

The City Council met in adjourned session at the hour of 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the day above written, for continued consideration of the FY 2009 City of Fresno Budget.

Present were Council members Calhoun, Caprioglio, Dages, Duncan, Sterling and President Xiong, City Manager Souza, ACM Rudd, City Attorney Sanchez, City Clerk Klisch, Assistant City Clerk Salazar, Budget Manager Smith, and necessary staff.

(8:30 A.M.) CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2009 BUDGET

FIRE DEPARTMENT
POLICE DEPARTMENT
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

MOTION - Xiong/Dages - (Public Works Department) Allocate \$275,000 to fund the Tower District Streetscape Plan

MOTION - Xiong/Sterling - (CDBG) Allocate \$50,000 to fully fund the Earned Income Tax Credit Program

MOTION - Xiong/Sterling - (PARCS) Allocate \$300,000 for temporary staffing to maintain city parks

MOTION - Xiong/Caprioglio - (PARCS) Allocate \$50,000 for improvements to Quigley and Lions Parks

DIRECTION - Xiong - Direct staff to return with the Woodward Park Amphitheater fees and concrete skate park fees

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Bruegman gave a PowerPoint presentation on his department's budge which included Fiscal Year 2008 Accomplishments, Summary of the FY 2009 Budget, and FY 2009 Goals.

Discussion ensued with Chief Bruegman, Budget Manager Smith and ACM Rudd responding to questions/comments/requests of Councilmembers Calhoun, Sterling and Dages relative to how the department budgeted for fuel, if the department will be able to handle costs if diesel continues to rise, staffing and turnover, how/when vacancies are filled, if vacancies impact services, why the need for relief positions, if monitoring will continue on relief positions, the \$1+ million for salaries /benefits and the MOU agreements, if the budget provided for adequate staffing, current number of firefighters and number needed, what the top three needs were and if they were funded, Battalion Chief positions, multi-year projects and implementation status, status of the 4-minute response time, expansion of services, Fire Station 19 completion and operational dates, reason for decrease in overtime costs, Fire Station 3's use as a museum and available grants, number of companies with four firefighters, status of contracts with other fire service agencies and if any general fund dollars are being used, number of grant writers in the department and success with grants, if accreditation will help with grants, if the department is finding there is a shortage of grant funds, number of non-sworn PIOs in the department, the new EMS contract and why it will cost the city an additional \$122,000, if there are any new fee increases for businesses, and the opticom signal lights including request for list of intersections with the lights, what the financial arrangement is with Clovis and the county, and who is responsible for the signal lights.

MOTION - Dages - Fund the current Fire Station 16 in the Ashlan/Cornelia area to keep it in existence - ***DIED***/no second.

Upon question of President Perea Chief Bruegman stated the cost would \$1.3 million to keep FS 16 in existence and upon call the motion died for lack of a second.

where the vacancies were, where the department saw fire service going in the future, **(2 - 0)** number of firefighters added since 2001, fire service contracts and subsidies, growth west of Freeway 99 and service plans, and current number of neighborhood fire stations. There was no further discussion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Dyer gave a PowerPoint presentation on his department's budget which included the Historic Low Crime Rate, Traffic Safety, Gang Suppression/Prevention/Intervention, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Initiative (MGPI), Stamping Out Graffiti, Video Policing, Drug Free Fresno, and Capital Projects.

Speaking to the department's budget were: William Simon, Chairman of the Fresno Chapter of the ACLU, opposed to funding video policing and support for funding the Independent Police Auditor; and Judy Rogers with United One Productions, Joe Montez, DUI school operator, Debbie Harkness with Assessment Training & Research Associates, David Lara, city employee and relocated retired police officer, David Purvis, director of an agency that works with young people, Pete Santiano, police department boxing operator, David Parra, MGPI participant and drop-out gang member, and Ricky Lopez, all speaking in support of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Initiative.

Chief Dyer and City Manager Souza responded to questions and comments of Councilmember Calhoun relative to fuel costs, staffing/vacancies/hiring, if vacancies will be kept vacant to balance the budget or filled as quickly as possible, and video policing including his continued opposition, this not being the year to add to it, and there being a need to see if it is working.

MOTION - Calhoun/Xiong - Place the additional \$500,000 funds for video policing into contingency

Relative to hiring six additional officers for the Street narcotics Team Councilmember Calhoun stated he was not sure if the city was ready for that program stating it was a fairly expensive and he wanted to see how the entire budget played out.

