

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



CALL TO ORDER

At 3:04 P.M., Chair DeLong called the meeting to order; announced that the meeting would reconvene at 3:30 P.M., due to unforeseen travel circumstances; and lack of a quorum.

At 3:34 P.M., Chair DeLong reconvened the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers DeLong and S. Lowenthal
Present:

Councilmembers O'Donnell
Excused:

1. 08-0774 Recommendation to approve the Budget Oversight Committee minutes for the meeting of July 22, 2008.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, to receive and file the Budget Oversight Committee minutes for the meeting of July 22, 2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and S. Lowenthal

Excused: 1 - O'Donnell

2. 08-0775 Recommendation to review and discuss the City Manager's Proposed 2009 Budget.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director, Financial Management/Chief Financial Officer, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

A motion was made by Member S. Lowenthal, seconded by Chair DeLong, to receive and file the City Manager's Proposed 2009 Budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and S. Lowenthal

Excused: 1 - O'Donnell

3. 08-0776 Recommendation to review and discuss the Mayor's 2009 Budget recommendations.

Lori Ann Farrell, Director, Financial Management/Chief Financial Officer, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, to receive and file the Mayor's 2009 Budget recommendations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and S. Lowenthal

Excused: 1 - O'Donnell

4. 08-0777 Recommendation to discuss elected official budget reductions of 10% for Fiscal Year 2009.

Chair DeLong requested that this item be handled as two separate items: 1) Council Offices, Mayor and Legislative Administration; and 2) Citywide Elected Officials.

David Wodynski, Budget & Performance Management Bureau Manager, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Laura Doud, City Auditor, gave a brief report regarding the City Auditor's Department budget reductions.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, to approve recommendation that the elected officials (Council Offices, Mayor and Legislative Administration) budget reductions of 10% for Fiscal Year 2009. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and S. Lowenthal

Excused: 1 - O'Donnell

A motion was made by Chair DeLong, seconded by Member S. Lowenthal, to recommend that the City Council concur in the recommendation of the the Budget Oversight Committee to reduce the City Prosecutor's budget by 10% for Fiscal Year 2009 to achieve parity with other citywide elected officials, due back on 8/19/2008. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - DeLong and S. Lowenthal

Excused: 1 - O'Donnell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Committee.

Councilmember Gabelich spoke.

Chair DeLong spoke.

Dave Wodynski, Budget & Performance Management Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair DeLong asked for an explanation of what is included in the non-discretionary budget and why the amount varies from one Council district to the other.

A dialogue ensued.

In the absence of Councilmember O'Donnell, Chair DeLong read into the record a statement on his behalf regarding the 10% budget reduction for all departments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:53 P.M., there being no objection, Chair DeLong declared the meeting adjourned.