

City of Pacific Grove
Budget and Budget and Finance Committee
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 19, 2009

TIME: 3:30 pm

City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall

Committee members present:

Lisa Bennett

Bill Kampe

Barry Dolowich

Susan Nilmeier

Carl Jones

Jerry Norton (alternate)

Francois Melese (alternate)

Staff present:

Jim Becklenberg, Director of Management and Budget

AGENDA AND ACTION MINUTES

1. **Call to order**
2. **Approval of minutes from January 6th, February 10th, and February 19th**
(Approved 5-0)
3. **Oral Communications:** Lee Willoughby, regarding building and plan check fees
4. **Discussion of a draft Request for Qualifications for consulting services.**
The committee discussed a draft RFQ for consulting services to help design a new retirement plan. *Citing the financial unfeasibility of terminating the City's contract with CalPERS, the Committee voted 5-0 to recommend 1) postponing the design of a new retirement system, 2) hiring an attorney to explore options to exit CalPERS, and 3) explore options for renegotiating employee contracts to reduce exposure to CalPERS liabilities and control our costs.*
5. **Consider adjustments to the FY 2008/09 budget.**
The Committee considered adjustments to the internal service funds, emergency equipment fund, and the General Fund (to appropriate grant funds unspent from the prior year). *The Committee voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the changes to the City Council.*
6. **Discuss revenue options for closing the FY 2009/10 budget gap and the budget schedule.**
Director of Management and Budget Becklenberg presented a preliminary list of revenue options. The committee asked questions, discussed the options, and brainstormed additional options. *The Committee took no action.*
7. **Adjournment**