

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 MINUTES

March 19, 2014

The Special Meeting of the Colton City Council was held on the above-given date and was called to order at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Sarah S. Zamora presiding. Roll Call was announced by City Clerk Eileen C. Gomez as follows:

CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Sarah S. Zamora, Mayor
David J. Toro
Frank A. Gonzales (arrived at 5:18 p.m.)
Frank J. Navarro
Susan M. Oliva
Isaac T. Suchil, Mayor Pro Tem (arrived at 5:32 pm)

Staff Present

Stephen P. Compton, City Manager
Eileen C. Gomez, City Clerk
Aurelio De La Torre, City Treasurer
Lt. Joe Gutierrez, Police Department
Tim McHargue, Fire Chief
Dr. David Kolk, Electric Utility Director
Amer Jakher, Public Works Director
Bill Smith, Community Services Director
Mark Tomich, Development Services Director
Art Morgan, Economic Development Manager
Jessica Hurst, Finance Manager
Ted Cooper, Human Resources Manager
Rebecca Gallegos, Utilities Financial Analyst
Eva Elias, Public Works Admin. Manager

Commissioners Present

Thomas Archuleta, Planning Commissioner
Kirk Larson, Code Compliance Commissioner

Council Members/Staff Absent

Deirdre H. Bennett

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1) Receive and File the Mid-Year Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget Review Report and Approve Proposed Budget Amendments, by Minute Order.

City Manager Stephen Compton presented the Mid-Year Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget to the Council as receive and file. Mr. Compton went through a PowerPoint presentation and is summarized as follows:

- The budget adds a net of 25 new positions in certain key areas throughout the City that not only target maintenance of infrastructure, but also seek to improve and restore service levels in crucial areas such as public safety.
- For the first time since a reserve policy of 10% was adopted by Council for the General Fund in 2010-11, the General Fund is projected to end fiscal year 2013-14 in compliance with the policy reflecting an estimated reserve of 17.0%.
- There are positive economic signs in the Inland Empire, as well as in Colton specifically, such as an increase in investor interest and real estate activity, in addition to modest population growth.
- The budget includes funding for the completion of the West Valley Specific Plan and Habitat Conservation Plan, as well as the General Plan Update and Housing Element Update, which are all key to the City's ability to move development forward.
- The budget also includes maintenance items related to the City's recreational facilities such as roof repair at the main library and Gonzales Center's racquetball courts, as well as playground equipment repair in various City parks.
- The budget continues to include various types of funding that enable the City to fund infrastructure improvements throughout the City. This funding includes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, gas tax monies, park and traffic impact fees, as well as various other grants.
- With respect to Water Utility infrastructure, the budget continues to fund year two of a three-year plan to convert to automated meters, as well as CIP related to new wells and main line replacement.
- The Wastewater Utility will fund upgrades at the sewer treatment plant and RIX facility.
- The Electric Utility implemented a 5% rate reduction on July 1, 2013. The Department is studying new rate structures for possible future implementation.

General Fund Review: *(Fund Balance Projected EOY = 17% (Policy 10%)*

- Personnel
- Services and Supplies
- Capital Outlay
- Special Revenue Fund Review:
- Pension Obligation, Gas Tax, State Traffic Relief, Community Development, CDBG Programs, Measure I, Misc. Grants, Host City Fees, Development Impact Fees
- Enterprise Fund Review:
- Electric, Water, Waste Water
- Internal Service Fund Review:
- Information/GIS Funds, Self-Insurance Fund, Automotive Shops, Facilities and Equipment Maintenance

Other Fund Review:

- Capital Projects, Storm Water, Debt Service, Fiduciary Funds (Assessment Dist., LLMDs), Cemetery Funds, Successor Agency and Colton Housing Authority

The remaining portion of the Mid-Year Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget Review presentation was provided by City Manager Compton and is made part of these minutes to include the staff report and PowerPoint, both of which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk and are considered part of the official minutes.

City Manager Compton continued to explain the information in the staff report and PowerPoint and answered questions from the Council. Mr. Compton informed the Council that the Mid-Year Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget will be placed on the April 1, 2014 Council agenda for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion and second by Council Member Navarro/Oliva, to adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried with Council Member Bennett being absent.


Eileen C. Gomez, CMC
City Clerk