

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

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, March 11, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Standing Committee met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 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 Nunez, Police Chief
Sean Connolly, Police Captain
Chris Karrer, Police Captain
Les Johnson, Development Services Director
Ron Noda, Recreation Manager
Emeline Noda, Recreation Manager

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 February 11, 2019

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. Preliminary Fiscal Year 2019-20 General Fund Budget Review

(Finance)

Director Valdez provided the Budget Standing Committee with a preliminary budget review for the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2019-20. The Budget Standing Committee discussed several budget gap options to

close the General Fund forecasted budget gap of approximately \$482,000. The Budget Standing Committee provided a lot of feedback for the report and reported strategy for the upcoming gap deficit. Expenditures are expected to rise in the upcoming years, which are primarily due to salaries and benefits. Pension rising costs were also discussed.

B. Fiscal Sustainability Update **(Finance)**

Directors provided a "Pros and Cons" worksheet for the several expenditure saving options for budget gap – cutting programs and services. At the next meeting other savings options, related to investments, will be presented to the Committee for their input.

C. Recreation and Community Services Department Sustainability
(Recreation and Community Services)

Recreation Managers Ron and Emeline Noda provided the Budget Standing Committee with background on the Recreation and Community Service Department's organizational structure and budget. In an effort to close the budget gap, the Recreation Department presented closure options, which include contracting out the department, reducing some services, and reducing the department.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Budget Standing Committee adjourned at approximately 8:50 p.m.



Eric Hendrickson, Finance Director