



Tuesday, June 23, 2020

A Budget Study Session of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, Pico Rivera City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California.

Mayor Camacho called the study session to order at 3:00 p.m. on behalf of the City Council.

**PRESENT:** Elias, Salcido, Sanchez, Tercero, Camacho

**ABSENT:** None

Councilmember Salcido arrived at 3:30 p.m.

**PRESENTATION:**

- Budget Study Session FY 2020-21 Preliminary Budget Review

Finance Director Carrazco provided a PowerPoint presentation listing a summary of objectives, the preliminary general fund proposed budget, department modifications, preliminary surplus/deficit, meet and confer items, revenue enhancements, post COVID five-year forecast, preliminary estimate, unfunded needs both short and long term, and enterprise funds.

Council Members discussed a variety of concerns and suggestions including their opposition to decrease graffiti and street sweeping services, the decrease in utility tax received by the City due to a decrease in the use of cable services, partnering with the El Rancho Unified School District for broadband, decreasing contracted services, adding a service fee on tickets and parking for Sports Arena events, and eliminating \$40,000 contribution to the Chamber of Commerce. Also discussed were regulation changes associated with a deficit for PRIME, meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding a road closure, recommended cutting losses of Golf Course to reduce maintenance, allow banquet services to continue and to look at revenues from green fees.

Mayor Pro Tem Elias asked for a list of essential and non-essential employees and stated that he would like to see a hiring freeze with Councilmember Tercero concurring on the hiring freeze and stopping all expenditures. Mayor Pro Tem Elias stated for the record that he would not be supporting efforts for retail or production of cannabis in the City.

Councilmember Tercero asked if the Office 365 which incorporates telephone services would be included in the 2020-21 budget. Finance Director Carrazco stated that if it could be placed in this year's budget, it would be removed from the 2020-21 budget and would reduce the line item for telephone upgrade. Councilmember Tercero suggested that City Council and Executive Staff forego stipends for auto and technology and

recommended providing graffiti removal services in-house with weekend services remaining under contract.

Councilmember Dr. Sanchez requested a list of City assets, leases, etc. for review.

City Manager Carmona stated that he plans to bring the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget to City Council for approval on July 14, 2020. He further stated that he would like to have one more budget study session prior to the final approval of the budget.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Camacho adjourned the City Council meeting at 4:49 p.m. There being no objection it was so ordered.

**AYES:** Elias, Salcido, Sanchez, Tercero, Camacho

**NOES:** None

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Gustavo V. Camacho, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the proceedings of the City Council study session meeting dated June 23, 2020 and approved by the City Council on July 14, 2020.

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Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk