

Agenda Report

TO: City Council

Date: December 15, 1997

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Public Participation in the Budget Process for the Fiscal Year 1999 Operating Budget and the Fiscal Years 1999 and 2000 Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council open the public hearing to accept public comment on the budget process for the upcoming Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program Budget and, in order to encourage additional public participation, continue to accept written comments until January 12, 1998 at which time the Council will be asked to close the public hearing.

BACKGROUND

In order to encourage public participation in the budget process, the City Council adopted a resolution in November, 1977 whereby suggestions, comments, and concerns regarding the City's budget could be received in a public meeting prior to preparation of the recommended operating budget and capital improvement program. December 15, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. has been set to receive public comment on the process and preparation of the Fiscal Year 1999 Operating Budget and the Fiscal Years 1999 and 2000 Capital Improvement Program Budget. The specific purpose of the hearing is to:

1. To solicit comments and suggestions from the public regarding issues of concern relative to the operating budget and capital improvement program; and
2. Respond to public questions pertaining to the format, procedure, substance, and schedule for completing the City's operating budget and capital improvement program.

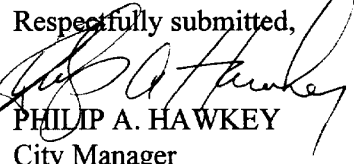
Notice of the hearing has been published in the Pasadena Weekly. Also, separate letters inviting participation in the budget process were sent to the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood Housing Services, El Centro de Accion Social, Armenian National Committee, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Pasadena Area League of Women Voters, and Neighborhood Connections.

Under the two-year format for the Capital Improvement Program Budget, the City Council will be asked to approve funding and revenues for Fiscal Year 1999 and Fiscal Year 2000. Actual funding, however, will be appropriated one year at a time.


The Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program Calendar for Fiscal Year 1999 has been attached for information purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT


Any suggestions or comments received from the public as a result of the hearing will be reviewed during the operating budget and capital improvement program adoption process for potential fiscal impact.

Respectfully submitted,

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