

**ALISO VIEJO MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 19, 2006**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Aliso Viejo was called to order by Mayor Vali-Cave at 5:14 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at the Aliso Viejo City Hall Council Chambers, 12 Journey, Aliso Viejo, California.

A complete copy of the agenda for the meeting containing all items as shown herein was posted by 7:00 p.m. on April 13, 2006, on the outdoor bulletin board at City Hall. Copies were also posted at the Aliso Viejo Library, 1 Journey, and the Aliso Viejo Sheriff's Substation, 11 Journey.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Carmen Vali-Cave  
Mayor Pro Tem Cynthia D. Adams  
Council Member Greg Ficke  
Council Member William A. Phillips  
Council Member Karl P. Warkomski

Absent: None

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**1. Review the Draft Annual Budget**

City Manager Pulone gave a brief overview of the Workshop. City Manager Pulone stated that the City is in good financial health and the proposed budget is balanced. He added that the demands for services will be greater for this next fiscal year and reflected the increase in contract staff in the proposed budget. He also anticipated significant growth in revenues due to the Development Agreements.

Council Member Philips arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Financial Services Manager/City Treasurer Tharani stated that property tax was a major revenue source for the City. She added that all revenues were increasing.

Financial Services Manager/City Treasurer Tharani stated that the Council adopted a conservative Reserve Policy. She recommended that an equipment reserve be allocated at this time. She gave a synopsis of the various reserves.

City Manager Pulone described each department's budget highlighting the new proposed services recommended. He described the software packages for voluntary business registration and additional modules on the existing financial application, Incode. He stated that the non-departmental budget included an increase in City Hall funding and funding for a classification and compensation study.

City Manager Pulone stated that the budget for Iglesia Park included funds for sidewalk repair and facility maintenance at the Iglesia Building. The Iglesia Building budget also included the funding for Prop 40. He stated that the Family Resources Center budget under recreation activities included a contract Unit Director from the Boys & Girls Club.

Discussion ensued regarding: the costs for recreation activities which included \$50,000 for a Unit Director; the original intent of the Family Resource Center; the growing population and attendance for programs; the funds and additional programming done in-house; the history of using the local Boys & Girls Club; the additional scope of services in the contract that would include daily programs and Saturday activities; working with the collaborative partners; the needs of the community; the reconfiguration of programs during the rehabilitation of the building; the current program needs being met and divided by age; the Unit Director becoming involved in the programs and providing an assessment and outreach to the community; the homework clubs at other locations; the South County Teen Center; addressing the needs of the entire City; the request to add a consolidated sheet of recreational services into one page; and filling the gap between the time Homework Club ends and when the parents come home from work.

City Manager Pulone continued the review of the proposed budget by departments. Discussion ensued regarding the impact on the Planning Department due to increased development; the need for additional contract staff; the ability of obtaining qualified persons on contract; and the demand being great due to the economic boom and the purpose of contracting.

City Manager Pulone discussed Code Enforcement. Discussion ensued regarding if there was communication with AVCA on signage; AVCA's sign regulations being more restrictive than the City's Ordinance; the topic to be discussed at the next Monthly meeting with AVCA; and a request to have a follow-up letter to discussions with AVCA.

City Manager Pulone addressed the Public Works proposed budget. Discussion ensued regarding a revised presentation or handouts available from the County on the Water Directive at the Aliso Creek; getting the video on runoff geared towards homeowners; if the City must monitor the Aliso Creek through the County or contract; the amounts stated in the proposed budget on the delayed payments to the County; the possibility of the Council seeking and obtaining the permit itself; desire to address the Regional Board on this matter and express their concerns; the request of adding funds to research the permit process; AB 939; and the non-exclusive franchise agreements being presented to Council.

City Manager Pulone stated there was a 6.23% increase for services in the Police Services Department, which increased the Investigator position by .5 and added a dedicated motorcycle for the Patrol Officer. Discussion ensued regarding if the figures were accurate; if there would be an "October Surprise"; and if the amount for crossing guards was adequate for the increase in development.

City Manager Pulone reported on the Capital Improvement Projects. He stated that no funding will be used from the General Fund on the Capital Improvement Projects. Discussion ensued regarding additional costs added for City Hall; and the OCTA grant of \$100,000 which can be used for a comprehensive Transportation Study. City Manager Pulone also addressed the consulting services being proposed for the affordable housing program.

Mayor Vali-Cave summed up the direction from Council on the next budget presentation to have a consolidated page of recreational services, and work program costs and a timeline for the NPDES permit process.

City Manager Pulone stated the costs estimates on the cable broadcasting were provided in the Agenda Report. He stated that the space need for the control room is not feasible in the current Council Chambers configuration.

Discussion ensued regarding the size of the conference room; the costs being higher than anticipated; the sources used on the research; the required space requirement; the long-term investment; equipment being portable for use at other events; the possibility of incorporating infrastructure needs in a new Council Chamber; other cities' costs of cable broadcasting; the equipment varying from other cities; what can be done with a given budget; the request to continue this item; the need for quality equipment; the funds being better served on other projects; the equipment being antiquated in the future due to new technology; and better use of public funds.

**THE DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL** was to review the space requirements for cable broadcasting without necessarily agreeing to move forward by obtaining new equipment. The direction carried through acclamation.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 7:02 p.m.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

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Susan Robinson, CMC  
City Clerk

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Carmen Vali-Cave  
Mayor