



CITY OF ROHNERT PARK MEETING MINUTES FOR:

SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION

Rohnert Park City Council

June 10, 2008

Tuesday

The City Council of Rohnert Park met this date for a Special Meeting/Work Session to commence at 4:30 p.m. at the Rohnert Park City Hall, 6750 Commerce Boulevard, Rohnert Park, with Mayor Mackenzie presiding.

SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION

Call to Order: Mayor Mackenzie called the Special Meeting/Work Session to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Breeze, Smith, Stafford, Vidak-Martinez, Mackenzie

Staff present for all or part of the Regular Session: City Manager Donley, City Attorney Kenyon, Assistant City Manager Schwarz, Director of Administrative Services Lipitz, Accounting Manager Orme, Director of Public Safety Bullard, Public Safety Commander Frazer, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jenkins, Performing Arts Manager McDougall, Office Assistant II Kelez, Performing Arts Specialist Abravaya, Performing Arts Technical Director Hansen, Recreation Services Manager Miller, Deputy City Clerk Griffin, and Videographer Beltz.

1. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:

Len Carlson, resident of Rancho Grande, expressed concern regarding his inability to document water conservation efforts due to a lack of submetering at said mobilehome park. Council **CONCURRED** to refer the matter of mobilehome park submetering to the next Water Subcommittee meeting for recommendations for future Council consideration.

2. WORK SESSION ITEMS FOR REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND/OR DIRECTION:

Water Rates: Director of Administrative Services Lipitz reviewed the "Proposed Water Rate" PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions and comments. Council **CONCURRED** to authorize staff to proceed with the water rate increase under the proposed time line.

City Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009: City Manager Donley provided a brief oral overview of the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget cuts, and he responded to Council questions and comments.

Public Works and Engineering: Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jenkins reviewed a June 5th memorandum regarding budget cuts for said department, and he responded to Council questions and comments. Council **CONCURRED** to support staff's recommendations regarding the budget proposals for Public Works and Engineering, with restoration of the sidewalk maintenance budget.

Performing Arts Center (PAC): Performing Arts Manager McDougall **DISTRIBUTED AND REVIEWED** a summary of the PAC budget, and she responded to Council questions and comments. Council Members Smith and Breeze, and Mayor Mackenzie, noted support for the fifteen (15) percent reduction budget proposal, while Council Member Vidak-Martinez and Vice Mayor Stafford noted support for the ten (10) percent budget reduction proposal. Council **CONCURRED** to apply the \$50,000 gift from the Rohnert Park trust toward capital improvements.

Public Safety: Public Safety Commander Frazer reviewed a June 4th memorandum regarding budget cuts for said department, and he responded to Council questions and comments. Council **CONCURRED** to support staff's recommendations regarding the budget proposals for Public Safety, with the exception of pulling one of the traffic officers for patrol.

Recreation Services: Recreation Services Manager Miller **DISTRIBUTED AND REVIEWED** a budget summary, and he responded to Council questions and comments. Council **CONCURRED** to support staff's recommendations regarding the budget proposals for Recreation Services.

City Manager Donley indicated that the above-noted budget cuts are temporary measures to address the current budget shortfall. Furthermore, he stated that Council will have one more Budget Work Session at the meeting of June 24 prior to adoption of the budget at the first Council meeting in July.

City Council: City Manager Donley reviewed a May 27th memorandum regarding the budget cuts for City Council, and he responded to Council questions and comments. Council Members, with the exception of Council Member Breeze, expressed support for staff's recommendations for reductions in the travel and meeting budget. Council Member Breeze suggested a fifty (50) percent reduction while still maintaining representation at the regional level for legislative and budgetary advocacy.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mayor Mackenzie adjourned the Special Meeting/Work Session at 6:40 p.m.

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Jake Mackenzie
Mayor
City of Rohnert Park

***(Minutes written in absentia)**