

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA**

May 11, 2010

The Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission of National City was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Mayor / Chairman Ron Morrison.

ROLL CALL

Council / Commission members present: Morrison, Sotelo-Solis, Van Deventer, Zarate.

Administrative Officials present: Babaki, Dalla, Deese, Duong, Eiser, Gonzales, Hodges, Ladrido, Parra, Raulston, Smith, Stevenson, Williams, Zapata.

Others present: City Treasurer Mitch Beauchamp.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG BY MAYOR RON MORRISON

BUDGET YEAR FY 2010-2011 (206-1-26)

1. Budget Workshop Introduction and Assumptions. (City Manager)
City Manager Chris Zapata, using a PowerPoint Presentation, provided background and an overview of the budgetary process from 2004 to the present and displayed a copy of the five million dollar check the City was forced to write to the State of California to help the state balance their budget. Mr. Zapata said his message to the City Council and the organization is: "We must again cut expenses; we must look at the impacts of both short and long term decisions and the option of 'no cuts' is not a prudent one and a one year option at best." Mr. Zapata indicated that the interactive exercise with citizens that will take place during the meeting is framed as 'program and service cuts' and that he was looking for serious and lively input from citizens and the City Council. Mr. Zapata emphasized that one of the assumptions made prior to the interactive exercise is that a tax increase is not an option and that using the contingency reserve is limited. (See attached Exhibit 'A')
2. Budget Presentation
 - a. Revenue & Expenses Review. (Finance Director)
Finance Director Jeanette Ladrido, using a PowerPoint Presentation, provided a Revenue and Expense Review of the General Fund and the Preliminary Budget. (See attached Exhibit 'A')

2. Budget Presentation (continued).

b. Interactive Exercise – Citizen Participants

Finance Director Jeanette Ladrido and Mr. Chris Morrow from Project Design Consultants explained and demonstrated how the interactive process and hand held electronic voting devices worked.

Nineteen members of the audience chose to participate and were provided voting devices. Questions were read and displayed on the video monitor. Responses were then electronically tallied and displayed to the City Council and public.

The questions and responses from the public are summarized below.

Question: In order to guide the City Council in balancing the budget, I would (1) Maintain / (2) Reduce / (3) Eliminate the following program / service / function:

	%	%	%
	Maintain	Reduce	Eliminate
POLICE DEPARTMENT			
(56 % of General Fund Budget)			
Patrol/Neighborhood Policing	79	21	0
Canine (K9)	42	37	21
Special Weapons & Tactics	32	58	11
Traffic Division	26	68	5
Community Services Unit	32	26	42
School Resource Officers	32	11	58
Investigations Division	37	53	11
Communications	53	47	0
Property & Evidence	5	84	11
Records Management	26	68	5
Animal Control	58	37	5
Gang Enforcement	68	32	0
Public Safety Camera Project	53	26	21
Police Explorer Program	26	37	37
Police Officer Reserve Program	32	47	21
Homeland Security	47	21	32

2. Budget Presentation (continued).

	%	%	%
	Maintain	Reduce	Eliminate
FIRE DEPARTMENT			
(21% of General Fund Budget)			
Fire Suppression	69	22	08
Emergency Medical Services	79	21	0
Fire Prevention	63	26	11
Fire Administration	33	50	17
Homeland Security	47	37	16
OTHER (23% of General Fund)			
Community Programs (7%)			
Street Maintenance	50	50	0
Street Sweeping	16	63	21
Park Maintenance	42	53	5
Facilities Maintenance	53	37	11
Equipment Maintenance	53	42	5
Management	21	79	0
Traffic Operations	44	50	6
Building Plan Review/Inspection	26	68	5
Planning Plan Review/Inspection	37	58	5
Code Enforcement	47	53	0
Graffiti Removal Contribution	74	21	5
Cultural, Educational & Rec Services (10%)			
Recreation	44	44	11
7-Day Library Service	53	37	11
Senior Nutrition Program	53	37	11
Neighborhood Council Program	16	47	37
7-Day Swimming Pool	11	68	21
Special Events	37	21	42
Community Partnerships	32	47	21
General Admin & Support Services (6%)			
Financial Services	37	42	21
City Mgmt / Legal & HR	5	89	5
Communication & Technology	37	42	21

2. Budget Presentation (continued).

Question: What other suggestions do you have to help balance the City budget?

PUBLIC RESPONSE

Mitch Beauchamp, City Treasurer, said the process and answers were very interesting but it would have been helpful to know the dollar amounts for each item. Mr. Beauchamp believes that the economic down turn is far from over, things are not going to get better for a long time and bankruptcy is a possibility.

Janice Martinelli, National City, said some of the participants needed more time to review the information and one of the answer options should have included "increase" in addition to maintain, reduce and eliminate.

Rita Heuss, National City, thanked the City Council for the opportunity to participate but would have liked to see how many employees work in individual programs.

Anne Campbell, National City, expressed concern that when the one cent district tax went into effect in 2006, it was more than what was needed for the deficit and the City expanded services. Ms. Campbell said quality of life issues are important, residents support and love their Library and any cuts should be equitable.

Fred Puhn, National City, thanked the City Council for the process and suggested that there be a 5% cut for every department and then future adjustments as needed.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Member Sotelo-Solis thanked the Staff and public for their work and participation. She recommended that consideration be given to using 1 to 2 million from the reserve fund if necessary and that open lines of communication be maintained.

Member Van Deventer expressed his belief that we can't afford to reduce public safety or code enforcement and that cuts are going to have to be made.

Member Zarate said the City can't afford to eliminate too many things but reductions in departments and maybe even public safety may be necessary. She feels it is important to know the impacts of any reductions.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL (cont).

Mayor Morrison said there is no way 6 to 7 million dollars can be cut from the budget without impacting public safety and everyone will have to share the pain. He expressed excitement at seeing employees and the public participating together in addressing our budget problems and believes National City is in position to come out better.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Van Deventer, seconded by Sotelo-Solis, to adjourn the meeting to the next Adjourned Regular City Council and Community Development Commission Meeting – General Plan Workshop to be held Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, National City, California. Carried by unanimous vote.

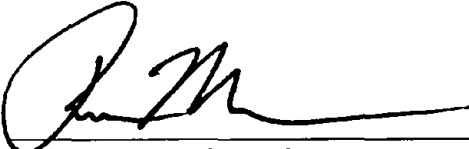
The next Regular City Council and Community Development Commission Meeting to be held Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, National City, California. Carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting closed at 8:49 p.m.



City Clerk / Recording Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Adjourned Regular Meeting of November 9, 2010.



Mayor / CDC Chairman