MOTION - Calhoun/Xiong - Place \$600,000 for the six new officers for the Street Narcotics Enforcement Team into contingency

Councilmember Calhoun spoke to the Life Skills Program stating it had never been proven to him that it has accomplished anything, and acknowledged the school district has assumed some of the cost and questioned what the city's cost was, with Chief Dyer responding **(3 - 0)**. Councilmember Calhoun stated officers were being used elsewhere which was not the intended purpose and the basic premise of the program was flawed and it needed to be proven to taxpayers that something works and further elaborated.

MOTION - Calhoun - Place the \$200,000 for the Life Skills Program into contingency - *DIED*/no second.

Councilmember Calhoun continued and spoke to the MOU presenting questions and comments relative to whether the existing FPOA MOU was in place or being adjusted, why changing the MOU -- a policy issue -- was not brought to Council in closed session for discussion, if Fire had the same salary provision in their MOU, the 0% and Meet & Confer, if additional funds will have to be identified if the number ends up at 1, 2 or 3%, concern with building a budget on 0% when positions and programs are being added and this being another reason to have a contingency in place, concern with other units receiving a salary increase but not FPOA, and concern that this process went forward without Council as policymakers being involved, with Budget Manager Smith and Mr. Souza responding throughout. Councilmember Calhoun stated his opposition to an IPA and his possible support if he felt the city had a police department that was out of control or not trustful

MOTION - Calhoun/Dages - Place the \$200,000 for an Independent Police Auditor into contingency (*Note - later in the meeting the motion was amended to delete the IPA position).

Councilmember Calhoun spoke to the \$800,000 reserve stating he would rather place those funds into a contingency fund rather than an emergency reserve fund in order to get to them easier to use for critical issues that may come up.

MOTION - Calhoun/Dages - Place the \$800,000 reserve into a general contingency fund instead of an emergency reserve fund

Councilmember Duncan presented questions and comments at length relative to his opposition to the last motion, lateral transfer policy/process and if dispatchers have the same policy, numerous questions on the MGPI including how it is known 125 gang members left

that lifestyle, the State's standard definition and why the city can not use it, number that return to gang life, the 7,000 validated gang members and how the program will ever become effective/get rid of the gang problem, agencies involved and evaluation procedure, number of agencies that are no longer part of the program, and need to spend program dollars where they will do the best, if officers will be doubling up to save gas and concern with northeast Fresno losing service, authorized positions, if patrol was losing one position, and support for video policing, with Chief Dyer, Deputy Chief Foster and ACM Rudd responding and clarifying issues throughout

Chief Dyer responded briefly to questions of Councilmember Perea relative to the new narcotics team including type of interaction they will have with schools and if officers will be on campuses.

Councilmember Dages stated he wanted to eliminate the IPA position and upon his question Councilmember Calhoun stated he would amend his earlier motion.

(AMENDED) MOTION - Calhoun/Dages - Eliminate the Independent Police Auditor position.

City Clerk Klisch, City Manager Souza and Chief Dyer responded to questions/comments/concerns of Councilmember Dages relative to motion amounts so far, if \$1 million was being placed in a reserve, the video cameras and if some were portable, his request to use some cameras in "hot" spots and being told they can not be moved around, staff's position on county cutbacks (sheriff/district attorney) and criminals going through a revolving door and back onto the streets, and the southeast district police substation including concern/disappointment with not being involved, opposition to the Belmont/DeWitt location, and need for the substation to be located in the Fancher Creek development.

MOTION - Dages/Duncan - Construct the Southeast District Police Substation in the Fancher Creek development.

Councilmember Dages continued and presented comments and questions relative to the reopener, a 3% - 4% increase going down to 0%, if the fire department was budgeted for 3% increases, the unfairness of one public safety group receiving an increase and the other "getting zilch", and if the fire department had a reopener. Mr. Rudd responded to questions and clarified FPOA was not getting zilch as personnel costs (premium pay and other pays identified in the MOU) equated to a 5% increase in personnel-related costs **(4 - 0)** and explained. Councilmember Dages stated his position was either all units receive raises or all do not and requested staff provide a breakdown on the personnel related costs. Upon further question Mr. Rudd clarified there was no salary increase and with a 3% raise the increase would be close to 8%.

