

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

DATE: July 21, 2009

TIME: 3:00 pm

City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall

Committee members present:

Lisa Bennett

Bill Kampe

Carl Jones

Barry Dolowich

Susan Nilmeier

Jerry Norton (alternate)

Staff present:

Jim Becklenberg, Director of Management and Budget

AGENDA AND ACTION MINUTES

**1. Call to order**

**2. Oral Communications**

- Lee Willoughby: Concern that CDD fees are too high and illegal
- John Moore: Concern that Ordinance 02-18, regarding CalPERS enhanced benefits, was enacted illegally, and that reversing it is a major opportunity for financial savings
- John Fischer: Concern about short-term loans from the sewer fee represents a conflict with regard to Proposition 218.

**3. Approval of Committee meeting minutes for July 16, 2009**

*The committee approved the minutes (5-0).*

REGULAR AGENDA:

**4. Develop additional detail for recommendation that the City Council hire a bankruptcy attorney for consultation services.**

The Committee discussed a list of potential questions that could be answered by a bankruptcy attorney. The answers to the questions would ostensibly help the City Council decide whether bankruptcy is in the City's best interest. Discussion also focused on the key issues facing the City and whether bankruptcy is, in fact, a tool that could accomplish the goals. *The Committee established two subcommittees for specific purposes: 1) further refine the bankruptcy questions for further considerations by the City Council (Kampe and Dolowich assigned), and 2) further develop the "future scenarios" for Pacific Grove services and budget (Jones and Nilmeier assigned). The committee took no additional action.*

**5. Adjournment**