

Inglewood, California

September 14, 2001

The City Council of the City of Inglewood, California held a regular meeting on Friday, September 14, 2001 in the Council Chambers in City Hall of said City.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country and a moment of silent prayer for those that lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and invocation by Mayor Dorn, he called the meeting to order at the hour of 1:47 p.m. The Deputy City Clerk announced the presence of a quorum as follows:

Present: Mayor Dorn, Council Members Price and Kirkley;

Absent: Council Member Dunlap. (Arrived at 1:48 p.m.)

Absent: Council Member Fernandez. (Arrived at 1:54 p.m.)

City officials and personnel present were:

Gloria J. McCoy Deputy City Clerk

Wanda Brown City Treasurer

Joseph T. Rouzan, Jr. City Administrator

Charles E. Dickerson City Attorney

Margaret Baird Secretary

180 PROCLAMATION – PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 14, 2001 AS A DAY OF MOURNING IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS.

Mayor Dorn read a proclamation proclaiming a day of prayer and remembrance for victims of the terrorist attacks.

Council Member Dunlap arrived in the Council Chambers at the hour of 1:48 p.m.

134 PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS. Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any item on the agenda.

Paul Russell, District 1, spoke concerning proclamation proclaiming September 14, 2001 as a day of mourning and item no. 2, approval of minutes held July 17 and 24, 2001.

Frederick Davis spoke concerning item no. 5, approval of master equipment lease agreement with 1st Source Bank for lease/purchase of one trolley-style vehicle.

Diane Sambrano spoke concerning item no. 1, payment of bills.

Council Member Fernandez arrived in the Council Chambers at the hour of 1:54 p.m.

142.9 PAYMENTS OF WARRANTS AND BILLS. It was moved by Council Member Kirkley and seconded by Council Member Fernandez that the demands presented to the City Council dated August 30, 2001 in the amount of \$1,529,162.10 and dated September 6, 2001 in the amount of \$1,362,823.13 are hereby approved and the City Clerk hereby authorized to certify upon said registers that said demands are so approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: Council Member Dunlap.

193 AWARD OF CONTRACT – EDWARD VINCENT JR. PARK CATCH BASIN IMPROVEMENTS. Staff report dated September 14, 2001 was presented recommending award of contract for the improvements to two catch basins at Vincent Park.

It was moved by Council Member Fernandez and seconded by Council Member Price that the City Council does hereby award contract to Pentacorp in the amount of \$29,950. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

171 RESOLUTION NO. 01-83 ADOPTED – BUDGET AMENDMENT. Staff report dated September 14, 2001 was presented recommending adoption of a resolution amending the fiscal year 2000-2001 City Budget to utilize funds in the amount of \$4,000, which have been donated to the Senior Center for supplies, excursions, activities and programs for senior citizens.

It was moved by Council Member Fernandez and seconded by Council Member Price that Resolution No. 01-83, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD
AMENDING THE 2000-2001 ANNUAL BUDGET

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

MINUTES. It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Fernandez that the minutes of the meeting of July 17 and 24, 2001 be approved as recorded. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None;

Not Voting: Council Member Dunlap.

191 AGREEMENT NO. 01-112 APPROVED – FIRST SOURCE BANK. Staff report dated September 14, 2001 was presented recommending approval of master equipment lease agreement with 1st Source Bank for lease/purchase of one trolley-style vehicle in the amount of \$195,271.

It was moved by Mayor Dorn and seconded by Council Member Fernandez that Agreement No. 01-112 with First Source Bank be approved. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members Price, Dunlap, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor Dorn;

Noes: None.

115 2002 BUDGET PRESENTATION. The City Administrator commented that the budget is balanced as mandated by law and it provides for enhanced services to the community with quality projects and services. He also commented that the budget was made available to the public September 7, 2001 and that it was placed on the website, a press release was provided and it was also published in a local newspaper. He further commented that staff had been added to the Police, Recreation Parks & Community Services and Public Works departments. He commented that the Community Development Department was formed to preserve, maintain and enhance the community. He pointed out that highlights of the budget included spending 57% of the general fund toward public safety, \$2M to offset liability issues and workers compensation claims, \$48M in capital improvement projects, \$2.2M for park improvements, \$3.5M for noise mitigation efforts in the Briarwood area, providing funds for professional and management development, employee computer loan program, additional staff and the creation of the Community Beautification Services Department. He noted that the library would also initiate a new processing center for passports and that computers would be increased to better serve the community.

