

MINUTES

ADJOURNED

BUDGET STUDY SESSION

JUNE 3, 2008

An adjourned meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 6:10 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by MAYOR ZERUNYAN.

ROLL CALL

City Council Members Present: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

City Staff Present: City Manager Doug Prichard
Assistant City Manager Sam Wise
Community Services Director Andy Clark
Planning Director David Wahba
Administrative Services Director Mike Whitehead
Assistant to the City Manager Greg Grammer

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

REVIEW OF PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 BUDGET

City Manager Prichard provided a brief overview of the budget (as per agenda material) and was pleased to report a continuous surplus that has allowed for completion of many capital projects.

Administrative Services Director Whitehead reported briefly on the following items: 1) Sales tax; 2) Property tax; 3) Building permits; 4) Business licenses; 5) COPS funding; and 6) Proposition 1B funding.

After extensive discussion of the Tennis Club fund, it was the consensus of the COUNCIL to increase each membership by \$5.00.

After brief discussion of the South Bay Youth Project contribution, it was the consensus of the COUNCIL to request further information as to what their service entails as well as investigate what other South Bay cities are contributing to this organization.

After brief discussion, MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL suggested that the proposed maintenance truck replacement as well as future purchases be environmentally friendly or "green." Additionally, it was noted that staff will further investigate any "green" grants that might be available.

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It was the consensus of the COUNCIL to follow MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL'S suggestion.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL suggested that Management Partners periodically be retained to review staff operations every five years.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF OPERATING BUDGET ADD-BACK ITEMS.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

Assistant City Manager Wise noted that the necessary PERS documents will be presented to the COUNCIL at a future meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS inquired as to the equestrian deficit. City Manager Prichard noted that the recommended increase in fees regarding training, camps, and corrals will be brought forward at the budget adoption public hearing.

After brief discussion, it was the consensus of the COUNCIL to increase the fees by 6% for the Equestrian Center in order to be consistent with other enterprise funds.

After brief discussion, it was noted to move forward with obtaining a new lease with the County for the Equestrian Center.

It was the consensus of the COUNCIL to cancel the COUNCIL meeting of June 10, 2008.

In regards to the request from Rolling Hills Covenant Church to waive the City's banner guidelines, it was the consensus of the COUNCIL not to take any action.

In regards to the Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) request to place their recommendations to the City on an upcoming agenda, it was the consensus of the COUNCIL to request a written proposal for further consideration.

In regards to a request by the CAB to hold a workshop with the COUNCIL, it was the consensus of the COUNCIL to send a letter declining to attend such a meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m. MAYOR ZERUNYAN formally adjourned the City Council meeting to Tuesday, June 24, 2008.

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Hope J. Nolan
Deputy City Clerk

Douglas R. Prichard
City Clerk