

CITY OF COLTON
CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
FOR THE CITY OF COLTON/COLTON UTILITY AUTHORITY/
COLTON PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND
COLTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING/CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

October 13, 2015

Closed Session Meeting was held on the above given date at 5:03 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Pro Tem Navarro presiding.

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present were, Toro, Jorin, González, Bennett, Suchil (*arrived at 5:05 p.m.*), MPT Navarro and Mayor DeLaRosa (*arrived at 5:04 p.m.*).

STAFF PRESENT

City Manager Smith, City Attorney Campos, and City Clerk Padilla.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

City Attorney Campos announced that the City Council would meet in Closed Session to Discuss Items A.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant Exposure to Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
One (1) Potential Case

Mayor Pro Tem Navarro adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 5:04 p.m. and at 5:20 p.m., with all members present as heretofore. (*Meeting reconvened with Mayor DeLaRosa presiding.*)

City Attorney Campos announced that the City Council did meet in Closed Session and discussed Item A with direction to staff and no reportable action.

WORKSHOP / BUSINESS ITEMS

Public Comment

The following community members addressed the Council: George Aguilar, and Bridgette Washington.

- (1) Budget Update Workshop

Mayor DeLaRosa opened the workshop and introduced City Manager Smith and Finance Director Agramonte to present information for discussion and consensus by City Council.

Anita Agramonte, Finance Director began the workshop session with the assistance of a PowerPoint slide presentation (*full presentation available on City of Colton Website/Agenda and Minutes*) which included the following:

- ◇ Historic Recap – Contributing Factors
- ◇ Historic Recap – City’s Response to Declining Revenues
- ◇ Historic Staffing Levels
- ◇ Historic Revenues and Expenditures
- ◇ One Time Revenues
- ◇ Fiscal Year 2014-15 Update (Preliminary/Un-Audited)
- ◇ FY 2015-16 Budget and FY 2016-17
- ◇ General Fund Reserves
- ◇ Measures Taken to Date
- ◇ Current Departmental Reductions in Services
- ◇ Measures in Progress
- ◇ Where does this leave us!
- ◇ Where do we go from here!
- ◇ Ballot Measure Options – Advantages - Disadvantages
 - Utility Users Tax (UUT)
 - Parcel Tax Transactions & Use Tax/Sales Tax
 - Increase General Fund transfer (GFT from Electric
- ◇ Alternative Measures – Reduction in Staff

- ❖ Finance Committee Recommendations
 - Call a Special Election
 - Authorize a ballot measure for April 2016 election
 - Utility Rate & City Services Stabilization Measure (GFT)
- ◇ Why GFT?
- ◇ Impact on Electric Department
- ◇ How does Colton’s GFT compare to Other Cities?

Public Comment

The following community members addressed the Council: George Aguilar, and Gary Grossich.

Council Discussion

Discussion and dialogue with Councilmembers present and clarification provided by City Treasurer De La Torre and Staff: City Manager Smith, Finance Director Agramonte, Fire Chief McHargue, Electric Director Kolk and City Attorney Campos; with input by Michael Williams, Managing Director, for a firm that works with Municipal Finance.

Council discussion centered on going forward using a Ballot Measure: Increase General Fund Transfer (GFT) from Electric Utility Department. In addition, Mayor DeLaRosa referred to a Community Advisory Committee; an informal committee he would oversee in order to receive input from the residents; with a response to Council in December.

Consensus from Council: Direction to City Manager Smith to bring forward resolutions to the November 17, 2015 City Council meeting; Call a special election – declaring a ‘fiscal

emergency' allowing staff to bring forward options for Corrective action to close the current budget gap; Authorize a ballot measure for April 2016 – Utility Rate & City Service Stabilization Measure (a) Electric rate 'freeze' for 5 years, and (b) Authorization of General Fund Transfer (GFT) from the Electric Utility of up to 20% annually based on City Council approval during the yearly budget process to provide City services to rate payers.

Adjournment

At 7:45 p.m. Mayor DeLaRosa adjourned the Special Meeting.



Carolina R. Padilla
City Clerk