115 PUBLIC COMMENTS – BUDGET ITEMS ONLY. Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on budget items only.

Diane Sambrano spoke concerning item no. CA-2, resolution approving the City budget for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Paul Russell, District 2, spoke concerning item no. CA-2, resolution approving the City budget for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Aldene Sligh spoke concerning item no. CA-2, resolution approving the City budget for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Milton Brown spoke concerning item no. R-2, resolution approving the Redevelopment Agency budget for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Elizabeth Khoury spoke concerning item no. R-2, resolution approving the Redevelopment Agency budget for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Michelle Autry, District 4, spoke concerning item no. CA-2, resolution approving the City budget for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Willie Agee, District 1, spoke concerning item no. CA-2, resolution approving the City budget for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Frederick Davis spoke concerning item no. CA-2, resolution approving the City budget for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Mayor Dorn called the Redevelopment Agency into joint session with the City Council at the hour of 2:30 p.m. with all members present.

115 RESOLUTION NOS. 01-84 & R-01-10 ADOPTED – 2001 –2002 FISCAL BUDGET.

Council Member/Member Price commended staff for putting together a balanced budget. He commented that it was noteworthy there were no new taxes and that was significant. He inquired about the surplus \$11.7M and how it fits into the general fund.

Council Member/Member Fernandez left the Council Chambers at the hour of 2:37 p.m. and returned at the hour of 2:39 p.m.

Mark Weinberg, Deputy City Administrator, commented that Council took a variety of bold and courageous moves and transferred some of its equity into working capital. These were leasing of water rights, sale of parking structures, sale of the fire training and senior centers and refinancing its debts. He further commented that sales tax revenues was up, ITC took in about \$800,000, utility taxes was also up, interest earnings was up about \$300,000 and motor vehicle in-lieu fees was about \$200,000.

Council Member/Member Price commented that one-time revenues are good but one must not rely on them. He further commented that there were discussions about the improved sales taxes and inquired why staff was optimistic.

Mark Weinberg commented that the City is looking better in terms of community beautification and neighborhood efforts. He further commented that developers are coming into the City and there are some proposals for the D-3 site.

Council Member /Member Price inquired whether the \$3.5M allocated was for street repairs or sidewalk repairs.

Mark Weinberg commented that in addition to funds set aside for sidewalk repairs there was \$100,000 of CDBG funds and \$100,000 from gas tax.

Council Member/Member Price inquired what the comparison was from last year.

Mark Weinberg commented that the general fund is up slightly and it was now \$1.3M. and \$250,000 was set aside in CDBG funds.

Council Member/Member Price commented that the City has attempted to respond to the concerns raised by the residents in reference to repairs and that additional staff was added to the Recreation, Parks, & Community Services. He further commented that he was impressed to see that the library would become a passport processing center and expressed concerns that the two branch libraries are closed several days a week. He commented that he was hopeful that funds could be found to expand the hours at the libraries.

Council Member/Member Dunlap commented, for the record, that she was highly offended that only ten minutes was allowed to discuss the budget and she was appalled that her colleagues would allow this to happen. She further commented that in the past there had been budget study sessions and there has been no public input. She inquired what each department wanted that was not granted. She also commented that several months ago she requested information as a preliminary to the budget and had received nothing. She also commented that on August 30 she requested a copy of the eight-month review and had received nothing. Finally, she expressed her concerns about residents being cited on their properties.

Council Member/Member Fernandez commented that this budget, like previous budgets, addressed some of the changes on revenues and that the Redevelopment Agency had to be more aggressive in enticing businesses to come into the City. He expressed his support for the budget and encouraged his colleagues to work with the City Administrator and express their concerns. In reference to noise mitigation, he commented that 1200 homes are to be insulated and that was positive. In reference to infrastructure and beautification, he commented that equipment would be purchased for tree trimming and there is also a position added. He commented that there were savings made by transferring the City's fire services to the County and the sale of the fire training facility. He further commented that the biggest challenge the City faced was the imbalance of \$4M and that there were two options available - Increase in revenues or cut expenses. He inquired how the City was going to increase revenues to ensure that the imbalance was reduced or eliminated.

