

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP
CITY COUNCIL & REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY OF YUBA CITY
APRIL 22, 2008 – 2:00 P.M.**

Call To Order

The City Council of the City of Yuba City was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem McBride at 2:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Fire Chief Marc Boomgaarden led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Gill, Maan, McBride, and Miller

Absent: Mayor Ramirez

Presentations

City Manager Steve Jepsen said this workshop is a follow up to the previous workshop on public safety. It comes at a time with many economic challenges. After Fire and Police give their presentations, Finance will give available options. Levees are a priority in the City, and we are probably 1-3 years away from their repair/rehabilitation.

1. Public Safety

• **Fire Department**

Fire Chief Marc Boomgaarden presented assumptions utilizing an estimated population of 80,000 residents in the next 3 to 5 years with the same level of service as today. He reviewed immediate and future staffing and facility needs. Revenue could be generated with a dedicated training officer who would also be utilized by Yuba College and other agencies. Other revenue generation includes fees and reimbursements; inspections, fines and cost recovery; and possible EMS response fees. Chief Boomgaarden responded to questions from Council.

• **Police Department**

Police Chief Richard Doscher said the Police Department has maintained a consistent 35% usage of the General Fund since 2000. Field operations are the major portion of their budget. The cost of Police operations is \$12.7 million annually or \$231 per capita; as compared to the California average of \$14.8 million annually, or \$269 per capita. If we assume the Walton area at some point, we would need 18 months to hire and train the necessary staff with an increased budget to \$14.6 million. He discussed present and future staffing and facilities needs. Chief Doscher responded to questions from Council.

• **Finance**

Finance Director Robin Bertagna reviewed the top ten general fund revenues for 2007/2008 and 2008/2009. She also reviewed operating expenses, expenditure trends, revenue enhancement options, and general reserves. Revenue options included a utility user's tax, parcel tax, sales tax increase and community facilities district. Ms. Bertagna presented the voter approval requirements for passage of these options. Ms. Bertagna responded to Council's questions.

Public Communication on Items on the Agenda

2. Appearance of Interested Citizens

The following citizens spoke:

Ray Janssen, 1721 Mich Sq., Yuba City
Dulia Aguilar, 1831 Genoa Ct., Yuba City
Marie Salada, 1895 Lassen, Yuba City
Lara Plaia, 1876 Turin Dr., Yuba City
Tony Blackwell
Elta Barber, 1620 Hazel Ave., Yuba City

Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem McBride adjourned the special meeting of the City Council at 4:05 p.m.

Rory Ramirez
Mayor

ATTEST:

Terrel Locke
City Clerk