

Agenda Report

TO: City Council

Date: December 7, 1998

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Public Participation in the Budget Process for the Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001 Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2000

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 25, 1999 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 budget. December 7, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. has been set to receive public comment on the process and preparation of the Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001 Operating Budget and the Fiscal Year 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 was published in the Pasadena Star-News on November 20, 1998. 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 Operating Budget, the City Council will be asked to approve funding and revenues for Fiscal Year 2000 and Fiscal Year 2001. Actual funding, however, will be appropriated one year at a time.

The Proposed Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program Calendar for Fiscal Year 2000 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.

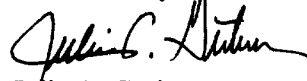
Respectfully submitted,


CYNTHIA J. KURTZ
City Manager

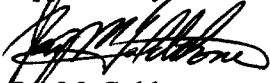
Prepared by:


Jack McCool
Management Analyst IV

Concurred by:


Julie A. Gutierrez
Deputy Director of Finance

Approved by:


Jay M. Goldstone
Director of Finance