



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

2012-2013 BUDGET PLANNING STUDY SESSION

The Council of the City of San José convened in Regular Budget Study Session on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 1:35 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall Council Wing, San José, California.

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

Absent: Council Members - Nguyen. (Excused)

Staff: City Manager Debra Figone, City Attorney Richard Doyle, Acting Director of Finance Julia H. Cooper, Budget Director Jennifer Maguire, Deputy City Manager Alex Gurza, Library Director Jane Light, Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh, Assistant to the City Manager Kip Harkness, Assistant to the City Manager Ashwini Kantak, City Clerk Dennis D. Hawkins, CMC and Legislative Secretary Ruth Krantz.

Opening Comments

Mayor Reed and City Manager Debra Figone provided opening comments.

Fiscal Reform Plan Status

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from City Manager Debra Figone, dated February 6, 2012, providing the Fiscal Reform Plan Status. (2) Supplemental memorandum from City Manager Debra Figone, dated February 13, 2012, providing modifications to information previously provided. (3) Letter from Cheiron Principal Consulting Actuary to Russell Crosby, Director of Retirement Services, dated February 8, 2012, offering 5-Year Budget Projections for Federated. (4) Presentation "City Council Study Session 2012-2013 Budget Planning" dated February 13, 2012. (5) Presentation "How are Defined Benefit Retirement Costs Determined?" dated February 13, 2012.

Fiscal Reform Plan Status (Cont'd.)

Budget Director Jennifer Maguire offered a presentation on Fiscal Reform Plan Goals, and Deputy City Manager Alex Gurza continued with a presentation on Retirement Projections.

Staff responded to questions from Council.

Mayor Reed provided an overview of priorities for balancing the budget and community budget survey polling results on fiscal reform plan strategies. Library Director Jane Light discussed fiscal reform plan revenue strategies and the ballot measure process.

Director of Economic Development/Chief Strategist Kim Walesh and Acting Director of Finance Julia H. Cooper provided an overview on business tax modernization. Staff responded to questions from Council, and extensive discussion followed.

Principles for Restoring Services and Investing in Organizational Needs

City Manager Debra Figone spoke on principles for restoring services and investing in organizational needs. Assistant to the City Manager Kip Harkness spoke on ensuring the fiscal soundness of the City and choosing investments. He responded to questions from Council.

City Council Priority Ordinances Update

City Manager Debra Figone provided the introduction, and Assistant to the City Manager Ashwini Kantak provided an update on the City Council Priority Ordinances.

City Manager Debra Figone provided closing remarks.

Public Comment

David Wall expressed criticism of the Environmental Innovation Center as a waste of funds and offered thanks to San José's firefighters for their heroic efforts.

Adjournment

The Council of the City of San José was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

Dennis Hawkins, CMC
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