

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MINUTES
CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH
March 25, 2006
WORKSHOP – 9:00 A.M.
COMMUNITY ROOM
(Behind Council Chambers at City Hall)
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, California**

CALL TO ORDER

MAYOR ROSE called the Special Meeting Workshop to order at 9:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff present:	City Manager Brown; City Attorney Lough; Deputy City Clerk Wolfson
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MAYOR/COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

COUNCILMEMBER JANNEY recommended that Item No. 2 – DRAFT REPORT ON LONG-TERM FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY be taken at the end of the agenda.

CITY MANAGER BROWN requested that Item No. 6 – PRESENTATION ON GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT – COMMERCIAL ZONING be taken when Community Development Director Wade arrives.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS (1-6)

1. RESIDENTIAL CITYWIDE LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS CIP (S04-402) - STATUS REPORT FOLLOW UP. (0720-60)

CITY MANAGER BROWN introduced the item.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEVIEN gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item and distributed copies of a black and white map showing: existing street lights within the city, proposed lights on existing power poles, and proposed new poles that would be undergrounded concrete poles; and he gave an overview of different proposals and options in regard to citywide

lighting.

Discussion ensued regarding lighting vacant lots, undergrounding new concrete power poles, assessment districts and balloting processes, installation costs, and the use of redevelopment funds.

6. PRESENTATION ON GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT – COMMERCIAL ZONING. (0620-95)

CITY MANAGER BROWN introduced the item.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR WADE gave background on the item and he distributed a handout that included a commercial zones analysis.

Discussion ensued regarding funding sources to support the update; a steering committee to work with a consultant team; setbacks; the need for better design guidelines for planning transitions between residential and commercial properties; current height limits for commercial zones; determining parking reserves; and the housing element and the regional housing needs assessment.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR WADE stated that a commercial zoning review will be presented at the City Council meeting of April 19th.

Consensus of Council to take Item No. 3 at this time.

3. ORDINANCES REGULATING SMOKING. (0240-35)

CITY MANAGER BROWN introduced the item; he reported that Sheriff's Captain Parker stated that enforcing the smoking ordinance would provide an additional opportunity for getting involved with the community.

COUNCILMEMBER MCCOY suggested a review of the smoking ordinance recently adopted at MTS.

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement, public education, quality of life, and responsibilities of municipalities.

CITY ATTORNEY LOUGH responded to questions of Council and stated he would research regulating smoking at bus stops.

Consensus of Council to investigate this topic more.

Consensus of Council to take Item No. 5 - PET GUARDIANS at this time.

5. PET GUARDIANS. (0200-95)

CITY MANAGER BROWN introduced the item.

COUNCILMEMBER MCCOY read an article from Cathy Comstock, Ph.D. at the University of Boulder in Colorado regarding pet guardians and owners, and she referenced the Union-Tribune's adoption pages that showed the number of pets that need homes.

Discussion ensued regarding treatment of animals, the need to raise the level of awareness and viewing animals as entities and not possessions, legal ramifications and whether updated pet immunizations could be made a requirement, whether it lessened the enforceability of the vicious dog ordinance, and whether the wording should be guardian/owner to prevent loopholes with regard to legal responsibility.

CITY ATTORNEY LOUGH stated that changing the wording is only a philosophical change rather than a legal change; he stated he would speak with other city attorneys regarding their wording and would bring back information.

Consensus of Council to take Item No. 4 – CAMPAIGN REGULATIONS at this time.

4. CAMPAIGN REGULATIONS. (0430-95)

CITY MANAGER BROWN introduced the item.

CITY ATTORNEY LOUGH stated he is the only attorney who performs campaign investigations in San Diego County, and he is unable to investigate his own city's election.

Councilmembers spoke in support of state requirements.

Discussion ensued regarding caps on individual contributions and Council expressed limits are not needed in small cities such as I.B.

By previous Council discussion, Item No. 2 – DRAFT REPORT ON LONG-TERM FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY was taken at this time.

2. DRAFT REPORT ON LONG-TERM FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. (0300-30)

CITY MANAGER BROWN introduced the item.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER RITTER gave a report on the item and distributed "Steps to a Balanced Budget."

Discussion ensued regarding designated and undesignated funds; enterprise funds; reserve funds and the need to have two months of expenditures, or approximately \$1.5 million, saved; paying out claims; terms of the loan between the City and the Redevelopment Agency; and potential ways to increase revenue and reduce expenses.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER RITTER stated he would make a formal presentation on the item's report in April and come back to Council at the meeting of May 17th with specifics on much is needed to be cut.

Council spoke in opposition to eliminating staffing and positions at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding diversifying services, globalization, and privatization of services.

COUNCILMEMBER WINTER voiced her support for a comparison of municipal ownership versus private ownership of services such as water and sewer; discussion also ensued regarding the costs and timeframes associated with placing initiatives on the ballot; and zoning and businesses that generate higher revenues.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Diane Rose, Mayor

Attest:
Lisa Wolfson
Deputy City Clerk