

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

DATE: August 20, 2009

TIME: 3:00 pm

City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall

Committee members present:

Lisa Bennett

Bill Kampe (arrived at 3:30)

Carl Jones

Barry Dolowich

Susan Nilmeier

Jerry Norton (alternate)

Francois Melese (alternate)

Staff present:

Jim Becklenberg, Director of Management and Budget

AGENDA AND ACTION MINUTES

**1. Call to order**

**2. Oral Communications**

- Carmelita Garcia: Inquired about whether Committee minutes can be available sooner.
- Dan Miller: Questioned the purpose of the Committee given "recent City Council actions" when Council did not adopt Committee recommendations

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

*The committee approved the minutes (4-0).*

REGULAR AGENDA:

**4. Consider information related to a new requirement by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to disclose retiree health benefit liabilities.**

The Committee received a draft report on the City's liabilities for retiree health benefits from Actuary Doug Tokerud.

*By unanimous vote, the Committee recommended that the City Council: 1) receive the report, 2) recommend that the City adopt the more conservative approach(i.e., 4% discount rate) for calculating the liability, and 3) that the City Council should find a way to fund the liability annually to avoid an additional unfunded liability.*

**5. Consider cost information related to Fire services**

Staff presented information about historical and future costs for fire services that distinguished ongoing contract and direct fire station costs over which the City has control from those in the budget for historical costs over which the City does not have control. The Committee brainstormed additional information needed for Council consideration of fire service and identified topics for future Committee discussion about fire service. *The Committee took no action on this item.*

**6. Adjournment**