

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
AGOURA HILLS CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
FY 2006-07 BUDGET WORKSHOP
Civic Center – Council Chambers
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301
May 24, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.**

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

The flag salute was led by Councilmember/Agency Vice Chair Edelston.

Present were: Mayor/Agency Member Denis Weber, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Chair Dan Kuperberg, Councilmember/Agency Vice Chair John Edelston, Councilmember/Agency Member William Koehler, and Councilmember/Agency Member Harry Schwarz

Also Present were: City Manager/Executive Director Greg Ramirez, Assistant to the City Manager Nathan Hamburger, City Engineer Ken Berkman, Director of Finance Georgette Holt, Director of Community Services Amy Brink, Recreation Manager Dale Summersille, Recreation Manager Donna Conlin, Community Services Coordinator Meredith Petit, Director of Planning and Community Development Mike Kamino, Operations and Media Coordinator Carol Tubelis, and City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kimberly Rodrigues.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Councilmember/Agency Member Schwarz, second by Councilmember/Agency Member Koehler, the Agenda was approved without objection.

DISCUSSION

1. Discussion of Proposed FY 2006-2007 City and Redevelopment Agency Budget

Assistant to the City Manager Nathan Hamburger provided an overview of the budget, including the proposed changes, noting that the Volunteers on Patrol Program in the Sheriff's Department would be brought back for Council consideration on June 28, 2006.

Councilmember/Agency Vice Chair Edelston suggested that it would be helpful in the budget process to incorporate the consideration of the proposed projects in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan prior to review and approval of the annual budget.

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency concurred with the Finance Committee's recommendation to set aside funding from the General Fund reserve balance toward the Reyes Adobe Road Bridge Widening Project.

Mayor/Agency Member Weber requested staff formalize a policy on newsracks throughout the City.

The following person(s) spoke regarding the Community Outreach Grant Program:

- Tom Szwak, 29264 Deep Shadow Drive, Agoura Hills, representing Indian Hills High School Parent Advisory, on behalf of Indian Hills High School
- Diana Dunbar, 21000 Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Suite D, Thousand Oaks, on behalf of the New West Symphony on behalf of New West Symphony

Following discussion and a question and answer period, the Community Outreach Grant Program Requests for FY 2006-07 were unanimously approved by the City Council, in the amount of \$20,500, as follows:

Agoura High School Music Boosters	\$ 2,000
Agoura High School Parent Faculty Club (Cookbook)	\$ 500
Agoura High School Parent Faculty Club (Every 15 Minutes)	\$ 6,500
California Wildlife Center	\$ 1,000
Conejo/Las Virgenes Future Foundation	\$ 2,500
Conejo Valley Art Museum (Art Walk)	\$ 0
Conejo Youth Employment Service	\$ 1,000
Friendship Circle (Sports League)	\$ 2,500
Indian Hills High School	\$ 0
Many Mansions	\$ 1,000
New West Symphony	\$ 1,000
Triunfo YMCA	\$ 2,500
Wellness Community	\$ 0
TOTAL:	\$20,500

After further discussion, the City Council, by consensus, directed staff to bring back, before the next Community Outreach Grant process, recommendations on suggested parameters for the program including: whether or not to form a community-based committee to review the grant applications; create a budget for the grant program; establish criteria on how the various groups would be funded; whether or not to place a limitation on the amount of times an organization can annually be funded; and whether or not there should be an annual cap, plus a percentage (i.e.; 10% of the budget), on the total amount of funds available for the annual grant distribution.

ACTION: Following presentation of the staff report and a question and answer period, the motion by Councilmember/Agency Vice Chair Edelston to approve the draft budget, as presented and recommended by the Finance Committee and to bring back the final budget for a public hearing and adoption on June 28, 2006, was seconded by Councilmember/Agency Member Schwarz and approved 5-0.

COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, STAFF COMMENTS

There were no Council/Redevelopment Agency or staff comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:01 p.m., on a motion by Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Chair Kuperberg, second by Councilmember/Agency Member Schwarz, the Council/Redevelopment Agency unanimously consented to adjourn the meeting to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 24, 2006 for a regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chambers of the Civic located at 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, CMC
City Clerk/Agency Secretary