

The City Council met in regular session at the hour of 2:40 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the day above written for consideration of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Budget.

Present:	Andreas Borgeas	Councilmember
	Lee Brand	Councilmember
	Mike Dages	Councilmember
	Henry Perea	Councilmember
	Larry Westerlund	Acting Council President
	Blong Xiong	Councilmember
	Cynthia Sterling	Council President

Andy Souza, City Manager
 Bruce Rudd, Assistant City Manager
 Jim Sanchez, City Attorney
 Becky Klisch, City Clerk
 Rene Smith, Budget Manager
 Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk

Roll was called and President Sterling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR’S BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Mayor Swearingin began her presentation with “the big picture” -- the \$26.8 million shortfall next fiscal year and the reasons therefor; advised her direction to staff was (1) protect core services, (2) move forward on key priorities, (3) leave the reserve intact, and (4) make the difficult decisions now, elaborating on each throughout; asked Council to be mindful that when things are put back in or added to the budget the funding has to be taken from somewhere else; and stated this was a 2-year budget and spoke to the importance of making the hard decisions this year, to the outreach that was conducted, to the difficult upcoming year and importance of public input, to impacts across the state, and her mind set of “reductions -- not eliminations”.

Russell Appling spoke to various budget issues.

Acting President Westerlund thanked budget staff for all their work stating this was an incredibly tough year and they had a tough job, spoke briefly to the shortfall and revenue assumptions and stated he would speak further to those issues later in the process, spoke to the mayor’s forum that was held last Tuesday for employees to have some direct input on budget deliberations, and stated the forum was well worth the time, the input was important, and suggested Council set some time aside one evening and have an official meeting for employees to talk directly to the City Council.

President Sterling thanked Mayor Swearingin for her presentation and stated Acting President Westerlund did approach her about a possible public meeting and that would be discussed further.

AIRPORTS DEPARTMENT:

Aviation Director Widmar introduced Airports Financial Manager Lima and gave a PowerPoint presentation on his department’s budget which included Fiscal Year 2009 Accomplishments, “Green” Accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2010 Priorities and Risks, Revenue and Expense Summary, Ops/Maintenance - \$14.4 Million, Debt Service - \$4.32 Million, Capital Projects - \$28.4 Million, and Fiscal Year 2011 Outlook.

Council discussion ensued with Mr. Widmar responding at length to questions of Councilmembers Westerlund, Brand, Perea, Xiong and President Sterling relative to airports being an enterprise department, the information submitted on airline revenues,

