

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FONTANA
ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 15, 2015**

CLOSED SESSION:

A. 5:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

A Closed Session of the City of Fontana City Council was held at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Executive Conference Room at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California, with Mayor Warren, Mayor Pro Tem Tahan and Council Members Roberts, Salazar-Wibert and Sandoval present.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

There were no public communications received on the following Closed Session Item:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957

Title of Position: City Manager

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A. 6:00 P.M. Call the Meeting to Order

The Adjourned Meeting of the City of Fontana City Council was held on Monday, June 15, 2015, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. Mayor Warren called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Warren, Mayor Pro Tem Tahan and Council Members Roberts, Salazar-Wibert and Sandoval.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Following the Invocation by Mayor Warren, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Sandoval.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

City Attorney Steve Dietsch announced that there was no reportable action on

the Closed Session item.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Public Communications

There were no Public Communications received.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Capital Improvement Program Budget for Fiscal Years 2015/16-2021/22

Mayor Warren opened Public Hearing Item PH-A.

Management Services Director and Deputy City Treasurer Lisa Strong, Budget and Payroll Manager Fabiola Barrita and Resource Budget Officer Lynn Rogers provided the staff report.

Council Member Sandoval asked whether the positions in the Police Department were new or was the City absorbing the positions through the General Fund.

Management Services Director Strong stated that five new positions were being absorbed by the General Fund, which had been previously covered with grant funding.

Council Member Sandoval asked whether the position to be eliminated in Development Services was a critical position.

City Manager Ken Hunt stated that the duties and responsibilities of Ms. Delia Mejia, a recent retiree, had been transferred to Ms. Grace Martinez.

Council Member Sandoval inquired about the minimum wage and whether it would increase to \$10.00 per hour.

Management Services Director Strong stated that the minimum wage would increase by \$1.00 an hour effective January 1, 2016.

City Manager Hunt stated that the issue may be related to compaction because there would be a \$1.00 an hour increase now and then \$.25 more, so staff was looking at the assessments.

Council Member Sandoval inquired about the leadership program.

Human Resources Director Annette Henckel stated that the leadership program had been established and staff had been working on the program for the last two years. Ms. Henckel stated that the program was geared toward

leadership course work and skills, so that employees could advance when employees began to retire. Ms. Henckel stated employees could be nominated by a supervisor or an employee could submit their name to participate in the program.

Council Member Sandoval inquired about the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) improvements on Sierra Avenue, between Orange Street and Ceres Avenue at the railroad tracks, and when the improvements were scheduled to be completed.

City Engineer Ricardo Sandoval stated that the City had entered into a cooperative agreement with SANBAG, and SANBAG would start the project in January 2016, with an estimated completion date in June 2016.

Council Member Salazar-Wibert thanked the staff for meeting with her on the budget and thanked Management Services Director Strong for an excellent budget presentation.

Council Member Salazar-Wibert asked whether the budget covered police chaplains.

Police Chief Jones stated that training funds had been budgeted for police chaplains.

Council Member Salazar-Wibert stated that she would like to have a take home vehicle assigned for police chaplains and a budget, because the chaplains were sometimes on call.

Chief Jones stated that the item could be brought back to City Council for discussion.

Discussion ensued regarding limiting the availability of a vehicle.

City Manager Ken Hunt asked whether the City Council's direction was to have the item brought back for discussion.

Council Member Salazar-Wibert stated that she would like to have the item brought back for discussion along with a budget.

Council Member Salazar-Wibert inquired about the Southridge Community Facilities District (CFD) and whether fire and police were included and if so how were the fees applied.

Management Services Director Strong stated that for police service, the fee went into the General Fund, which was for the police department.

Council Member Salazar-Wibert stated that she would like to have a

presentation concerning the CFD at the next community meeting scheduled for Southridge.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan inquired about future grade separations on Sierra Avenue at Juniper Avenue and Citrus Avenue and working with SANBAG.

City Manager Hunt stated that SANBAG was using up their money that had been earmarked for grade separations and SANBAG was looking at federal grants.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan stated that the budget presentation and budget books were great.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan stated that there was \$2.0 million in reserves for CalPERS.

Management Services Director Strong stated that \$2.0 million was in reserves for CalPERS but the amount would gradually increase each year.

Discussion ensued regarding the budget reserve for CalPERS.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan inquired about funding for the police helicopter.

Police Chief Jones stated that the helicopter was \$2.3 million and \$150,000.00 was still owed.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan inquired about storing the helicopter.

