

**ONTARIO CITY COUNCIL/
HOUSING AUTHORITY/
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETINGS**

JUNE 22, 2011

JOINT MEETINGS

Special Meetings of the Ontario City Council, Housing Authority and Ontario Redevelopment Agency were held on June 22, 2011, in Community Room #1, Ontario City Hall, 303 East B Street.

Notice of said meeting was duly given in the time and manner prescribed by law. Affidavit of compliance is on file in the Records Management Department. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the City's FY 2011-12 Annual Budgets and other budget-related actions.

CALL TO ORDER

The meetings were called to order at 5:40 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Leon.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Mayor/Chairman Council/Authority/Agency Members	Paul S. Leon Alan D. Wapner, Sheila Mautz, and Jim W. Bowman
ABSENT:	Mayor pro Tem/Vice Chairman	Debra Dorst-Porada (arrived at 5:58 p.m.)

Also present were City Manager/Executive Director *Chris Hughes* and City Clerk/Secretary *Mary E. Wirtes*.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present in the Council Chambers who wished to speak during Public Comment.

1. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 BUDGET AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET-RELATED ACTIONS

City Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, and Housing Authority Board considered:

- (A) Adoption of Resolutions establishing the appropriations limit of the City for Fiscal Year 2011-12 and approving the operating budgets for the City of Ontario, Ontario Redevelopment Agency, and Ontario Housing Authority for Fiscal Year 2011-12; and

(B) Approval of the annual budget of the Ontario Convention Center (OCC) for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

Council/Board Members indicated they had questions of Bob Brown, General Manager, Ontario Convention Center; Mark Chase, Director of Community and Public Services; Mohamed El-Amamy, Utilities General Manager; Jerry Blum, Planning Director in place of Otto Kroutil, Development Director; and Police Chief Eric Hopley. Staff was authorized to dismiss remaining department managers.

Bob Brown responded to questions raised by Council Member Wapner regarding changes in reporting of compensation costs, funding needs of the Convention and Visitors' Bureau (CVB), and personnel costs specific to the CVB. Mr. Brown also clarified that proposed costs related to the OCC logo were for the replacement of worn out signs that still displayed the original building marketing logo.

Mayor Leon thanked General Manager Brown for his successful operation of the OCC and explained that people do not understand the value of ancillary revenue to the City in the form of transient occupancy taxes. Council Member Bowman added that Mr. Brown is doing a great job especially in this economy.

Mark Chase responded to Council Member Wapner's question regarding operating costs associated with the re-dedicated Veterans Memorial Park which were not specified in the budget detail. Mr. Chase indicated that cost saving measures, cost effective operations, expansion of the parking area and other park improvements have resulted in a realistic budget that can absorb the operating costs. It was an existing park and operating costs were previously included in the budget.

Mayor Leon had questions relating to the status of the Soccer Complex, its usage, revenue generation and water conservation measures. (Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada arrived at 5:58 p.m.) Director Chase said positive comments are received from the public and the Complex is well used resulting in \$180,000 in revenue received. He added the artificial turf works well and they installed the most durable grass on the natural grass fields.

Council Member Mautz questioned whether there is interest in using synthetic fields at other parks to which Director Chase advised it is being considered.

Mohamed El-Amamy responded to Council Member Wapner's questions regarding Solid Waste personnel and handling of customer complaints. Director El-Amamy noted there will be expanded requirements due to AB939 mandatory compliance beginning next year. Discussion turned to the Capital Improvement Plan, abandonment of wells and a reservoir, and the potential to sell these properties. City Manager Hughes indicated direction will be sought from Council after a cost-benefit study has been prepared if a property is no longer needed. Council Member Wapner said he would like to rehabilitate sites and sell the properties if appropriate. Council Member Bowman added that the City's water partners and their need for water lines will also need to be considered in determining any future need to retain or sell the properties. It was clarified that

the proceeds of any sale would be returned to the City's Enterprise Fund if property is sold.

Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada asked about the status of the property lease with Vulcan, to which Director El-Amamy noted they have until November to explore use of the property at which time a report will come back to Council. City Manager Hughes indicated Vulcan may no longer be interested in the site.

