

City of Pacifica
Financing City Services Taskforce
Minutes – December 3, 2009

1. Call to Order: 7:05 by Vice Chair Mary Ellen Carroll
Bill Bent, Susan Getchell-Wallace, Bruce Banco, Sue Vaterlaus, Mary Ellen Carroll, Karen Ervin, Omar Saleh, Mary Ann Nihart, Julie Lancelle and Greg Cochran
Staff: Steve Rhodes, Ann Ritzma
Excused: Omar Saleh, Pete Shoemaker

Audience: None.

2. Approval of Minutes of 11-12-09 – Moved and approved.
3. Questions from Last Meeting – Handout from City Attorney presentation, handout regarding shift in property taxes over the past 10 years and handouts from Steve regarding General Fund and Total Budget Expenditures.
4. Discussion regarding how to approach expenditures and move towards making recommendations. Thoughts:
 - Look at both what is long-term and short-term solutions.
 - 5-year document will allow taskforce to look at impacts over five years (incrementally) and look towards a healthy reserve in 2014/15.
 - Group wanted to hear from each person what their thoughts were today – after all the department presentations. There was interest in discussing labor related costs, prioritizing programs, looking at efficiencies and effectiveness of programs and taking another week to look back over handouts and presentation notes.
 - The group decided for the following week to take a target % or \$ amount and try to work through that \$ amount by identifying possible reductions or savings. Any remaining \$ amount that remained after the reductions would become the new \$ amount for revenue generation discussion.
 - The group decided that working towards a goal would also develop a way to “tell the financial story” when it came time to share with community. The group thought a joint Council/Taskforce meeting would be helpful.

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5. Next Meeting: December 10, 2009 – Police Department – EOC
 January 14, 2010
 January 28, 2010
 February 11, 2010.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm.