

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Tovias called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmember Gabino Aguirre, Councilmember Robert G. Gonzales, Councilmember Ralph J. Fernandez, Vice Mayor Fred W. Robinson and Mayor James A. Tovias responded to roll call. City Manager Jaime M. Fontes, City Attorney Karl H. Berger, City Clerk Judy Rice and Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins were also present.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Fernandez to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

- A. Minutes– Adopt the Minutes from the Special City Council Meeting of May 13, 2010. Deputy City Clerk Peggy Higgins' report date May 18, 2010.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. Proposed FY 2010-11 Budget Options-

Finance Director John Quinn's report dated May 18, 2010.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert Howard, an eleven year city employee spoke about the ability of public works employees to work as a team by sharing the workload when needed. He stated that he doesn't believe that will happen with privatization.

Chris Mahon, representing Santa Paula Fire Fighters Association stated that the Fire Fighters are not able to offer any new reductions to salaries because that was already done last year. He stated that department calls have increased 25% since Station 82 was opened and that he appreciates the hard work and tough choices the Council has to make.

Richard Main, 1588 Foothill, stated that there doesn't seem to be any other way but to make the cuts proposed and that the public needs provide suggestions on

how to raise revenues and cut costs. He stated that he supports the recommendation.

Robert Borrego, an eight year city employee spoke of his dismay at the Council for considering cutting the streets and refuse divisions. He stated that his interaction with refuse customers indicate that they want to keep the city run refuse collection as it is. He thanked the Council for listening and suggested that all employees take cuts in salary to make up the budget deficit.

Jose Francisco Ramirez Almazon, a five year city employee stated that he believes that outsourcing services will not provide the personalized services that the city's own employees provide its customers and that only those that call Santa Paula home are going to care about Santa Paula. He asked the Council to look beyond its numbers, that it's not a black and white situation.

Noah Sharp, an eleven year city employee spoke of the different divisions working as a team and helping each other out when necessary and that since the Solid Waste Division is paying for itself he doesn't see any reason to outsource it.

Danny Carrillo, SEIU Local 721 Worksite Organizer, he stated that SEIU strongly disagrees with the lay offs, that he understands the urgency to resolve the budget deficit but commented that bad decisions can be made in haste, that in the last three years, the City has gone from three janitors down to one that cleans three buildings and is available for emergencies. He asked how contracting out this service could save any money and has their been an analysis done on contracting out the streets and janitorial services? He suggested that the Public Works Administrative Assistant could be moved into the Capital Improvement Project fund, and asked if management and Council would be participating in the salary cuts. He stated that SEIU offered several cost saving and revenue generating ideas that are not included in the staff report including sub-leasing the Mill St. building, and asked Council to pass a resolution to enact SB 1137 to bring in revenue.

Jay Berry, city employee, asked the Council how outsourcing Solid Waste would save money when it was paying for itself. He stated that the City needs its own employees and asked the Council to have a heart and save our employees.

Larry Sagely, 585 Ridgecrest Dr., stated that he respects the City Manager's decisions to date and encouraged Council to continue making the right decisions.

Ismael Cordero, President of SPPOA, stated that the Police Department has lost six positions and other clerical staff, effectively given back 30% in salary and

benefits; over 5% per officer. Santa Paula officers responded to over 31,000 calls for service in 2009, with the release of inmates and crime on the rise, being understaffed and already underpaid therefore a 5% pay decrease would not be fair. He asked that the Council make public safety the number one priority for Santa Paula.

It was moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Vice Mayor Robinson to direct the City Manager and designee to implement Option 2 set forth in the staff report. Under roll call vote Councilmember Aguirre, Councilmember Gonzales, Vice Mayor Robinson and Mayor Tovias were in favor. Councilmember Fernandez was opposed. The motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Tovias adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Judy Rice  
City Clerk