Joseph Rouzan, City Administrator/Executive Director, commented that there was only one option and that was to increase revenues and not reduce services to the community nor layoffs of employees. He further commented that efforts have been made to beautify the community and bring it up to standards in order to entice businesses to locate here.

Council Member/Member Kirkley commented that three police positions was added and he would like to see whether civilians can better serve some of these positions and have the officers on the streets. In reference to having computers at the libraries, he commented that the branch libraries are opened sixteen hours a week and he would like to see them opened in order that students may have access to the computers. In reference to community beautification, he commented that he would like to see staff assigned to that section in order to make the City beautiful. Finally, he commented that the Council Chambers should be moved to the first floor and hoped this would be done soon.

Mayor/Chairman Dorn commented that he would like to see the library hours extended and also the cadet program be improved and extended. In reference to moving the Council Chambers to the first floor, he commented that he would like to see this as the highest priority. He also commented that the budget was a living document that can be changed as the need arises and that things would improve and hopefully pleased the public.

It was moved by Council Member/Member Price and seconded by Council Member/Member Dunlap that additional time be allowed to speak. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members/Members Price and Dunlap;

Noes: Council Members/Members Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor/Chairman Dorn.

It was moved by Council Member/Member Fernandez and seconded by Mayor/Chairman Dorn that Resolution Nos. 01-84 & R-01-10, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD,
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2001-2002

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Members/Members Price, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor/Chairman Dorn;

Noes: Council Member/Member Dunlap.

Mayor/Chairman Dorn declared the Redevelopment Agency recessed at the hour of 3:25 p.m.

219 VERBAL REPORTS – CITY TREASURER. The City Treasurer commented that the bank conversion is going well and the target date for completion is October 1, 2001.

Council Member Fernandez left the Council Chambers at the hour of 3:25 p.m.

127.2 RESOLUTION BY MAYOR DORN SUPPORTING ANY AND ALL ACTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES – RESOLUTION NO. 01-85

ADOPTED. It was moved by Council Member Kirkley and seconded by Mayor Dorn that Resolution No. 01-85, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD,
CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING ANY AND ALL ACTIONS APPROVED BY THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CONGRESS OF
THE UNITED STATES IN RESPONSE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE
UNITED STATES

be adopted. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Council Member Price, Dunlap, Fernandez, Kirkley and Mayor
Dorn;

Noes: None.

134 PUBLIC REMARKS. Mayor Dorn inquired if there were any persons present who wished to address the City Council on any matter connected with City business not elsewhere considered on the agenda.

Paul Russell, District 2, spoke concerning budget presentation; billboards; trash pick up and moving the Council Chambers.

Aldene Sligh spoke concerning budget presentation; sales receipts; security at City Hall; salary increases; car allowances and types of businesses coming into the City.

Diane Sambrano spoke concerning billboards; Purchasing division; salary increase; security at City Hall and library hours.

Michelle Autry, District 4, spoke concerning types of businesses coming into the City; prostitution establishments; sound insulation and the Lee Sudman Arts Center.

Milton Brown spoke concerning a proposed Lee Sudman Arts Center.

Michael Benbow, District 1, thanked Council for approving the budget and item no. CI-1.

Frederick Davis spoke concerning waste management; trash pick up. He invited everyone to the Blackhawk's game on Saturday, September 15, 2001 at the Carolyn Coleman Stadium. He requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of those that lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and Dr. Andre L. Cobb.

Willie Agee, District 1, inquired how much it costs the City in the lawsuit of Dunlap vs. Inglewood.

Elizabeth Khoury, District 1, spoke concerning Hollywood Park Expansion Proposal; revenues received from the casino; moving the Council Chambers to Community Room A; library hours and property maintenance.

Council Member Dunlap left the Council Chambers at the hour of 4:02 p.m.

There being no further business to be presented, Mayor Dorn declared the meeting adjourned in memory of those that lost their lives on September 11, 2001 at the hour of 4:13 p.m.

City Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2001

Mayor

