

ANTIOCH CITY COUNCIL

**Study Session
6:00 P.M.**

**May 17, 2005
Council Chambers**

5:30 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION

- 1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Title: City Manager. This closed session is authorized by Government Code §54957.

Mayor Freitas called the meeting to order at 6:21 P.M., and City Clerk Martin called the roll.

Present: Council Members Kalinowski, Conley, Simonsen, and Mayor Freitas
Absent: Council Member Davis

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Kalinowski led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Freitas reported the City Council had been in closed session, there was no reportable action taken.

STUDY SESSION

1. BUDGET DEVELOPMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005-06.....#410-02

Arlene Hildebrand, Financial Consultant, presented the staff report dated May 13, 2005 recommending the City Council review budget data as presented and provide direction to staff regarding the budget balancing measures suggested in the report.

Mayor Freitas suggested should the City receive VLF funds from the state, they not be spent this year, but held so they could be used to handle a portion of the budget deficit. He cautioned the \$4B from the State Legislature could be dramatically reduced as a result of a court decision.

In response to Mayor Freitas, City Engineer/Community Development Director Brandt stated a report regarding the RDA fees would be coming to the Council at the May 31, 2005 Study Session.

Mayor Freitas discussed the importance of Economic Development within the City and the need for a Director. To that end, he suggested consideration of filling the Economic Development Director position with funds from RDA, Redevelopment, and/or CDBG with little or no impact on the General Fund.

Councilmember Kalinowski requested staff provide a report on how the Economic Development Director could be paid for on a 3-year track.

In response to Councilmember Kalinowski, City Engineer/Community Development Director

Brandt stated staff would be providing the City Council with an engineer's report for landscape maintenance on May 24, 2005.

Mayor Freitas suggested in subsequent years the City Council revisit the Leisure Services program and reconsider the cost of the fees, providing services that are not totally fee generated and development of a community facility. He stated he felt more dollars spent in Leisure Services could possibly address some of the problems with Police Services and youth activities.

Councilmember Simonsen stated he had aggressively encouraged the City to apply for more CDBG funding for the expansion of the Leisure Services programs.

Following discussion the City Council provided the following direction and requested the following information for budgetary consideration:

1. Report on the Transient Lodging Tax
2. Report on grant funding expenditures (311 fund)
3. Report on net core revenue projections and what could be determined as one-time dollars
4. Report on the Master Plan for the Sierra Crete road repairs.
5. Review of the equipment replacement fund
6. Crossing Guard program - shift to the responsibility of the Antioch Unified School District
7. Use of the \$80,000 from the crossing guard program as a placeholder for Leisure Services with a report from staff on how those funds could be used for youth related activities
8. Postpone final hiring of 3 new police officers until January 2006
9. Tentatively agree to concentrate city staff on Sierra paving projects pending review of the Master Plan
10. Change Liability Insurance to \$50,000 deductible
11. Freeze one Associate Civil Engineer Position with a report on the return in fees for the position and how the position could be used in another division
12. Revisit VLF program
13. Report from City Manager on funding the Economic Developer position
14. Extensive update on RDA
15. Financial Impact of a 2005 special election
16. Review of funding the County's Library program
17. Update on restaurant incentive program
18. Report on replacement strategy plan for the Information Systems Fund including new communication regulations
19. Report on transitional issues for Civic Arts Commission
20. Direction to staff and representatives of Tri-Delta Transit to focus on replacement of senior bus
21. Update on AB9-39 mandates
22. Report regarding adding the rental tax to 2005 election

Mayor Freitas requested the Legislation and Advocacy for May 26, 2005 include a letter

requesting state reimbursement should there be a special election in November 2005.

Councilmember Kalinowski stated the proposed revenues should equal the expenditures and if possible the fund balance should not be lowered.

Councilmember Conley stated that if it is not feasible to put the rental tax on the 2005 ballot, he suggested it be prioritized for the 2006 ballot.

The City Council members present agreed to the following budget meeting schedule:

- < May 31, 2005 at 6:00 for discussion of the CIP and RDA
- < June 7, 2005 at 6:00 for discussion on the ADA, Public Financing Authority, response to comments this evening and employee suggestions
- < June 21, 2005 - if needed
- < June 28, 2005 - for approval

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

With no further business, Mayor Freitas adjourned the meeting at 9:02 P.M. to the next regular Council meeting on May 24, 2005

Respectfully Submitted:

L. JOLENE MARTIN, City Clerk