Extensive discussion continued with Chief Dyer, Mr. Rudd and Ms. Smith responding to questions and comments of Acting President Sterling and President Xiong at length relative to whether the budget provided for adequate staffing, what the top three needs were and if they were included, multi-year projects and implementation status, number of sworn officers on the street and if they were covered in this budget, retention and recruitment, if plans were included to move the new administration building forward, if land had been assembled at Ventura & "G" Streets, graffiti offenders and prosecution numbers, video policing including number of cameras purchased/number budgeted for/number installed last year, if cameras focus on residential areas, request staff consult AP Sterling before removing any cameras within her district, status of the video policing policies and procedures manual, number of cameras budgeted for and if they will all be installed, if budgeting for cameras was necessary or if a delay was needed to catch up with camera installations, number of ISD staff used for video policing, how Temporary Technical Support funds will be used, status of patrol car in-dash cameras, gang suppression efforts, numerous questions on the MGPI and various statistics, how/why the Street Narcotics Unit was devised, what locations the Narcotics Unit will start with, **(5 - 0)** how fuel costs were determined, status of the Clinton/Weber station, if the judge stipend was included in video policing funds, and understanding that a community oversight committee was going to be involved with the video policing policies and procedures manual. President Xiong noted he has been supportive of video policing but stated his dilemma at this time was the current economic situation and the length of time that has passed without an assessment on the effectiveness of the cameras and elaborated, and presented additional questions relative to patrol car in-dash cameras, grant funds, and technology, with Chief Dyer responding. There was no further discussion.

LUNCH RECESS - 11:52 A.M. - 2:01 P.M.

Statement, Organizational Structure, FY 2008 Accomplishments, 2003-2008 Major Projects Planning Activity Map, FY 2008/2009 Operating Funds Comparisons, Revenue and Project Volume Trends, and FY 2009 Budget Issues.

Councilmembers Dages and Duncan commended Mr. Yovino and staff, and Councilmember Duncan spoke briefly to the solar rebate program stating \$200,000 for rebates to wealthy people was not a good use of city funds.

MOTION - Duncan/Calhoun - Remove \$200,000 from the Solar Rebate Program.

Mr. Yovino, Assistant Director Bishop and a staff member responded to questions/comments of Acting President Sterling at length relative to whether this budget provided for adequate staffing, what the top three needs were and if they were included, multi year projects and implementation status, if the department had a grant writer, if any southeast growth costs were being paid from the non-city sources, number of permits subsidized, foreclosure plan including if the department was involved in the program publicized by the Redevelopment Agency and if it would be beneficial for the City to be a part of that program, status on audit recommendations and implementation, lead paint including how it is being dealt with, funding, how funds will be used, and the numerous areas in District 3 with lead paint, the 10 X 10 Plan, identifying slumlords and need to strengthen the existing ordinance, number of CHDOs and how much assistance has been provided to them, if more CHDOs were anticipated to be added, number of rehabs done this year, and request that district maps showing rehabs be provided to Council.

Discussion continued with Assistant Director Bergthold, Mr. Yovino and HCD Project Manager Casarez responding to questions of Councilmember Perea and President Xiong relative to the 10 X 10 Plan including code enforcement, where the city was in the overall plan, what major things have gone forward, and if any units have been created yet or just infrastructure for units, status of the Housing Trust Fund, the foreclosure problem including what the city's role was, what pro-active efforts can be taken on pets left behind, and if code enforcement has received any calls on pets left behind, the Housing Trust Fund including carryover amount, if projects have been identified yet, cost for the consultant, if priority area designations can be stipulated, status of the non-profit, and challenges **(6 - 0)**, concerns originally when the non-profit was created and if staff could re-evaluate the intentions, the Housing Resource Center, the foreclosure problem and partnering, and how knowledgeable the city was with certified housing counselors.

Relative to Councilmember Duncan's earlier motion to eliminate solar rebate funds Councilmember Calhoun requested staff provide Council with information on where the loans/grants have been made stating he has seen a few on expensive homes and if that was where they were going he would have no part of it, with Mr. Yovino responding. There was no further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. for continued budget consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the City Council, the hour of 2:50 p.m. having arrived and hearing no objection, President Xiong declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved on the ___ 17th ___ day of _____ June _____, 2008.

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Blong Xiong, Council President

ATTEST: _____/s/_____
Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk