



**SANTA MONICA BUDGET TASK FORCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020
6:00PM**

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- I. Call to Order at 6:05pm
- II. Roll Call

The Chair conducted Roll Call.

Present

Judy Abdo, Chair
Dominic Gomez, Vice Chair
Dominick Bei
George Brown
Janine Bush
Laurence Eubank
Ina Godoy
K. John Lee
Brandi Lockhart
David Nanjo
Kimberly Ong
Jeremy Peterson
Concepcion Rechtszajd
Matt Rice
Phillip Ticun

In addition, the following City staff were also in attendance:

Rick Cole, City Manager

Katie Lichtig, Assistant City Manager
Brandon Ward, Deputy City Attorney
Gigi Decavalles-Hughes, Director of Finance
Susan Lai, Budget Manager, Finance
Stephanie Lazicki-Meyer, Principal Administrative Analyst, Finance
Jennifer Young, Senior Budget Analyst, Finance
Jonathan Tang, Senior Budget Analyst, Finance
Saira Malik, Senior Budget Analyst, Finance
Lori Koh, Senior Budget Analyst, Finance
Landry Doyle Wiese, Management Fellow

III. Approval of Minutes

Chair Judy Abdo proposed two corrections to the draft meeting minutes. Janine Bush moved to adopt the meeting minutes with Chair Abdo's suggested corrections. Dominic Bei seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion

Overview of Proposals and Previous Motions

Finance Director Gigi Decavalles-Hughes presented a summary of the Task Force's motions in previous meetings. Under the previously adopted motions, the Task Force reached an estimate total of \$1.59 million in combined expenditure cuts and revenue increases. Decavalles-Hughes also reviewed higher dollar value options the Task Force did not choose to adopt.

The Budget Task Force discussed items including but not limited to: whether or not to reduce the parking grace period to thirty minutes in year one; whether or not to eliminate City Wi-Fi entirely and whether or not the service is useful; the seven-year plan to replace the City Wi-Fi infrastructure; whether or not there was need for further cost-cutting in the short-term; whether a marketing consultant would evaluate revenue opportunities for only the General Fund or for all City funds; how to implement a municipal marketing program with parameters that align with the community's values, and the future possibility of reducing personnel.

Public Comment

Jim Williams presented on behalf of the North of Montana Association. Williams described the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) which could require the City to increase its housing supply. Williams encouraged the City to consider larger changes in order to prepare for future budget obligations related to the RHNA requirements.

Revision to Previous Motions

Motion

Laurence Eubank moved to amend the motion for the parking grace period proposal by reducing the parking grace period to 30 minutes in year one. Ina Godoy seconded the amendment.

The Task Force held a roll call vote on the amendment.

Judy Abdo	N
Dominic Gomez	Y
Dominick Bei	N
George Brown	N
Janine Bush	Y
Laurence Eubank	Y
Ina Godoy	Y
K. John Lee	N
Brandi Lockhart	N
David Nanjo	Y
Kimberly Ong	N
Jeremy Peterson	N
Concepcion Rechtszajd	N
Matt Rice	N
Phillip Ticun	Y

The amendment did not pass by a vote of 6 to 9.

Transmittal of Motions to the City Manager

Motion

George Brown moved to accept the package of motions previously adopted by the Task force and to submit the package to the City Manager. Jeremy Peterson seconded the motion.

The Task Force held a roll call vote on the motion.

Judy Abdo	Y
Dominic Gomez	Y
Dominick Bei	Y
George Brown	Y
Janine Bush	Y
Laurence Eubank	Y
Ina Godoy	Y
K. John Lee	Y
Brandi Lockhart	Y
David Nanjo	Y
Kimberly Ong	Y
Jeremy Peterson	Y
Concepcion Rechtszajd	Y
Matt Rice	Y
Phillip Ticun	Y

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Closing

City Manager Rick Cole thanked the Task Force for their participation and discussed the continued need to consider long-term proposals to address future biennial budgets.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

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