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CITY OF EMERYVILLE

ACTION MINUTES

City Council

Members:

Scott Donahue	Mayor
John J. Bauters	Vice Mayor
Dianne Martinez	Council Member
Ally Medina	Council Member
Christian R. Patz	Council Member

Special Meeting

Tuesday, September 5, 2017

5:15 PM

Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Mayor Scott Donahue
Vice Mayor John J. Bauters
Council Member Dianne Martinez
Council Member Ally Medina
Council Member Christian R. Patz

3. APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Medina, seconded by Vice Mayor Bauters, to approve the Final Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Donahue, Vice Mayor Bauters, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Medina, and Council Member Patz

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR STUDY SESSION ITEM / ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments made.

5. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

No ex parte communications were reported.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1. [ID-2017-550](#) Presentation and Review of the City of Emeryville Proposed Budget for Fiscal Years 2017-2018 and 2018-19 (Susan Hsieh)

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Draft Proposed Budget - Fiscal Years 2017-19](#)

City Manager Carolyn Lehr introduced the item before turning it over to Finance Manager Susan Hsieh, who gave the staff presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Brad Helfenberger spoke on behalf of CAMP, in opposition to the proposed staffing cuts.
2. Joyce Jacobson spoke in favor of the budget but opposed fair workweek expenditures.
3. Jean Goldman, member of Public Art Committee, requested that ED and H position not be cut.
4. Keely Nelson, City employee, spoke in opposition to staff cuts.
5. Diana Keena, City Planner, spoke in opposition to staffing cuts.
6. Amber Evans spoke regarding alternatives to the proposed staffing cuts.
7. Miroo Desai, SEIU Chapter President, spoke in opposition to the proposed staffing cuts.
8. Betsy Cooley spoke in support of Ms. Jacobson and Ms. Goldman, and opposed the staffing cuts.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mayor Donahue stated that the Council would never expect workers to work overtime and fill in for anyone that had been laid off.

Vice Mayor Bauters suggested moving \$400,000 from the library services fund to the emergency disaster relief fund; and \$50,000 from the code enforcement fund to the emergency disaster relief fund, and received majority support for both requests.

Vice Mayor Bauters also recommended using the community programs fund #203 for programming. He stated that he was committed to looking at making the programs cost neutral, but proposed not cutting the programs while looking for private donations or other cost neutrality measures, and suggested a \$20,000 maximum funding amount. Council Member Martinez would support that idea as well.

Mayor Donahue discussed the usage of boomerang funds. Vice Mayor Bauters acknowledged the difficulty of the budget process, and showed appreciation for staff during this process.

Council Member Patz expressed the need to look for revenue streams, and disagreed about capital projects, stating that funding should be identified for them, but staff who would do the work should not be laid off.

Council Member Martinez also appreciated staff and the speakers, and supported the amended budget as proposed. She stated that she also wanted to find alternative revenue solutions to try and keep staff.

Council Member Medina said it was crucial to keep working to find alternative revenue solutions and also stated her commitment to trying to keep staff.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bauters, seconded by Council Member Martinez, to amend this item to increase funding for Emergency Disaster Relief Fund, as discussed above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Mayor Donahue, Vice Mayor Bauters, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Medina, and Council Member Patz

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Emeryville City Council

/Sheri Hartz/

Sheri Hartz, City Clerk