

MINUTES

CITY OF DELANO CITY COUNCIL – DELANO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

June 29, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavez called the City Council meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – Avenue.

Redevelopment Agency Chairman Ramirez called the Redevelopment Agency meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – Avenue.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilman Ramirez led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmen present: Aguirre, Chavez, Morris, Ramirez, Vallejo

Councilmen absent: None

Board Members present: Aguirre, Chavez, Morris, Ramirez, Vallejo

Board Members absent: None

OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Manager Salem, City Attorney Alan Peake, City Clerk Kraft, Finance Director DeDios, Police Chief DeRosia, Transportation & General Services Director Newhouse, Community Development Director Woodcock, Engineer Dowling, Economic Development & Redevelopment Director Reyna, Human Resources Director Kirkwood, CCF Lt. Jones

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM

Delano Redevelopment Agency Action

- 1) Study Session: Fiscal Years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 Budget

Mr. Salem stated that the Redevelopment Agency budget has not been resolved yet due to pending action by the State regarding redevelopment agencies.

City Council Action

- 2) Study Session: Fiscal Years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 Budget

Mr. Salem presented the staff report. He stated tonight is a study session. A public hearing will be held June 30, when the budget will be adopted. Two council sub-committees have been meeting with staff to work on the budget. Some of the difficulties regarding the budget are due to federal, state, and local economies, and the closing of the CCF. A lobbyist was hired for the CCF. The city was informed today that a trailer bill has been introduced to allow our facility to house inmates for the counties.

Mr. Salem reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the general fund, the enterprise funds, special revenue funds, and internal service funds. He reviewed the new positions to be added and positions to be deleted. The capital improvement projects and the sources of funds were reviewed.

There was discussion regarding the deficit accounts including the golf course, wastewater treatment / sewer, refuse and street cleaning, and water.

It was noted that funds from Measure I sales tax were never designated for any fund except the general fund. We will have to use those funds for cut services.

Maria Sykes, a city employee at the CCF, asked if those employees to be laid off will be given the opportunity to transfer to other positions. Mr. Peake stated notices will be sent out to those employees and will include information regarding bumping rights. Mr. Kirkwood explained the bumping rights.

Delia Serrano of the Central California Association of Public Employees / SEIU Local 521, stated that because of the hiring freeze, employees have been doing extra work for no extra pay, but department heads will be getting extra pay for additional duties. She stated she has been hearing about workshops to get the employees involved and get their input on where savings can be made, but employees have never been invited. Ms. Serrano stated our utility rates do not compare with other cities and asked if council is really making the effort to change them.

Councilwoman Vallejo and Mr. Salem stated they are not aware of any workshops. He added that employees are obligated to present any ideas they have on how to save money. He stated all travel has been cut, dues and subscriptions have been cut. Streets are funded 100% by gas tax money and TDA so that the general fund no longer subsidizes them.

Ms. Serrano stated that a ten day notice for lay-off is not enough time and requested staff be given ample notice. She stated union members got involved to get Measure I passed and stated the money should go to the general fund for all services and be used to avoid cuts in services.

Councilman Aguirre stated we need to increase rates for the enterprise funds and we need the support of everyone in the room.

Mr. Salem stated we need the support of Supervisor McQuiston regarding language for the CCF. Mr. Salem was able to get the support of Mr. McQuiston and the county fire chief to defer the 5% increase in county fees paid by the city to the county for fire protection.

Councilwoman Vallejo stated we need the employees to support the rate increases.

Susana Valenzuela, 1640 Garces Highway, stated that when rates are increased, they need to be publicized really well. She added that the last rate study had incorrect information and we need to be sure all the numbers are correct this time. Ms. Valenzuela added that the finance department has monthly department meetings and the department head lets the staff know what is going on.

Mary Chavez asked if we make cuts, such as the summer academy and the pool, will it help employees keep their jobs. She asked if jobs would be saved if the golf course is turned into a park.

There was discussion regarding the golf course.

Karen Snow, city employee, stated that a ten day notice for lay-off is not enough time. She added that council wants staff to reach out to the community, but the council did not reach out to staff.

There was brief discussion regarding the ten day notice.

Closed Session – City Council

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Ramirez, and unanimously carried that the City Council adjourn to Closed Session at 7:16 p.m. The City Clerk and City Manager were excused. Mayor Chavez was appointed Acting City Clerk. The City Attorney was asked to remain.

- 3) Public employee appointment / employment – city manager; pursuant to govt. code section 54957
- 4) Conference with labor negotiator Alan Peake regarding negotiations with city manager; govt. code section 54956.7

Return to General Session

Moved by Councilwoman Vallejo, seconded by Councilman Ramirez and unanimously carried to reconvened in Open Session at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Peake provided a report on closed session as follows:

- 3) Information was provided; no action taken.
- 4) Information was provided; no action taken.
- 5) Approval of city manager employment agreement

Moved by Councilman Ramirez, seconded by Councilman Aguirre and unanimously carried to approve the recommendation of the city attorney to extend the city manager's contract to July 5, 2011, and authorize the mayor to execute the agreement. Agreement No. 2011-46

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councilman Ramirez seconded by Councilman Aguirre and unanimously passed to adjourn the special City Council meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Chairman Ramirez adjourned the special Redevelopment Agency meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Phyllis A. Kraft, City Clerk