chief Strategist Kim Walesh, City Clerk Lee Price, MMC and Legislative Secretary Susan M. Davis.

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from City Manager Debra Figone, dated February 5, 2010, providing the outcome on the 2010-2011 Budget Planning Update. (2) Memorandum from City Manager Debra Figone, dated February 8, 2010, providing background on the January 23, 2010 Neighborhood Associations/Youth Commission Priority Setting Session. (3) Supplemental memorandum from City Manager Debra Figone, dated February 10, 2010, providing an update to the discussion of preliminary budget reduction/elimination proposals and service delivery model changes as well as the Pilot Program Prioritization effort as referenced in the memorandum dated February 5, 2010. (4) Staff presentation dated February 16, 2010 summarizing the City Council - Senior Staff 2010-2011 Budget Planning.

## **Introduction**

Mayor Reed presented opening comments and noted that the outcome of the budget study session was to provide an update on the budget planning to address the 2010-2011 General Fund shortfall of approximately \$100 million; and to update the Administration's Pilot Program Prioritization effort and Community and Stakeholder outreach and engagement.

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## **Update on 2010-2011 General Fund Budget Planning**

City Manager Debra Figone recognized all the work that has been accomplished since November 5, 2009 and indicated she would bring forward a proposed Budget by May 3, 2010.

## **Update on Pilot Program Prioritization Process**

Deputy Director of Finance Walter Rossman summarized an Update on the Pilot Program Prioritization Process.

Council Member Constant arrived to the Study Session at 9:21 a.m.

Chief Strategist of Economic Development Kim Walesh provided an update about the neighborhood meetings which occurred on January 23, 2010, including more than 80 community members representing the San José Neighborhood organizations, the City of San José Neighborhoods Commission and the San José Youth Commission.

City Manager Debra Figone commented on the public priority results which were in the order of priority to the community: (1) Safe City; (2) Prosperous Economy; (3) Reliable; Well-Maintained Infrastructure; (4) Green, Sustainable City and (5) Vibrant, Attractive Community.

Budget Director Jennifer Maguire presented the approach to the City Manager's proposed Budget to be submitted by May 3, 2010.

Council discussion followed about the potential for new revenue sources and what can be placed on the June 2010 ballot.

Chief Strategist Kim Walesh noted that Staff will return to the Council in approximately one week with the work plan and analysis, and also clarification of any other related issues that might need voter approval.

Chief Deputy City Manager Edward K. Shikada provided an update on the Alternative Service Delivery Models.

City Manager Debra Figone outlined the Employee Wage and Benefit Concessions.

Director of Library Department Jane Light, Police Chief Robert Davis, Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Albert Balagso, Acting Director of Transportation Hans Larsen and Fire Chief Darryl Von Raesfeld presented comments about the potential 35 percent cuts in their respective departments.

Intensive Council discussion followed.

## **Community/Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement**

City Manager Debra Figone presented an overview of the Community/Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement.

## **Public Comments**

- (1) Christine Curtis, Edenvale Friends of the Library, requested that Council consider the importance of increasing library hours in lieu of decreasing hours.
- (2) Tina Morrill expressed concern about the City employees; however the Unions should consider deeper concessions.
- (3) Bob Brownstein, Working Partnerships USA, recommended looking at different options, such as pension obligation bonds and federal stimulus funds.
- (4) Ross Signorino proposed that there should be more police officer presence around schools ticketing the speeders.
- (5) David Wall suggested the voter approved modification of the City Charter and elimination of the reclaimed water project.

Mayor Reed adjourned the Study Session at 11:55 a.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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