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City of Orange

City Council

June 11, 2024

The City Council of the City of Orange, California convened on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. for a Special Meeting in the Council Chamber, 300 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, California.

4:30 PM BUDGET STUDY SESSION

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Slater called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

Present: Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gutierrez, Bilodeau, Gyllenhammer, and Slater

Absent: None

2. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

2.1. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Balancing Proposal.

Public Speakers:

Mark Leestma spoke in opposition of eliminating community events.

Katherine Connaghan spoke in opposition of eliminating the funding to the Senior Center.

Linda Jaeckels spoke in opposition of eliminating the funding to the Senior Center.

David Bastin spoke in opposition of eliminating the funding to the Senior Center.

Danilo Farol spoke in opposition of eliminating the funding to the Senior Center.

Reggie Mundekis spoke about the budget crisis and supports reductions across the board.

Mike Short stated the Orange Community Master Chorale would like to help with the Tree Lighting event.

Mat Thomason spoke in support of implementing a Life Safety Fee for universities.

Mikeline Skibsted spoke in opposition of eliminating the funding to the Senior Center.

Amy Parker spoke in opposition of eliminating the funding to the Senior Center.

Linda Hicks spoke in opposition of eliminating the funding to the Senior Center.

Janice Lagrave spoke in opposition of eliminating the funding to the Senior Center.

Carole Walters spoke in opposition of eliminating the funding to the Senior Center.

Doug Redding spoke in support of a payment in lieu of taxes for non profits.

Tim Smith spoke in opposition of reducing public safety budgets.

Doug Vogel spoke in opposition of increasing taxes.

Elisabeth Costello spoke in support of finding other ways to increase revenue.

Grace Hills spoke in opposition of eliminating community events.

Written Public Comments

Steve Tyler submitted an email in support of a sales tax measure if 3rd of July and other special events were eliminated.

John Tomlinson, Apartment Association of Orange County, submitted a letter opposing the proposed \$250 fee for investment properties.

Vickie Talley, MHeT, submitted an email in opposition of a long-term rental fee and annual impact fee for residential investment properties.

Aurora Murphy submitted an email in opposition of eliminating the funding to the Senior Center.

A form letter from 219 Orange Senior Center participants was received in opposition of eliminating the funding to the Senior Center.

City Manager Kisela introduced the item and Finance Director Trang Nguyen presented the staff report. City Manager Kisela reiterated that any reductions would be temporary. Staff will bring back a budget update in December for Council's consideration.

Council discussed funding for Senior Center, Library programs, Our Orange magazine, reducing staff at community events, and employee vacancy rate.

After further discussion, Council voted on each section of the FY 2025 proposed expenditure reductions.

"Eliminate hiring incentive" (\$73,000) was removed from Administrative Support proposed reductions and will be considered under the public safety discussion.

Administrative Support Reductions*

Reduce supplies, training, and office equipment	\$52,136
Consolidate 24/7 app with Mainstar	20,700
Eliminate communication support service contract	75,000
Eliminate City Council meals	1,500
Eliminate CERT program	28,500 (for future consideration)
Eliminate contribution to Miss Orange	5,000
Eliminate Ride Share/Health Fair	5,000
Eliminate membership to League of CA Cities	34,000
Eliminate membership to SCAG and OCCOG	17,500 & 11,200 (for future consideration)

*City Council, City Clerk, City Attorney, City Manager, Human Resources, and Finance

A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Mayor pro tem Barrios, to approve proposed Administrative Support reductions as presented except "Eliminate hiring incentive" line item, which was removed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gutierrez, Bilodeau, Gyllenhammer, and Slater
Noes: None
Absent: None

2.1. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Balancing Proposal.

Library Services Reductions

Reduce PT staff	\$286,299
Resources/subscriptions, programs, supplies, outreach, events, training/development	223,069

A motion was made by Councilmember Bilodeau, seconded by Mayor pro tem Barrios, to approve proposed Library Services reductions as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gutierrez, Bilodeau, Gyllenhammer, and Slater
Noes: None
Absent: None

Community Services Reductions

Landscape services - change to mid-grade fertilizer & disband the use of soil additives	\$66,505
Park custodial - remove seasonal cleaning and reduce cleaning frequency	16,720
Cleaning services - reduce dog park cleaning services	8,970
Landscape services - remove fertilization services	10,000
"Our Orange" design and printing	103,000
Cleaning and day porter at OES	74,700

