

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

DATE: April 16, 2009

TIME: 3:00 pm

City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall

Committee members present:

Lisa Bennett

Bill Kampe

Barry Dolowich

Susan Nilmeier

Carl Jones

Jerry Norton (alternate)

Staff present:

Jim Becklenberg, Director of Management and Budget

AGENDA AND ACTION MINUTES

1. **Call to order**
2. **Approval of minutes from March 19th and April 2nd Committee meetings.**
Committee took no action.
3. **Oral Communications:**
Jerry Norton: Don't charge the dance club too much
Don Murphy: City should allow vacation rentals and charge TOT
4. **Discussion of a draft Request for Qualifications for consulting services.**
The committee discussed options for delivering building services, including restoring in-house staffing or contracting for service with either the City of Monterey or Precision Inspection. *The Committee voted 5-0 to recommend that the City provide building services by a contract model.*
5. **Discuss the potential process and implications of municipal bankruptcy.**
City Attorney Dave Laredo presented an overview of the Chapter 9 Bankruptcy process, potential debts that could be discharged in bankruptcy, as well as the potential costs and consequences of the process. The Committee discussed the information and asked more detailed questions about the status of pension obligation debts in bankruptcy. *The Committee voted 5-0 to accept the City Attorney's report and requested that City Attorney Laredo return with answers at a subsequent meeting.*
6. **Discuss performance budgeting status and future steps**
Director of Management and Budget Becklenberg provided an update on the City's performance management and strategic planning program. The Committee discussed the information and suggested that staff report on the work plan and objectives supporting the strategic goals more frequently. *The Committee provided input, but took no action.*

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7. **Consider the draft staffing budget for FY 2009/10.**
The Committee tabled this item.

8. **Consider changing the regular meeting time for the Budget and Finance Committee to 3:00 pm.**
The Committee voted 5-0 to change the regular meeting time to 3:00.