Chief Jones stated that the City was in a two-year lease with Ontario Airport, and was also working with property owners and the City of Rialto for other options.

Discussion ensued regarding costing the program and charging the agencies that used the helicopter.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan inquired whether the option of going to the Speedway was being considered.

Chief Jones stated that the Speedway would not consider giving up the parking lot to bring in the utilities for the helipad.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan inquired about the use of asset forfeiture seizure funds.

Chief Jones stated that funds were used from the General Fund and the asset forfeiture seizure fund.

Discussion ensued regarding federal rules that had changed for the use of asset forfeiture seizure funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan asked how much was being spent on police officers.

Chief Jones stated that asset forfeiture seizure funds could not be used on salaries for police officers.

Discussion continued regarding the use of asset forfeiture seizure funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan inquired about the F.R.S.T. (Fontana Re-Entry Support Team) program.

Chief Jones stated that the F.R.S.T. program was doing very well and was innovative in providing resources to participants so that they did not return to jail.

Discussion ensued regarding the F.R.S.T. program and the Rapid Response Team.

Mayor Warren stated that the F.R.S.T. program was an award winning program and assisted "people of color" and the program really helped them turn their lives around.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan inquired about how many people in Fontana benefitted from the F.R.S.T. program, and stated that other public agencies provided similar services and felt that the City's money was not being spent wisely.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan stated that collectively the police department was bringing the crime rate down, but was concerned that some of the programs were provided by other public agencies, and asked how long had the program been in existence.

Chief Jones stated that the program was started in 2012 and the Police Department had been asked to talk about the program throughout the state.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan asked how many Fontana residents have benefitted from the program and was there a tracking system for the program.

Discussion ensued regarding recidivism and how the definition was being changed at the state level.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan stated that data was not available for the F.R.S.T. program and there was no accountability. Mayor Pro Tem Tahan stated that the City was spending \$450,000 on a program that data was unavailable concerning the number of program clients.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan asked about the increase of revenues over the last five years.

Chief Jones stated that on disclaimed funds there was a six to nine month period for a determination on the funds and on contested funds, the waiting time could be two to four years for a decision.

Discussion ensued regarding disclaimed and contested funds.

Discussion ensued regarding funding for the four new police officer positions and one code compliance inspector, and that half the funding was from the General Fund and half was from Proposition 30.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan inquired about the seven-day-a-week helicopter program.

City Manager Hunt stated that he was not ready to make a recommendation on a seven-day-a-week helicopter program until the helicopter numbers were reviewed. Mr. Hunt stated that his intention was to discuss the item with the Police Department and Management Services staff and bring it back to City Council for discussion.

Mayor Warren stated that the budget was balanced and the City Council was a policy maker and staff was hired to take care of issues and implement the City Council's direction. Mayor Warren stated that all the cities worked together because crime had no borders, and that the F.R.S.T. program provided options to "people of color" who had issues with crime. Mayor Warren stated that due to the size of Fontana's population, the City needed to participate.

Councilmember Salazar-Wibert asked about the increase and decrease in fees and when the item would be coming back to the City Council.

City Manager Hunt stated that discussion concerning development fees would be brought forward to the City Council in August or September 2015.

Councilmember Salazar-Wibert inquired about the number of police officers.

Chief Jones stated that presently there were 190 police officers and there would be 194 with the adoption of the new budget.

Mayor Warren asked whether mileage reimbursement was provided to police chaplains.

Chief Jones stated that mileage reimbursement was not provided.

No one else spoke in favor or opposition.

The Public Hearing was closed.

ACTION: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tahan, seconded by Council Member Roberts, and passed unanimously by a vote of 5-0 to approve Public Hearing Item PH-A (AYES: Warren, Tahan, Roberts, Salazar-Wibert and Sandoval; NOES: None) as follows:

1. Adopt a Negative Declaration and direct staff to file a Notice of Determination.
2. Adopt **Resolution No. 2015-034** of the City Council of the City of Fontana, California, adopting the Fiscal Years 2015/2016 through 2021/2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016

Management Services Director and Deputy City Treasurer Lisa Strong, Budget and Payroll Manager Fabiola Barrita and Resource Budget Officer Lynn Rogers provided the staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed budget and the elimination of the F.R.S.T. program and the proposed five new positions in the Police Department.