For future consideration:

Water cost - turn off Veteran's fountain	\$9,024
Cleaning services - eliminate Veteran fountain cleaning contract	11,200
Lyons Security nightly patrols in Parks	154,746
Aquatic Program - summer 2025	226,475

A motion was made by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, seconded by Mayor pro tem Barrios, to approve proposed Community Services reductions with the following line items removed for separate consideration: PT staff for various special events, portable restrooms, holiday decorations, Movies in the Park, Concerts in the Park, Veterans Day, Treats in the Streets, Tree Lighting Ceremony, 3rd of July, Special event supplies, and Orange Elderly Services contribution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gutierrez, Bilodeau, Gyllenhammer, and Slater
Noes: None
Absent: None

Community Services Reductions

PT staff for various special events	\$91,000	\$100,000 for future consideration
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A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Barrios, seconded by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, to reduce PT staff for various special events to \$91,000 this year and move \$100,000 for future consideration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gutierrez, and Gyllenhammer
Noes: Bilodeau, and Slater
Absent: None

Community Services Reductions

Portable restrooms \$17,000 - keep

A motion was made by Councilmember Gutierrez, seconded by Mayor pro tem Barrios, to keep the portable restrooms at Killefer and El Modena basin. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Gutierrez, Bilodeau, and Slater

Noes: Tavoularis, and Gyllenhammer

Absent: None

Community Services Reductions

Holiday Decorations \$63,000 - keep

A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Mayor pro tem Barrios, to keep the Holiday Decorations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gutierrez, Gyllenhammer, and Slater

Noes: Bilodeau

Absent: None

Community Services Reductions

Veterans Day \$2,245 - keep

A motion was made by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to keep the Veterans Day event. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gutierrez, Bilodeau, Gyllenhammer, and Slater

Noes: None

Absent: None

Community Services Reductions

Concerts in the Park \$26,700 - keep

A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Mayor pro tem Barrios, to keep the Concerts in the Park event with the condition that staff contact the Kiwanis Club and other services groups that have expressed interest in assisting by taking over the event for the next two fiscal years. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gutierrez, and Gyllenhammer

Noes: Bilodeau, and Slater

Absent: None

Community Services Reductions

Tree Lighting Ceremony \$55,425 - keep

A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, to keep the Tree Lighting Ceremony with the condition that staff contact the Community Master Chorale and other non-profits that have expressed interest in taking over the event. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gutierrez, Bilodeau, Gyllenhammer, and Slater

Noes: None

Absent: None

Community Services Reductions

Treats in the Streets \$14,141 - keep

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Barrios, seconded by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, to keep the Treats in the Streets event this year with the condition that staff begin the efforts to find a group to take it over. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gutierrez, Bilodeau, and Gyllenhammer

Noes: Slater

Absent: None

Community Services Reductions

Special Event supplies \$23,650 - keep

A motion was made by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to retain Special Event supplies. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gutierrez, Gyllenhammer, and Slater

Noes: Bilodeau

Absent: None

Community Services Reductions

Orange Elderly Services contribution \$224,100 - keep

A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Councilmember Tavoularis, to continue funding the Orange Elderly Services at the same contribution amount and direct staff to work with Santiago Community College for collaboration and savings. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Tavoularis, Gutierrez, Bilodeau, Gyllenhammer, and Slater

Noes: None

Absent: None

Community Services Reductions

Movies in the Park \$9,200 - keep

A motion was made by Councilmember Dumitru, seconded by Mayor pro tem Barrios, to keep the Movies in the Park event. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Gutierrez, Bilodeau, and Gyllenhammer

Noes: Tavoularis, and Slater

Absent: None

Community Services Reductions

3rd of July \$135,582 - keep

A motion was made by Councilmember Gyllenhammer, seconded by Councilmember Dumitru, to keep the 3rd of July event and direct staff to work with the Park Planning and Special Events Commission to increase sponsorships, review fees, and reduce costs where possible. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Barrios, Dumitru, Gutierrez, and Gyllenhammer

Noes: Tavoularis, Bilodeau, and Slater

Absent: None

2.1. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Balancing Proposal.

This item was continued to the 6:00 p.m. Regular Session on June 11, 2024.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m. to the Regular Meeting on June 11, 2024, in the Council Chamber for the purpose of continuing Item 2.1.

PAMELA COLEMAN
CITY CLERK

DANIEL R. SLATER
MAYOR

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