

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tovas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Robert G. Gonzales, Councilmember Ralph J. Fernandez, and Vice Mayor Fred W. Robinson and Mayor responded to roll call. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, City Attorney Karl H. Berger, City Clerk Judy Rice and Deputy City Clerk also present. Councilmember Gabino Aguirre arrived at 6:35 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. April Monthly Update and Proposed FY 2010-11 Budget Options

Finance Director John T. Quinn's report dated May 5, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Ferguson, Street Maintenance Supervisor presented Council with a letter in which he addressed various public works issues. He spoke against privatization of public works functions and in support of all employees working together to help reduce the budget deficit.

Robert Howard, Public Works employee, described the accomplishments of the public works department and how the different divisions work as a team to accomplish tasks and how the ability to work as a team would be lost with privatization.

Denise Cervantes, Public Works employee asked the Council to delay a vote on the budget for at least two weeks to give the Public Works staff time to review the report and meet with city management staff.

Frank Zunica, Public Works employee, asked the Council to reconsider privatization and delay voting on the budget for two weeks.

Danny Carrillo, SEIU Worksite Organizer spoke against privatization and lay-offs as it will delay the economic recovery for Santa Paula. He requested that the Council table making a decision for two weeks to give the employees time to meet with management staff.

Jerry Byrum, Fire Fighters Association, stated that the Fire Department is within their 1.9 million budget, that 2,400 calls are received each year between Station 81 and 82 and that it is important to keep and maintain both fire stations. He reminded that Council that the firefighters are here to protect and serve.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Robinson, seconded by Councilmember Aguirre to table the item to give designated staff time to meet with all bargaining units and come back to Council at a Special Meeting set for May 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. with recommendations. Upon a roll call vote all were in favor and the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to establish a sub-committee of Mayor Tovias and Councilmember Aguirre to work with designated staff in eliminating the budget deficit.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tovias adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Judy Rice
City Clerk