ACTION: Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tahan, seconded by Council Member Salazar-Wibert, and failed by a vote of 2-3 to approve the operating budget with proposed changes (AYES: Tahan and Salazar-Wibert; NOES: Warren, Roberts and Sandoval) as follows:

- To eliminate the Fontana Re-Entry Support Team (F.R.S.T.) program; and
- To eliminate the proposed five new positions in the Police Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan asked which version of the budget was to be adopted.

City Attorney Steve Dietsch stated that the proposed budget to be voted on was the budget that had been presented by staff.

ACTION: Motion was made by Council Member Sandoval, seconded by Council Member Roberts, and passed by a vote of 4-1 to approve New Business Item NB-A (AYES: Warren, Roberts, Salazar-Wibert and Sandoval; NOES: Tahan) as follows:

1. Adopt **Resolution No. 2015-035** of the City Council of the City of Fontana adopting the City's Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

2. Adopt **Resolution No. 2015-036** of the City Council of the City of Fontana establishing a General Fund Appropriations limit of \$224,497,757 pursuant to Article XIII (B) of the California Constitution for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Council Member Sandoval requested that quarterly reports of the F.R.S.T. program and the helicopter program be provided to the City Council and presented at a City Council meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

A. Elected Officials Communications/Reports

City Treasurer Janet Koehler-Brooks thanked Management Services Director Lisa Strong, Budget and Payroll Manager Fabiola Barrita and Resource Budget Officer Lynn Rogers for all their hard work on the budget and for an excellent presentation.

City Clerk Tonia Lewis thanked Management Services Director Strong and her department for doing an amazing job on the budget.

City Clerk Lewis announced that she had been a Fontana resident all her life and supported the Fontana Police Department 100 percent.

Council Member Sandoval thanked Management Services Director Strong for the information and answering his questions concerning the budget. Mr. Sandoval stated that it was great that there was a dialogue at the dais.

Council Member Sandoval stated that this was a good time to look into a challenge field.

Council Member Roberts thanked Management Services Director Strong for an outstanding budget, and that the budget was extremely readable and easy to understand. Mr. Roberts thanked Ms. Strong and her staff for doing an outstanding job.

Council Member Roberts thanked Police Chief Rod Jones for illustrating what the police department does and to continue to do what was required to keep Fontana safe.

Council Member Salazar-Wibert thanked the Management Services Department for an excellent presentation.

Council Member Salazar-Wibert stated that she was confused about the F.R.S.T. program and asked if crime was going up whether the police officers should be placed back on patrol.

Council Member Salazar-Wibert thanked Sergeant Heaviside for his

assistance.

Council Member Salazar-Wibert said hello to Mrs. Regina Hostetler who was 99 years old.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan stated that his "no" vote on the budget did not mean that he did not support the Police Department but felt that the funds were not well spent.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan thanked Management Services Director Strong and her staff for their hard work on the budget.

Mayor Warren announced that the City was close to getting the Vehicle License Fees (VLF) back from the state. Mayor Warren stated that Senator Connie Leyva and Assemblymember Cheryl Brown boldly sponsored legislation to have the VLF returned to Fontana and that this was the third attempt.

Mayor Warren announced that the City Council was the policy maker, that it was staff's role to do their job and the staff needed to be supported to do their jobs. Mayor Warren stated that she trusted staff's judgment and trusted the City Manager.

Mayor Warren announced that a good discussion was held on the budget and was proud of the City Council and felt that the citizens felt the same way.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

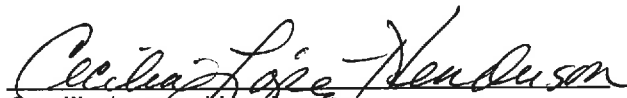
A. City Manager Communications

City Manager Ken Hunt thanked the staff for their hard work that was done every day. Mr. Hunt personally thanked Management Services Director Strong, Budget and Payroll Manager Barrita, and Budget Resource Officer Rogers for their work on the budget and for a job well done.

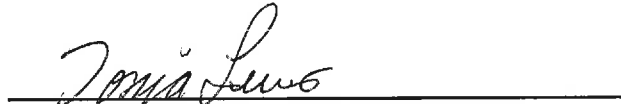
City Manager Hunt thanked the Mayor and the City Council for their leadership and would continue to strive to do the work that was required. Mr. Hunt thanked the Mayor and the City Council for providing the opportunity to participate.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Adjourned City Council meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. to the next Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, with a workshop at 5:30 p.m. and closed session at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Executive Conference Room and the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California.


Cecilia Lopez Henderson
Deputy City Clerk

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
ON THE 14TH DAY OF JULY 2015.**


Tonia Lewis
City Clerk