

Gary DeLong, Chair
Patrick O'Donnell, Vice Chair
Dr. Suja Lowenthal, Vice Mayor, Member



FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (4:10 PM)

At 4:10 P.M., Chair DeLong called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (4:10 PM)

Councilmembers DeLong and Lowenthal
Present:

Councilmembers O'Donnell
Absent:

Also present: John Gross, Director of Financial Management; Charles Parkin, Principal Deputy City Attorney; Alan Patalano, Fire Chief; Jim McDonnell, Chief of Police; Lou Palmer, Manager, Budget Performance Management Bureau; Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs/Strategic Initiatives; Braden Phillips, Administrative Bureau Chief, Police Department; Kenneth Walker, Manager, Personnel Operations; and Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

1. 11-0831 Recommendation to approve the Budget Oversight Committee minutes for the meeting of Monday, August 8, 2011.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

2. 11-0136 Recommendation to receive and file an update on labor negotiations.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Kenneth Walker, Manager, Personnel Operations, gave a brief report.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

3. 11-0361 Recommendation to receive and file a report on pension solutions in other cities.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Kenneth Walker, Manager, Personnel Operations, gave a brief report.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

4. 11-0832 Recommendation to receive and file a report on the current year revenue and expense forecast overage of the Police Department and Public Works for Fiscal Year 2011.

John Gross, Director of Financial Management, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

5. 11-0833 Recommendation to review the Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget for the Fire Department.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Alan Patalano, Fire Chief, gave a staff report and responded to

questions.

A dialogue ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to recommend to the City Council to implement the Fire Department's recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

6. 11-0834 Recommendation to review the Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget for the Police Department.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Jim McDonnell, Chief of Police, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

A dialogue ensued.

Braden Phillips, Administrative Bureau Chief, Police Department, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to recommend to the City Council that the Police Department utilize the \$1.5 million associated with the Training Academy and allocate that funding toward restoring as many of the fourteen (14) Patrol positions as possible. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

7. 11-0838 Recommendation to review the costs associated with Commission Stipends.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Lou Palmer, Manager, Budget Performance Management Bureau, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Mayor Lowenthal spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, to forward information about the Commission stipends associated with the General Fund to the City Council for budget discussions as a possible opportunity to reduce costs further; and to determine what other municipalities are doing in respect to Commission stipends. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

8. 11-0835 Recommendation to review the Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Budget Reductions for various Departments.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs/Strategic Initiatives, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

A dialogue ensued.

John Gross, Director of Financial Management, spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Vice Mayor Lowenthal, to recommend to the City Council to eliminate the Deputy City Manager position, unless there are equivalent alternatives from the City Manager Department. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and Lowenthal

Absent: 1 - O'Donnell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (4:32 PM)

John Brisco spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

ADJOURNMENT (4:35 PM)

At 4:35 P.M., there being no objection, Chair DeLong declared the meeting adjourned.