

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, January 14, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Standing Committee met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, January 14, 2018, at City Hall, 3191 Katella Avenue, Council Members Chirco and Hasselbrink presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee Members: Council Member Chirco
Council Member Hasselbrink

Absent: Committee Members: None

Present: Staff: Bret Plumlee, City Manager
Maria-Luisa Valdez, CPA, Finance Director
Eric R. Nunez, Chief of Police
Sean Connolly, Police Captain
Chris Karrer, Police Captain

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion/Second: Chirco/Hasselbrink

Unanimously Carried: The Budget Standing Committee approved the Minutes of the Special Meeting on November 13, 2018

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Council Member Hasselbrink opened the item for public comment. There being no one present wishing to speak, Council Member Hasselbrink closed the item for public comment.

A. Fiscal Year 2017-18 Audit Reports (Finance)

Finance Director Valdez provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 audit reports. Director Valdez explained that the audit resulted in an "unmodified", or clean, opinion and that the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is presented fairly. There were no findings reported in the audit reports. The Committee recommended that this item be forwarded to the full City Council for consideration.


B. Financial Solutions (Finance)
Finance Director Valdez discussed several revenue-generating and expenditure-saving options in order to address the long-term structural deficit. The Committee directed staff to form a pros and cons list for each option provided. The Committee would like to review each option and its full effect more thoroughly in the upcoming months.

C. Budget and Fiscal Sustainability Calendar (Finance)
Director Valdez provided the Committee with an outline of Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Calendar. Staff is proposing meetings to discuss the long-term Fiscal Sustainability of the City of Los Alamitos and budget challenges that are anticipated in the budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and following years. Staff would like to have open meetings to discussion options for closing the gap and balancing the budget in the upcoming years.

D. Police Department Sustainability (Police)
Chief of Police Nunez provided the Budget Standing Committee with background on the Police Department's organizational structure and budget. Chief explained that the Police Department's budget is a little less than 50% of the budget. In an effort to close the budget gap, the Police Department presented closure options which include contracting out the department, reducing some Police programs, and reducing the department.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Standing Committee adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.



Shelley Hasselbrink, Council Member

Attest:



Maria-Luisa Valdez, CPA, Finance Director