

Special Workshop Meeting A G E N D A

IMPERIAL BEACH CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 8, 2012 – 6:00 P.M.

Community Room (Behind City Hall)
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, CA 91932



THE CITY COUNCIL ALSO SITS AS THE CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH HOUSING AUTHORITY,
PLANNING COMMISSION, PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY, AND THE IMPERIAL BEACH
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

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REPORTS

1. DISCUSSION ON LIFE AFTER REDEVELOPMENT. (0100-10)

ADJOURNMENT

_____/s/
Jacqueline M. Hald, MMC
City Clerk

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TO: City Council
FROM: Gary Brown 
SUBJECT: 02/8/12 Council Workshop: Life After Redevelopment
DATE: February 7, 2012

We propose that Council first receive a presentation from Mr. McGrane on the financial impact of the dissolution of the redevelopment agency and then have a discussion about Council's vision and goals for the city in light of greatly reduced funds for services.

As you can tell from the staff report and resolution previously sent to you, Item 1 for the special meeting on Wednesday, February 8, we believe it is very likely that lay-offs will be necessary and the resolution initiates the process according to our personnel rules. I want to work closely with staff — people represented by unions and those who are not — to return to Council with options that will probably involve eliminating positions, lay-offs, service reductions, and suggested revenue increases. Our goal is to make adjustments for the fiscal year starting on July 1, 2012.

There are several questions that we hope will be resolved, but we'll probably have to plan for a budget based on conditions that may change. These include:

1. Agreement on providing services to the Port
 We plan on receiving funds sufficient to maintain current services, but the Port just started discussions last month.
2. The Sheriff's Contract
 A different cost allocation method plus staff reductions could yield significant savings, approximately \$300,000, but a shift of Sheriff's staff to a new Rancho San Diego station could increase costs by over \$900,000. (Chief Clark is meeting with Sheriff's staff this week to discuss the challenges presented by the new station.)
3. The property tax allocated to the City will be reduced by an unknown amount due to a successful lawsuit initiated by educational institutions.
4. The Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS)
 The County Auditor- Controller has until July 1st to review the ROPS. We hope this audit will be completed and have the ROPS approved sooner by

the Oversight Board (OB), but we don't know how this process will work. (Finance Directors will meet with the County soon to discuss the process.) The ROPS is important because it lays out all the redevelopment projects and expenses we'll incur in winding down the agency such as completing street renovations, the shopping center, and housing development.

For now, we're assuming our ROPS is correct and will be certified by the Auditor-Controller.

5. CalPERS pension costs

The projected cost increases for July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 are not large, but beyond that they may be much higher if CalPERS reduces its current 7.75% assumed rate of return on investments.

6. Redevelopment funds not only paid directly for projects, but they also paid the city for administrative support and management services, many of which won't be needed as projects are completed or wound down. This will affect the city's general fund.

With the above information, we've got to plan for large funding and service reductions as well as new revenues and other new ways to improve life in Imperial Beach

All of the above suggests many questions that Council may wish to address. There are short term questions related to balancing the budget and completing redevelopment and housing projects. On balancing the budget, as previously mentioned we'll return to Council with options for your consideration. On projects, we'll work to finish projects and activities outlines in the Enforceable Obligation Payment Schedule (EOPS) and the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS). We'll probably need to work closely with the Oversight Board and the County Auditor-Controller.

Beyond the preoccupation with winding down redevelopment and balancing the budget, Council may wish to discuss topics such as:

1. What is your vision for the city or specific areas like the Bayfront, Palm Avenue, and Seacoast Drive? (By the way, we're working with consultants on the computer-generated illustrations of build-out on Seacoast Drive.)
2. What new or different tools can we use to stimulate economic development — Marketing, special districts, zoning, code enforcement, public-private partnerships, processing of and responsiveness to development proposals?
3. How can we foster partnerships with businesses, non-governmental organizations and other public organizations to enhance the community?
4. Do you want to ask voters for some form of tax increase?
5. What fees, franchise fees, and other service charges might you consider for the long run?
6. What do you see as core functions of city government?
7. What functions should we discontinue or reduce?