

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

JANUARY 28, 2012

Call to Order

Mayor Ronald A. D'Epifanio called the Special Meeting of Fairfield City Council to order at 8:37 a.m. at the Public Works Facility, 8800 N. Gilmore Road.

Roll Call

Law Director Clemmons called the roll of Council. Present members were Councilmember Pennington, Councilmember Senger, Councilmember Holtegel, Councilmember Oler, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Abbott, and Councilmember Meyers.

Staff members present were City Manager Arthur Pizzano, Assistant City Manager Mark Wendling, Law Director John Clemmons, and Finance Director Mary Hopton.

Goals & Objectives for 2012

Councilmember Meyers reviewed with the new members of Council how the goal setting process began four years ago. He stated based on the emails he received from individual members of Council regarding goals and objectives for 2012, the theme this year has been framed around the City's bond rating and economic reserve security, economic development protection and growth, and base operating cost management. He and Councilmember Abbott both noted the importance of the process which has evolved over the last couple of years as a way of funneling ideas to establish the basic foundation of what we need to work with as a City.

City Manager Pizzano read the goal statement established by Council in 2011: *Operate within a fiscally conservative budget, maintaining our current bond rating and necessary reserves to provide service levels that position Fairfield to retain residents and businesses.*

Council and staff discussed the need of maintaining the current economic viability and health of the City of Fairfield. Council also discussed at length the wording of the 2012 goals and objectives statement. In order to accomplish the goals outlined above, Council agreed that the city will need to do the following:

- A. Optimize expenses that will ensure ratings and reserve solvency;
- B. Support efforts for job creation and retention as a priority to grow and maintain financial health for the community;
- C. Increase marketing and communications to promote community vibrancy and highlighting key attributes; and
- D. Use resources efficiently and creatively to meet the needs of city residents and businesses.

Council and staff agreed on the importance of including goals and objectives in the Annual Report which is released to the public in early spring.

Request for Executive Session

Councilmember Oler, seconded by Councilmember Holtegel, moved for an Executive Session to discuss preparation for collective bargaining. Law Director Clemmons called the roll of Council. The executive session was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Executive Session

Council recessed to Executive Session at 9:30 a.m.

Special Meeting Reconvenes

The Special Meeting reconvened at 12:00 Noon. No announcements were made as a result of the Executive Session of Council.

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Adjournment

Councilmember Pennington, seconded by Councilmember Abbott, moved for adjournment. Motion Carried 7-0. The Special Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Mayor's Approval

Clerk of Council

Date Approved _____