

BUDGET, INVESTMENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020 – 4:00 PM
ANAHEIM CITY HALL
SIXTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rajesh Arora, Jaqueline Godinez, Leonard Lahtinen, Christopher Nguyen, John Noteboom, John Showalter, Avelino Valencia III

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Debbie Moreno, Jean Ibalio, D'Anne Lee, Tania White, Charlene Unzueta, Marnie Hunter

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Valencia III called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Commissioner Noteboom made a motion to approve the November 20, 2019 minutes with a noted modification from Commissioner Lahtinen. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godinez. 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstentions.

IT UPDATE

Deputy Finance Director Jean Ibalio provided an IT update. She talked about the successful cutover for SAIC (the City's new IT Services provider.) SAIC went live at midnight of December 30, 2019. Part of this transition included new tools to assist in monitoring service and tracking tickets. This process has revealed opportunities to fine tune the manner in which tickets are submitted. The IT Services Division regularly solicits and receives feedback from City departments to maintain an environment of improved services. Such communications have led to future goals such as: improvement of the ticketing system's configuration, developing a comprehensive asset inventory listing, current disaster recovery trends, and building process improvement around project requests. Commissioner Arora suggested the IT team educate itself on artificial intelligence and how other cities are utilizing this type of technology to help with process improvement. Chair Valencia III asked if: there is data that tracks how frequently the network goes down, whether costs associated with down time are known, if there is Wi-Fi in all the City's public buildings, and if there is a list available of which buildings are Wi-Fi enabled. Commissioner Noteboom asked if our current contractor for disaster recovery provides cloud-based storage and how SAIC's services are billed. Commissioner Godinez asked if SAIC tests for cyber security.

MID-YEAR BUDGET UPDATE

Finance Director Debbie Moreno gave a recap of the Mid-year Budget Workshop from the January 28, 2020 Anaheim City Council meeting. This included an overview of: the FY 2019/20 Adopted Budget, General Fund update, and current year accomplishments. Debbie discussed Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) which makes up the largest portion of the City's General Fund (the bulk of the City's discretionary spending.) Debbie talked about the Anaheim Resort District including: the new hotels expected to come on line this year, hotel occupancy rates, and hotel average daily rates. The City has experienced some good growth in sales tax. Some of the categories which have been solid contributors include: general retail, restaurants, and online sales. Property tax is predicted to be steady. Debbie reviewed the City's adopted General Fund Five-Year Plan, the preliminary FY 2020/21 Five-Year forecast, and the Budget Calendar for the remainder of the year. Commissioner Noteboom asked for the definition of a Tier 1 hotel. He also asked about any future plans to allow the operation of cannabis dispensaries in Anaheim, and if there were any plans to develop shopping centers to complement hotel construction. Commissioner Lahtinen asked if the City has speculated on how the Corona virus could affect TOT for the remainder of the year. Commissioner Arora asked about how the Budget team makes projections.

COMMISSION GOAL-SETTING/AREAS OF INTEREST

Commissioner Godinez asked how much the City pays out in liability claims. Chair Valencia III asked about Public Utilities services, fees, and income. He also asked about bonds and debt service. Commissioner Lahtinen inquired about Anaheim Stadium negotiations. Commissioner Arora asked where monies received from the Anaheim Stadium sale would be spent.

ITEMS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioners asked for department presentations from Public Utilities and Community Services.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Valencia III adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marnie Hunter, Secretary