

**CITY OF MORGAN HILL
JOINT SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL AND
SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES – JUNE 5, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Tate called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Council/Agency Members: Carr, Lee, Librers, Sellers, and Mayor/Chairman Tate

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

City Manager/Agency Executive Director Tewes certified that the meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code 54954.2.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor/Chairman Tate opened the floor to public comment for items not appearing on this morning's agenda. Tim Hendrick of the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce offered remarks about the Chamber's relationship with the City.

City Council and Redevelopment Agency Action

WORKSHOP:

1. CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED FISCAL YEAR 2009-10 BUDGET

City Manager/Executive Director Tewes presented the Council/Agency Members with a budget overview. Interim Finance Director Riper listed the risks to the budget. Budget Manager Forbis addressed the general fund revenue forecast.

Mayor/Chairman Tate invited individual departments to make presentations regarding the financial and service-level implications of the Recommended Budget for their operations. Most of the workshop was devoted to these presentations, including questions from, and discussion by, Council/Agency Members. Topics discussed extensively included Police Officer staffing levels, and how to pay for an increase therein; perhaps a change in the hours of operation at City Hall and the Development Services Center to optimize the times available to the public while saving dollars simultaneously; and the capital improvement program.

Following the departmental presentations and discussion, Mayor/Chairman Tate opened the floor to public comment. Sherry Purser commented on the usefulness of the workshop and the desirability of broadcasting it on television. She asked several questions about the budget proposal to hire a new Deputy City Attorney in order to save money.

Jorge Briones spoke on behalf of the Morgan Hill Downtown Association, and the importance of the City continuing to invest in downtown.

The workshop concluded with a general discussion among Council/Agency Members of overall budget priorities, ways to add more Police Officers to the current staffing level, on top of the additional Police Officer proposed in the Recommended Budget; and the trade-off in doing so.

City Manager/Executive Director Tewes mentioned the Fiscal Policies adopted by Council five years ago, which guided his development of this budget. He reminded Council/Agency Members that their consideration of the budget at next week's meeting will include a reaffirmation of those sustainable budget principles.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor/Chairman Tate adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED AND PREPARED BY:

KEVIN RIPER, INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED BY:

IRMA TORREZ, CITY CLERK