

July 30, 2008 - P.M. Session

The City Council reconvened in special session at the hour of 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall. Present were Councilmember Perea, Acting President Sterling, President Xiong, Mayor Autry, City Manager Souza, City Attorney Sanchez, City Clerk Klisch, Assistant City Clerk Salazar, and necessary staff. Councilmembers Calhoun, Caprioglio, Dages and Duncan were absent.

#1. RESOLUTION - SUBMITTING A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO CITY ELECTORS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT POLICE AUDITOR

#2. RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF \$100,000 IN GRANT FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2008-09 GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (GAP), AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT AND REQUIRED PROGRAM DOCUMENTS

a. RESOLUTION - 1ST AMENDMENT TO THE AAR APPROPRIATING THE \$100,000 IN GRANT FUNDING FOR THE GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

#3. CONSIDER PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE AND PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS

a. BILL FOR INTRODUCTION ADDING A POLICY TO ALLOW DEFERRAL FOR PAYMENT OF IMPACT FEES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS

b. APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROGRAM PLAN FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

#4. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF A TEFRA CERTIFICATION FOLLOWING REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE RECORD OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF FRESNO TEFRA HEARING DULY NOTICED AND TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2008, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS, 2008 SERIES A, TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION/CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT THE SOUTH EDGE OF CALIFORNIA AVENUE FROM W. ATCHISON TO S. DELNO AVENUES, NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT - "YOSEMITE VILLAGE"

President Xiong noted the lack of a quorum and upon his question City Attorney Sanchez advised the scheduled items could be continued to the next Council meeting or to another date, and Council as a committee could take public comment only but no action.

Mayor Autry stated this was a sad day in the history of the city, advised he was told there would be a quorum which was why this meeting was scheduled, commended those Council members present, spoke to his continued support for an Independent Police Auditor (IPA) and to how the people were ready to speak to that issue but that right was taken away from them, and questioned what some members were fearful of, stated the lack of a quorum was unconscionable, and elaborated further.

Speaking in support of an IPA were: Gloria Hernandez, 3232 E. Hedges; Juan Avitia, Fifth Street; and Mai Summer Vue, 4016 E. Holland Avenue.

Brief discussion ensued with Acting President Sterling stating her continued support for an IPA and thanking everyone for their presence and input; Councilmember Perea thanking those present and stating a quorum had been expected and the issue should have been vetted in public; and President Xiong stating his support for an IPA and thanking those present. Upon question City Manager Souza advised under the law the IPA resolution needed to be at the County Clerk's Office by August 8th and that deadline would not be met as the next meeting was August 19th, and added the other items would be laid over to August 19th.

President Xiong adjourned the Council committee meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Approved on the ____ 19th ____ day of ____ August ____, 2008.

Blong Xiong, Council President

ATTEST

Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk