

CITY OF ALISO VIEJO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 2008, 5:00 P.M.
(BUDGET WORKSHOP)

Council Chambers, City Hall, 12 Journey
Aliso Viejo, California

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Phillips called the Adjourned Meeting of the City Council of the City of Aliso Viejo to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: WILLIAM A. PHILLIPS
CARMEN CAVE
GREG A. FICKE
PHILLIP B. TSUNODA

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER: DONALD A. GARCIA (entered at
5:35 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: MARK A. PULONE, CITY MANAGER
SCOTT SMITH, CITY ATTORNEY
SUSAN A. RAMOS, CITY CLERK
GLENN YASUI, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES
GENIA GARCIA, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING SERVICES
GINA THARANI, DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES/
CITY TREASURER
JOHN WHITMAN, CITY ENGINEER/PUBLIC WORKS DIR.
HELEN WILSON, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
LT. RICH PADDOCK, DIRECTOR OF POLICE SERVICES

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. REVIEW THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

City Manager Pulone briefed the staff report dated May 7, 2008. He noted that tonight's workshop will cover community assistance grants, draft budget and the five-year strategic plan. He suggested placing the Community Assistance Grants item first so that any Council changes can be incorporated into the draft budget.

Director of Administrative Services Helen Wilson provided a summary of the Community Assistance Grants for Fiscal Year 2008-09 and responded to questions of the Council.

MOTION: COUNCILMEMBER CAVE MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER FICKE SECONDED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED PROGRAMS AND FUNDING, AS AMENDED BELOW, TO BE INCLUDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 BUDGET UNDER ACCOUNT 101-4-41012-4530, TOTALING \$10,000.00, AS FOLLOWS:

ARIEL RESCUE	\$2000
ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF CAPISTRANO VALLEY	\$ 600
LAURA'S HOUSE	\$2000
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE – ORANGE COUNTY/COMMUNITY ALLIANCE NETWORK	\$ 250
SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH	\$2650
SOUTH COUNTY SAFE RIDES	\$ 500
PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY	\$1000
SOUTH COAST SYMPHONY	\$1000

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 WITH MAYOR PRO TEM GARCIA ABSENT.

City Manager Pulone summarized the significant impacts to the proposed budget including a reduction in General Fund revenues anticipated since incorporation, motor vehicle license fee subvention loss, revenue neutrality final payment, and possible elimination of the Citizens Option for Public Safety program in the amount of \$100,000.00. City Manager Pulone also summarized the proposed appropriations including \$1 million dollars to address community issues and outreach efforts, law enforcement contract increase by 5.52 percent, and funding for debt service payment and disclosure costs. He requested further clarification and direction on appropriations for community outreach, community relations, economic development/branding efforts, animal services, planning consultant/employee, and the Aquatic and Conference Center. He deferred additional comments to Director of Finance Gina Tharani, who presented the departmental expenditure budgets, highlighting the main changes, as follows:

City Manager Department – Community Outreach \$50,000

Questions and discussion ensued regarding contractual services, the Citizen's Leadership Academy and community outreach.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia entered the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Economic Development Department – Community Outreach \$100,000

Questions ensued regarding organizational structure for the Community Outreach program.

City Clerk's Department – Election Costs \$50,000

Questions ensued regarding the status of the document imaging system, legal noticing requirements, and election costs.

Councilmember Cave requested staff to provide electronic copies of public hearing notices before publication to provide the Council with advance notice.

City Attorney Department – Litigation \$250,000

Finance Department – Professional and Technical Services \$85,850

Non-Departmental – Community Preservation \$500,000

Questions ensued regarding the contract renewal for website services, and a separate account for facilities for the Aquatic and Conference Centers.

Community Services Department - Community Outreach \$62,100

Councilmember Tsunoda announced that the Aliso Viejo Little League is in the process of hosting the District Junior Western Regional Tournament to be held in late July early August in Aliso Viejo. This event would bring in teams from the western states to Aliso Viejo, provide media coverage and provide an opportunity to showcase the City. The AVLL is requesting assistance from the City in this regard for approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000. Councilmember Tsunoda suggested moving the amount of \$5,000 that has not been used in the Community Services Community Promotional Grants budget in 2007-08 to the 2008-09 proposed budget to use for such opportunities.

Questions ensued regarding allocation for uniforms, special events and giveaways, and Soka University events.

Iglesia Park and Iglesia Building – no significant change

Family Resource Center – no significant change

Planning Department – Professional and Technical Services (includes community outreach \$145,000)

Questions ensued regarding the 2010 census related expenditures.

Building and Safety Department – Expenditures are directly related to revenues earned for services provided by this department

Code Enforcement – no significant change

Questions ensued regarding scanning of building plans in storage.

2. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING FOR FY 2008-09

This matter was presented and discussed before the budget presentation as noted above.

Councilmember Cave suggested continuing the remainder of the budget presentation to the next regular meeting in order to convene to Closed Session at this time and allow more time for budget discussion next time. She questioned an expenditure listed in the warrant register for volunteer recognition under the Community Trust Account and asked staff to provide clarification about this account at the next budget presentation.

MOTION: MAYOR PRO TEM GARCIA MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER TSUNODA SECONDED TO CONTINUE THE REMAINDER OF THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 TO THE REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 21, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

COMMUNITY INPUT

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to address the City Council on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council; hearing no response, public comments was closed.

ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor adjourned the adjourned the regular meeting at 6:10 p.m. to Closed Session.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

SUSAN A. RAMOS, CMC
CITY CLERK

WILLIAM A. PHILLIPS
MAYOR