

BUDGET, INVESTMENT & TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 – 4:00 PM
ANAHEIM CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rajesh Arora, Paul Dallura, DR Heywood, Leonard Lahtinen, Christopher Nguyen, John Noteboom

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jaqueline Godinez

STAFF PRESENT: Debbie Moreno, Jean Ibalio, Tania White, Charlene Unzueta, Marnie Hunter

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

APPOINT CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Commissioner Lahtinen made a motion to nominate John Noteboom for Chair with a second from DR Heywood. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abstention

Commissioner Lahtinen made a motion to nominate Commissioner Nguyen for Vice-Chair with a second from DR Heywood. 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abstention

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

Chair Noteboom made a motion to approve the September 23, 2020 minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Nguyen. 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstentions.

IT INTRODUCTION/UPDATE

Deputy Finance Director Jean Ibalio gave an introduction and update around the City's Information Technology services. Ms. Ibalio reported on: Infrastructure, Applications, Workplace Services, Geographical Information Systems (GIS), and the IT Project Management Office. Jean also went over both monthly and semi-annual survey results. Commissioners asked about: cyber security, measures being tracked, clarification on definitions, threat reporting, and the number of January 2021 incidents.

INVESTMENT INTRODUCTION/UPDATE

Finance Director/City Treasurer Debbie Moreno talked briefly about the City's more recent treasury history and how it came to be incorporated within the Finance Department. She included information about the City's use of FHN Financial Main Street Advisors as the City's investment advisor and the focus to maintain safety, liquidity, and yield within the City's investment portfolio. Debbie gave some information on rates of return, maturities, re-investment opportunities, and where investment portfolio reports and information can be found online.

BUDGET UPDATE

Debbie Moreno gave an abbreviated version of the larger budget update presented to City Council in December 2020. Ms. Moreno talked about how the lingering Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the budget and budget assumptions. The types of funds which contribute to the budget were outlined. Debbie talked about different scenarios under consideration in an attempt to balance the City's budget deficit. Of the City's three largest revenue sources, Transient-Occupancy Tax (TOT) has historically been the City's largest, followed by sales tax, and then property tax. Postponement of the Resort area's re-opening is reflected in a shift to that ranking- with the order now being property tax as the largest revenue source, sales tax remaining in the number two spot and TOT coming in third. Debbie explained how sales tax is collected and distributed. She also went over historical sales tax numbers and scenarios for recovery. A similar breakdown was described for property tax (noting that there is still demand in the area of real estate development.) A comparison of General Fund operating uses by category versus by functional group was made. With minimal impact to the community in mind, some cost-saving measures have been implemented including: non-essential spending, a hiring freeze, instituting an accelerated separation program, deferred General Fund fleet purchases, and deferred tree-trimming. Ms. Moreno shared a revised FY 2020/21 General Fund forecast and a General Fund five-year operating deficit comparison. She also touched on further budget balancing considerations including both in the short and long-term. Borrowing scenarios are being contemplated amidst the hope of receiving stimulus funds. Commissioners asked about: comparison of fiscal impacts to the City during the Great Recession versus today's fiscal challenges stemming from the pandemic.

COMMISSION GOAL-SETTING/AREAS OF INTEREST

Commissioners asked for presentations from Police and Fire.

ITEMS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Lahtinen asked to have the Anaheim Stadium Sale, Anaheim Chamber of Commerce contract, and Anaheim First funding agenda'd for the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Subsequent meeting dates were considered with the Commission determining March 24, 2021 as the next meeting date. Some Commissioners expressed an interest in resuming in-person meetings or having video conference meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Noteboom adjourned the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marnie Hunter, Secretary