Jerry Blum, Planning Director, representing *Otto Kroutil*, Development Director, responded to a question from Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada regarding the position of Sustainability Program Manager. Director Blum indicated much of the work being performed is a result of Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) and San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)'s desire for an Action Plan for all cities in San Bernardino County. Director Blum advised the City hopes to have a Business Plan and a Traffic Plan by 2012 so they can be brought to Council. In response to a question from Council Member Wapner, Mr. Blum indicated the City does not receive reimbursement for regional work.

Police Chief Hopley responded to questions from Council Member Wapner regarding the canine and narcotics unit, asset forfeiture money and expenditures, training budget and funding, and narcotics "buy" money that Chief Hopley indicated has been adequate to cover the Department's operational needs.

Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada and Council Member Bowman requested descriptions of specific budget line items for operating expenses to which the Chief and City Manager Hughes responded.

Mayor Leon said he has noticed more police bicycles on the street and asked Chief Hopley for his view of their value to the community. The Chief advised that they are a good deployment tool and permit officers to take ownership of their area adding that much can be observed; the Chief said he supports officers getting out of their cars and encourages community interaction.

Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada asked about the status of School Resource Officers to which Chief Hopley responded they are looking at options. Discussion turned to graffiti and the Chief indicated Caltrans has been very successful in abating graffiti and tagging by working with the City's Community Oriented Problem Solving (COPS) Program and the City's Graffiti Removal Contractor. He said they are working with other agencies and increasing their exposure of enforcement efforts.

Mayor pro Tem Wapner said he feels too much attention is given to describing tactical equipment in the detail line item budget, suggested Final Budget documents be made available electronically, and consideration be given to including discussion of the merger of the City's redevelopment areas in the final budget books.

Discussion turned to the Arena regarding costs and pricing for suites and the possible need for a Council workshop. City Manager Hughes said the Council's

concerns will be brought to AEG's attention. The City Manager also said a report will be provided to Council regarding options to address assessment district deficits as noted by Council Member Wapner. Mr. Hughes assured Council Members that staff is working on suggestions should the State eliminate redevelopment agencies in the FY 2011-2012 California budget.

Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada had questions regarding vendors used for the Code Enforcement computer system upgrade to which City Manager Hughes and Finance Director Yee responded.

The following Resolutions were read by title only and adopted by a single motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-040 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR THE CITY OF ONTARIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-041 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF SAID CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-12.

RESOLUTION NO. ORA-820 A RESOLUTION OF THE ONTARIO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR SAID AGENCY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-12.

RESOLUTION NO. OHA-063 A RESOLUTION OF THE ONTARIO HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR SAID AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-12.

MOTION: Moved by Council Member Mautz, seconded by Council Member Bowman and unanimously carried to adopt said Resolutions Nos. 2011-040, 2011-041, ORA-820 and OHA-063

2. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2012-2016 MEASURE I FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURE PLAN, EXPENDITURE STRATEGY AND REVISION TO THE 2011-2015 MEASURE I FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURE PLAN

Council Members adopted a Resolution approving the 2012-16 Measure I Five-Year Capital Improvement Expenditure Plan Expenditure Strategy and revision to the 2011-15 Measure I Five-Year Capital Improvement Expenditure Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-042 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE FY2012-2016 MEASURE I FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURE PLAN, EXPENDITURE STRATEGY AND REVISION TO THE 2011-2015 MEASURE I FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURE PLAN.

MOTION: Moved by Council Member Mautz, seconded by Council Member Wapner, and carried to waive further reading and adopt said Resolution No. 2011-042 with Mayor pro Tem Dorst-Porada abstaining.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Council Member Mautz said the military banners will be carried in the July 4th parade and hung afterward. She advised that family response has been limited.

Council Member Bowman suggested placing notice in Ontario Living magazine.

Mayor Leon indicated a permanent location for recognition of Ontario's fallen soldiers is needed, and he and Director Blum have been working with the National Guard Armory to do so. However, the State has realigned staff to other areas in the state and the building was leased to the state.

City Manager Hughes thanked Council Members for their leadership and direction.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the joint meetings were adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Mary E. Wirtes, MMC, City Clerk / Secretary

APPROVED:



Paul S. Leon, Mayor / Chairman