

ANTIOCH CITY COUNCIL

**Study Session
4:00 P.M.**

**May 18, 2004
Third Floor Conference Room**

Mayor Freitas called the meeting to order at 4:00 **P.M.**, and City Clerk Martin called the roll.

Present: Council Members Davis, Conley, Simonsen, and Mayor Freitas

Absent: Councilmember Kalinowski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Davis led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET STUDY SESSION

1. REVIEW OF GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, ANTIOCH DEVELOPMENT FUND AND OVERVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WITHIN THE CITY FOR BUDGET YEAR 2004/05#410-02

Finance Director Tasker gave an overhead presentation of the 2004-2005 Proposed Budget.

Mayor Freitas expressed concern regarding the potential financial impact to the City caused by the possibility of the State not returning the \$1.7M VLF loan in fiscal year 2006-07. He suggested the City be proactive and consider all budgeting options in the event the State does not return those funds.

Finance Director Tasker stated they could consider programs targeting service reductions, consider employee vacancies and no salary increases options.

City Manager Jakel stated he would work with staff to develop a golden handshake program and talk with those employees eligible for retirement, whose positions are absolutely necessary, and whose retirement would require the position to be refilled and retrained.

Councilmember Conley voiced his support of the development of alternative programs to address the potential budget shortfall. He suggested employee replacement be based on revenue generation wherever feasible.

Mayor Freitas stated a \$2M minimum reserve was based on a lower budget and typically the reserve was 5-10% of the total budget. He suggested as a part of the community enhancement program, the City consider the creation of a legacy fund.

Councilmember Simonsen stated he supported the budget reserve as a percentage of the General Fund and noted he felt the proposed budget was conservative. He further noted he felt staffing considerations were the responsibility of the City Manager and stated he was uncomfortable giving direction regarding cuts to staff positions.

The City Council reviewed the City of Antioch 2004-2005 Proposed Budget and provided the following comments.

B-4 and B-5 - Include fund balance.

C-4 - Correct the spelling of Pittsburg/Mazzei

C-8 - Correct Increase (Decrease) for Economic Development, Non-Departmental, Transfer Out and Capital Outlay

C-9 - Include a footnote detailing transfers data

D-4 - 2004-05 Objectives strike "Support" and replace it with "Assist". Include FUA#1 - CEQA and Waterfront Plan.

D-10 - Provide a list of activities and programs.

Mayor Freitas declared a recess at 5:35 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 5:55 P.M. with all Councilmembers present with the exception of Councilmember Kalinowski.

Public Works Director Harrington presented the Pavement Management Program Executive Summary.

E-4 - 2004-05 Objectives #5 - Bring back in the July/August time frame to discuss alternatives for providing additional funding.

In response to Mayor Freitas, City Engineer/Community Development Director Brandt stated it was the landowners responsibility to landscape and provide irrigation for landscape strips between the curbs and sidewalks. Public Works Director Harrington stated they would inform residents through a water bill insert of that requirement.

Chief Moczulski gave a brief update on the IS System and Dispatch.

Mayor Freitas requested the June 1, 2004 Budget Study Session be held at the Police Department Community Room and a walk through of the facility be held at the beginning of the meeting.

F-13 - Councilmember Simonsen expressed concern that the School District was no longer participating in funding for the Police Officers on school campuses. City Attorney Galstan clarified although the School District and Police Department have the authority to patrol campuses neither were required to do so and the School District had terminated the contract. Mayor Freitas discussed the importance of the Police Officer's presence on campus and voiced his support of a proactive approach as a deterrent to illegal activity. Chief Moczulski discussed the importance of keeping the two officers in the high schools who specialized in dealing with the codes, laws and the school staff. He noted those two officers would also split the responsibility of answering calls at the middle schools.

- G - Mayor Freitas expressed concern the Williamson Ranch programs had not come to fruition and requested a history of the agreement and the requirements for legal action.
- I-8 - In response to Councilmember Simonsen, Chief Moczulski stated he would provide a report on the savings for excluding the states unfunded mandates. Councilmember Conley requested the report include the consequences of excluding those mandates.
- I-9 - #2 increased micro-chipping by 25%.
- I-11 - Include annual audited report and objective #3 include Holiday De-lights and Jamboree.

Following discussion the City Council directed staff to meet with 1-2 City Councilmembers and the individuals organizing the Holiday De-lights and Jamboree within the next 60 days to discuss the potential for improving the quality of the events.

- I-16 - Attempt to generate additional revenues with alternative programs to cover utilities, repairs and replacement.
- I-17 - Include total and breakdown of participants in programs for the past 2 years including types, revenue experienced and outreach.
- I-21 - Objective #4 and Program Measurements #4 - amend to read (108 weekend dates)
- I-22 - Change narrative to indicate that programs are not self-supporting.

Mayor Freitas requested a report within the next 60 days with a timeline for completion of the soccer field at City Park.

- I-34 - Objective #2 approach with outreach
- I-35 - Mayor Freitas expressed concern he was continuing to receive an excessive number of phone calls regarding abandoned vehicles.
- I-41 - Correct 10th & "D" Streets - Rivertown Resource Center

Mayor Freitas stated the condition of the AMTRAK Train Depot was in need of extensive repairs and cleaning. He further requested staff contact Smokey Jones and other volunteers who have expressed interest in operating the facility. He also expressed concern regarding the spiders at the Post Office downtown and the weeds in the parking lot at the East Tregalles Post Office site.

- I-53 - List in kind service, costs and benefits for events.

Councilmember Conley offered to meet with the event coordinators to discuss the possibility of expanding the community events, noting if there were not perceivable improvements he would urge the City to withhold financial support.

- I-56 - Change Zone #4 to Zone #3
- I-62 - List by zone ending balance.

Mayor Freitas announced the next budget study session would be held on June 1, 2004 at the Antioch Police Department Community room.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

With no further business, Mayor Freitas adjourned the meeting at 7:48 **P.M.** to the next regular Council meeting on May 25, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted

L. JOLENE MARTIN, CMC