

MINUTES OF THE WILLOWS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
HELD June 7, 2010

The City Council of the City Of Willows met in Special Budget Session on Monday, June 7, 2010, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Heather Baker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council Member Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of the session.

PRESENT: Baker, Yoder, Holvik, Hansen, and Towne

ABSENT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to California Government Code § 54950 et seq., the City Council went into Closed Session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss the item(s) indicated below:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6

Agency Negotiators(s): City Manager Steve Holsinger
 Finance Director Tim Sailsbery

Employee Organization(s): Willows Employees Association
 Willows Public Safety Association
 Department Heads & Confidential Employees
 City Manager

The Council reconvened to open session at 6:42 p.m. with no reportable action taken. Mayor Baker, on behalf of the entire Council, thanked the Employees Association, Public Safety Association, Department Heads, Confidential Employees and the City Manager for agreeing to carry over into Fiscal Year 2010/11 their agreed-upon wage concessions and deferrals that they made during the 2009/10 Fiscal year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FY 2010/2011 BUDGET UPDATE:

Finance Director Tim Sailsbery presented the Council with a revised copy of the targeted budget levels for the FY 2010/11 General Fund Budget. He gave the Council an update on some items that were discussed at their May 3 Budget Meeting along with some new items that have come to light since that time. Two items of note are that of the recently vacated position of the Police Department's CSO and the recent announcement of the resignation of the Administrative Analyst. The Finance Director is seeking Council

direction whether the Council desires to re-fill these two full-time positions, re-classify the positions to part-time, non-benefited positions or to freeze the positions altogether.

Discussion ensued among the Council and Staff. Mayor Baker expressed her desire to freeze the two positions. Council Members Holvik, Towne, Yoder and Hansen expressed that they would like to see the positions remain in place, but as part-time, non-benefited positions, which according to the Finance Director would bring the projected deficit for 2010/11 to approximately \$250,000. The Council, by a majority, directed staff to re-fill the positions as part-time, non-benefited and after six months they want to have a meeting to review the actual numbers. If, at that time, it appears that the City will have a deficit of greater than \$250,000 at the end of the fiscal year, the Council will conduct further reviews of budgetary items and consider further actions.

It was noted to the Council by the Finance Director that the 2010/11 Budget as presented, assumes that outside funding sources for operations (County of Glenn for Library activity and the State of California for law enforcement and public works activity) will remain in tact. Such an assumption may prove to be incorrect as the budget activity of the other entities unfolds.

One additional item of note was that the City Manager informed the Council that recently the Board of Supervisors agreed to keep the 2010/11 fee for Animal Control services at \$52,000, as opposed to the \$30,000 increase that they were originally proposing. This will give Council and Staff the time and the opportunity to evaluate the possibility of providing our own Animal Control services beginning in FY 2011/12.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED BY CITY COUNCIL OR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Dated: June 7, 2010

NATALIE BUTLER

City Clerk

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