

**CITY OF PITTSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: March 30, 2009

LOCATION: Council Chambers, City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565

CITY COUNCIL/AGENCY MEMBERS

Nancy Parent, Mayor/Chair
Salvatore Evola, Vice-Mayor/Chair
Michael Kee, Council/Agency Member
Ben Johnson, Council/Agency Member
Will Casey, Council/Agency Member

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Marc S. Grisham, City Manager/Executive Director
Ruthann Ziegler, City Attorney/Legal Counsel
Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk/Agency Secretary (elected)
James Holmes, City Treasurer (elected)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Parent called the meeting of the City Council to order at 5:06 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California, after having convened in Closed Session for the following items.

Mayor Parent stated there was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

1. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Section 54956.8):**

Property: 390 E. 9th Street; Agency Negotiator: Marc Grisham; Negotiating Parties: Mike Bepler; Under negotiation: Both price and terms of payment

Property: 441 E. 9th Street; Agency Negotiator: Marc Grisham; Negotiating Parties: Fearnley & Califf PLCC; Under negotiation: Both price and terms of payment

Property: 446 E. 9th Street; Agency Negotiator: Marc Grisham; Negotiating Parties: National Asset Direct; Under negotiation: Both price and terms of payment

Property: 458 E. 9th Street; Agency Negotiator: Marc Grisham; Negotiating Parties: Mike Bepler; Under negotiation: Both price and terms of payment

Property: 476 E. 9th Street; Agency Negotiator: Marc Grisham; Negotiating Parties: Mike Bepler; Under negotiation: Both price and terms of payment

Property: 70 West Blvd.; Agency Negotiator: Marc Grisham; Negotiating Parties: Mike Bepler; Under negotiation: Both price and terms of payment

Property: 118 West Blvd.; Agency Negotiator: Marc Grisham; Negotiating Parties: Mike Bepler; Under negotiation: Both price and terms of payment

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Section 54957.6):**

Agency designated representatives: Marc Grisham, Matt Rodriguez, Marc Fox, Joe Sbranti, Marie Simons; Employee organizations: Police Officers Association

ROLL CALL

All Members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CITIZENS REMARKS

Edna Huerta spoke in favor of continuing funding for the Senior Center. She stated that the name of the Center was changed without discussion with the 50+ Club.

Lewis Ross spoke to the Public Works Department budget and stated the department has actively been working to reduce costs throughout. He hoped the Council would consider how much the Department has done throughout the years to cut items.

Woodie Williams spoke on behalf of the Senior Center. He has only been using the facility for about 3 years but thinks it has very good programs for the senior community. He asked that the Council do all they can to keep most of the programs going.

Marilyn Craft questioned whether or not staff salaries would be cut if a department were fully disbanded. She also asked why the literacy program, art shack, and bookstore would still be considered viable programs.

BUDGET WORKSHOP AND CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

3. Budget Workshop #2 – Proposed General Fund Operating Cost Reductions – FY 2008-09 (QUARTER 4) & FY 2009-10 (PROJECTED) and Adoption of a City Council Resolution Approving Fourth Quarter budget Reductions

The Council directed staff to identify further cuts for the Fourth Quarter in the areas indicated below:

Contracts & Services:

- Reduce Contracts & Services (General Fund)
- Reduce IT & Communications Services (GF-ISF)
- Reduce City Hall Security Contract

Materials & Supplies:

- Reduce Materials & Supplies (City-wide)

Travel & Training expenses:

- Reduce Travel & Training Expenses (City-wide)

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

- Reduce Swim Center Maintenance & Utilities (Aquatics)
- Reduce Janitorial Services Contract
- Reduce City Council Costs (Include Council travel and meeting budget)
- Reduce City Hall Plant Maintenance Contract

On motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Vice Mayor Evola and carried unanimously to approve the Fourth Quarter Budget Reductions with corrections as noted above.

The FY 2009-10 Potential General Fund Cost Reduction List by Category was then discussed with the following direction to staff.

On motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Casey to approve pursuing Tier I cost savings as submitted in the staff report, and carried unanimously.

On motion by Vice Mayor Evola, seconded by Member Johnson to approve pursuing Tier II cost savings as submitted in the staff report with the following additional direction, and carried unanimously.

The Tier II discussion items approved and identified in bold were:

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

- Reduce (100%) County Library Operating Support (52 hour operation) **subject to the County's plan for library operation**

Layoff (1) PD Sworn Position F/T (GF Only):

- "Layoff" language to be corrected**

Layoff (4) PD Non-Sworn Positions F/T (GF Only):

- Review this potential layoff**

Reduce (100%) Recreation – Sports (Net Cost)

- Evaluate privatization of sports programs**

Reduce (100%) Recreation – Special Interest Classes (Net Cost)
Evaluate potential alternate service provider (PUSD Adult Ed)

Reduce (100%) Recreation – Summer Youth (Net Cost)
Evaluate potential alternate service provider

Reduce (100%) Recreation – Playgrounds (Net Cost)
Evaluate potential alternate service provider

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion by Member Johnson, seconded by Member Kee, to approve the Consent Calendar without item 7 and carried unanimously.

4. Approve contract Amendment to Eliminate the City Manager's Pending Salary Increase
5. Adoption of a City Council Resolution to Eliminate FY09/10 Pay Increase to the Executive Team
6. Adoption of a City Council Resolution to Amend the Police Managers Group Collective Bargaining Agreement by Eliminating a Pending Salary Increase

The following item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion:

7. Adoption of FY 2008-09 Council Priority Workplan

The Council Priority Workplan was continued to the next Budget Workshop scheduled to be held on April 27. The Priority Workplan Workshop will be held at 3:00 p.m. followed by the Budget Workshop at 5:00 p.m. on that date.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. to Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk