

BURBANK HOUSING AUTHORITY
JUNE 8, 2004

A regular meeting of the Burbank Housing Authority was held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, 275 East Olive Avenue, on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m., by Mrs. Ramos, Chairperson.

The invocation was given by Mr. Bob Kramer, Community Assistance Coordinator.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Mr. Sam Engel, Sr.

ROLL CALL

Present- - - - - Commissioners Campbell, Golonski, Murphy, Vander Borght and Ramos.

Absent - - - - - Commissioners None.

Also Present - - Ms. Alvord, Executive Director; Mr. Flad, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Barlow, City Attorney; Ms. Georgino, Assistant Executive Director; and Mrs. Campos, Clerk.

8:23 P.M. Meeting Continued Following a public hearing, the Council, Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, Parking Authority and the Youth Endowment Services Fund Board held a joint public hearing.

8:23 P.M. Jt. Public Hrg. w/Council, Redev. Agency, Parking Auth. & YES Fund Board HA 2 Proposed FY 2004-05 Annual Budget, Citywide Fee Schedule, Increase in TPT & Appro. Limit Chairperson Ramos stated that "this is the time and place for the joint hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2004-05 for the City, Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, Parking Authority, and Youth Endowment Services Fund budgets and the proposed increase of the Transient Parking Tax."

Notice Given The Clerk was asked if notices had been given as required by law. She replied in the affirmative and advised that two pieces of correspondence had been received from Carters Inc. and the Burbank Chamber of Commerce in opposition to increasing the Transient Parking Tax.

Staff Report Mr. Hanway, Financial Services Director, acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Burbank Hilton Hotel in opposition to the Transient Parking Tax (TPT) increase. He then presented the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2004-05 Annual Budget, Citywide Fee Schedule including an increase in the TPT, and Appropriations Limit to the Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, Housing Authority, Parking Authority and Youth Endowment Services Fund Board for a public hearing.

He stated that all resources for FY 2004-05 totaled \$474,636,370 of which the General Fund is \$117,015,848. He also reported that all appropriations total \$466,101,030 of which \$115,006,841 is General Fund. He then discussed the appropriations by fund type and entity and noted that the main components of the proposed growth or changes in the FY 2004-05 budget include: additional Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) costs in the amount of \$2.8 million; a net increase of \$1.8 million for Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) costs; \$1,069,058 increase in Internal Service Funds; \$2 million in savings realized from frozen positions; an increase in the amount of \$416,918 in Material Supplies and Services; and, new capital outlay items.

With regard to revenue adjustments, Mr. Hanway stated that the City lost additional revenue in the amount of \$730,461 related to the Governor's May Revision to the State Budget; staff proposed an increase in the TPT from 10 to 12 percent for an additional \$330,000 in revenue; \$1,104,000 related to recognizing recurring revenues from the Burbank Water and Power (BWP) Utility Users Tax (UUT) In-Lieu Set-Aside Account; and, \$22,252 in other net changes for a total increase in revenue in the amount of \$725,791. On the appropriations side, Mr. Hanway stated that the net appropriations decrease in the General Fund was \$88,703 and that staff proposed using \$274,457 from the BWP UUT In-Lieu Set-Aside Account to balance the FY 2004-05 recurring deficit.

Mr. Hanway stated that the Redevelopment Agency would fund the \$50,000 for Burbank Boulevard enhancements and that the Governor's May Revision required an additional \$1,134,010 to be shifted to the Educational Reimbursement Augmentation Fund for a total shift of \$2,477,103 for FY 2004-05.

Mr. Hanway then discussed the main components of the Fee Schedule, including: an increase in the TPT from 10 to 12 percent; a 4.8 percent water rate increase; a seven percent sewer rate increase; safety personnel rate increase based on MOUs; Emergency Medical Services membership fee increases; traffic plan check and study fees; planning and building permit fees; License and Code Services fees; and, a \$4 increase in the monthly parking permit fee.

Mr. Hanway informed the Council that for FY 2004-05, the City has a significant gap between its legal limit and the actual appropriations subject to the limit. He noted that the appropriations limit is estimated to be \$121,877,315, the actual amount of the appropriations subject to the limit is

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\$89,250,018 with a \$32,627,297 difference between the City's appropriations limit and the amount subject to it.

Mr. Hanway stated that staff required further direction with regard to the TPT small lot exemption; reinstating the Police Department Kennel Attendant position; broadcasting Council meetings on the internet; and, maintenance costs of the Chandler bikeway which will be discussed at mid-year.

Citizen
Comment

Appearing to comment were Mike Nolan, in opposition to the Transient Parking Tax (TPT) hearing being held jointly with the budget hearing, raising the TPT, transferring costs between departments, combining the Burbank Water and Power Utility Users Tax In-Lieu Set-Aside Account with the Budget Stabilization Fund and commenting on the National Day of Mourning; Scott Haberman, contract Probation Officer at the Burbank Outreach Center, urging the Council to continue funding the City's contract with Los Angeles County; Christine Krohn, Director of the Community Day School, in support of maintaining the Probation Officer contract; Don Elsmore, requesting that Burbank Water and Power revenues be used to defer rate increases, commending the employees of the Burbank Transportation Service and commenting on resurfacing Olive Avenue and Buena Vista Streets; Scott Wilson, commending the services provided by the Burbank Outreach Center and stating that eliminating funding for the Center will affect the quality of life for Burbank residents and urging the Council to fund the Probation Officer position; Eden Rosen, requesting that water rates be lowered, in opposition to increased fees for the Emergency Medical Services program and in support of funding the Probation Officer position; Howard Rothenbach, commenting on safety personnel benefits and City employee salary increases and requesting that utility rates be lowered; and, David Piroli, in opposition to the proposed utility rate increases as they affect senior citizens and in opposition to the TPT increase.

Hearing
Closed

There being no further response to the Chairperson's invitation for oral comment, the hearing was declared closed.

Deliberations

Mr. Golonski responded to public comment with regard to: the proposed Fee Schedule increases for Police and Fire services; usage of the Burbank Water and Power (BWP) Utility Users Tax (UUT) In-Lieu Set-Aside Account; and, utility rate increases.

Ms. Murphy expressed support for the proposed fee increases and funding the Probation Officer position at the Burbank Outreach Center.

