

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MINUTES
CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH
May 22, 2007
BUDGET WORKSHOP – 9:00 A.M.
DEMPSEY HOLDER SAFETY CENTER
950 Ocean Lane
Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

MAYOR JANNEY called the Budget Workshop Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers present:	McLean, Bragg, McCoy
Councilmembers absent:	None
Mayor present:	Janney
Mayor Pro Tem present:	Winter

Staff present:	City Manager Brown; City Attorney Lough; City Clerk Hald
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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. FY 2007/2009 “PRELIMINARY” TWO-YEAR OPERATING BUDGET. (0330-30)

CITY MANAGER BROWN introduced the item.

FINANCE DIRECTOR LADRIDO gave a PowerPoint presentation on the two-year draft budget for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. She noted that it was a balanced budget due to improved cost basis for charging RDA funds, staff reductions, no raises for the last two years for miscellaneous employees, AMR reimbursement for paramedic services, AMR rent of Fire Station space for ambulance personnel, increase in parking citation fines, reduction in public relations budget, Sheriff contract increase limited to 5.5% in FY 07/08 and 5% in 08/09 (although contract negotiations with the Sheriff are still ongoing), continuation of unfunded Firefighter/Paramedic position and favorable risk management and workers compensation claim loss.

City Council provided the following suggestions:

1. Look for ways to increase sales taxes and TOT
2. Devise a system to charge those who break the law the cost for enforcement
3. Properly budget for fuel
4. Retrofit housing and City buildings with solar power, argon windows, etc. to save energy and set an example
5. Prepare for lower property taxes
6. Spend revenues on the public
7. Increase revenues, including those that are in the “other reserves” category
8. Capture more of the payment in lieu of property taxes paid by the Tijuana Estuary

9. Be prepared for sewer rate increases
10. Form a JPA Commission with other cities to deal with Sheriff matters
11. Keep in mind Public Safety budget costs, inflation, depreciation, and unfunded mandates for storm water management
12. Plan for future funding of Sand Replenishment Project
13. Approach SANDAG for waiver for TransNet funds
14. Increase sales tax and TOT
15. Reduce energy consumption within the City; have the Regional Energy Office do an evaluation
16. Amend condominium ordinance to require solar power and other energy conservations methods
17. Rehabilitate existing housing rather than building new.
18. Consider the housing project in Poway that is totally green.
19. Ensure collection of TOT
20. Fund another code enforcement position
21. Conduct a sales tax audit
22. Budget for computer replacements and upgrades
23. Visit the global warming exhibit at Birch Aquarium; learn how to reduce the carbon footprint in an effort to contribute towards a solution rather than the problem.

MAYOR JANNEY thanked City Council and staff for their participation in the workshop.

Continued discussion of the budget to be held at the June 6 City Council meeting with budget approval at the June 20 City Council Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

MAYOR JANNEY adjourned the Budget Workshop Meeting at 10:24 a.m. and he reconvened the meeting to Closed Session at 10:34 a.m.

MOTION BY MCCOY, SECOND BY WINTER, TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION UNDER:

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 497 11th Street, Imperial Beach, CA 91932

Agency Negotiator: City Manager

Negotiating Parties: Henry Barros and M&H Bayfront, LLC

Under Negotiation: Instruction to Negotiator will concern price and terms of payment

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Councilmember McCoy did not participate in the Closed Session item.

Reporting out of Closed Session, MAYOR JANNEY announced City Council met in Closed Session and had nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR JANNEY adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

James C. Janney, Mayor

Attest:
Jacqueline M. Hald, CMC
City Clerk