



MINUTES
National City Proposition "D" Finance Committee
Large Conference Room
Civic Center
1243 National City Boulevard
Thursday, November 3, 2011 @ 9:30 a.m.

These minutes have been abbreviated. Full audio recordings of the proceedings are on file and available to the public upon request.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cox at 9:31 a.m.

Pledge or Allegiance to the Flag

Led by Chair Cox

Roll Call

Committee members in attendance: Marney Cox, Chris Cate and Dale Nielsen

Also in attendance: Councilwoman Rosalie Zarate, Leslie Deese, Assistant City Manager, Brad Raulston, Executive Director, Stacey Stevenson, Human Resources Director

Non-Agenda Public Oral Communication (three minute time limit)

None

Agenda Items

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of November, 3 2011

With a motion from Committee member Nielsen and a second by Committee member Cate, the minutes of the November 3, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Discussion – Review of financial data

A discussion ensued between committee members and staff regarding deferred maintenance. Committee member Cate discussed the need to show the public that there are give and takes; a determination has to be made as to what to fund. In doing so, something else is not funded, and that is usually maintenance.

3. Discussion – Review of report sections

Chair Cox lead a discussion of the draft report noting that the report attempts to identify the causes of the City's deficit, adding that the deficit is structural and that the elimination of Proposition D will add to the projected deficit. Committee members Cate and Nielsen expressed approval of the overall report.

Staff was asked to review the draft to determine if the actions taken by the City to date were properly characterized.

Committee member Cate questioned the increase in the number of active employees from 2004 to 2009/2010. Ms. Deese noted that some of the increase is attributable to the merger of the City and the Community Development Commission (CDC) that occurred in 2008. Ms. Stevenson added that the Proposition D initiative included a commitment to restore services, with an emphasis on public safety and library services. After the passage of Proposition D, the City began to hire based on the established priority list. Since the down turn in the economy, the City has ramped back down in its staffing levels.

4. Action – Refinement of Committee report and recommendations to City Council

After discussion, Committee member Cate advised that he would be editing his section of the report after which he would send the revised report to staff for distribution. Staff was directed to include the City Manager in the distribution, soliciting his feedback.

5. Discussion – Next steps

Committee members agreed to present the report to the City Council in person at the November 15, 2011 City Council meeting. Chair Cox will provide a transmittal memo to accompany the report.

6. Committee Comments

None

7. Chair's Comments

None

8. Staff Comments

None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.