

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, February 18, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Hume called to order the Special City Council meeting of February 18, 2009 at 6:15 p.m.

Present: Mayor Hume, Vice Mayor Scherman, and Council Members Davis and Detrick

Absent: Council Member Cooper

PRESENTATION – Receive public input on Fiscal Year 2009-10 City Budget

Council Member Davis welcomed attendees to the special meeting, which was held at Valley Hi Country Club, 9595 Franklin Boulevard, in Elk Grove.

Budget Manager Katy Baumbach gave a brief presentation regarding property tax distribution and 2008-09 General Fund revenues and expenses, which included the following statistics:

City of Elk Grove General Fund Revenues:

40% – Property Taxes	3% – Franchise/Business/Vehicle License Fees
36% – Sales and Use Tax	2% – Hotel / Motel Tax
6% – Utility Users Tax	1% – Real Property Transfer Tax
6% – Departmental Revenue	1% – Investment
5% – Other	

City of Elk Grove General Fund Expenses:

52% – Police	5% – Quality of Life
18% – Support Services	2% – Debt Service
14% – Revenue Neutrality	1% – Increase Reserves
8% – Policy Direction / Execution	

City of Elk Grove Property Tax (distribution per \$1.00)

38.2 cents – Sacramento County
25.5 cents – Elk Grove Unified School district
22.1 cents – Cosumnes Community Services District
4.8 cents – Revenue Neutrality (City of Elk Grove to Sacramento County)
3.6 cents – Los Rios Community College
2.9 cents – Other agencies
2 cents – Library Authority
0.9 cent – City of Elk Grove

City Manager Laura Gill reported that a more rigorous process would be instituted for Community Service Grants in the future by requiring applicants to provide more thorough justification. Staff will ensure the non-profit organizations have the capability to administer programs responsibly. An online virtual plan check process is being undertaken, which will significantly streamline processes and provide better customer service. Ms. Gill acknowledged that there has been a profound change in the overall economy; however, she noted that Elk Grove may add to its reserve fund at the end of this fiscal year. She encouraged citizens to shop at local stores and businesses. A summary of all the public input received regarding the 2009-10 budget will be available on the City's website and in the City Clerk's Office by February 25. The City Council will use the information at its strategic planning budget sessions scheduled for February 27 and 28.

Council Member Davis mentioned that the City is working aggressively to lure businesses to the community, as many more local professional level jobs are needed in Elk Grove.

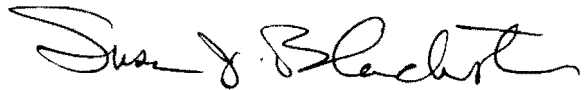
PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following suggestions were made relative to City services and the budget:

- Reestablish meetings with other governmental agencies to determine if there are duplications of service, in an effort to minimize cost of service and maximize tax dollars;
- Suggested that a community mediation program might prove beneficial in handling neighborhood disputes, etc. rather than burdening Police Department and Code Enforcement personnel with the calls;
- Consider having a City ombudsman to assist citizens with various issues;
- Host sporting events to bring tourism dollars to the City;
- Capitalize on the *Run for Independence* 4th of July event and host other cycling events;
- There is a need for an Elk Grove Convention and Visitors Bureau;
- Cannot afford to delay construction of the Civic Center project, because it could contain large meeting and exhibit spaces to attract events to the community;
- Improve railroad track pedestrian safety; and
- Generally pleased with City services being provided, e.g. Elk Grove is a safe community with enjoyable festivals and parks.

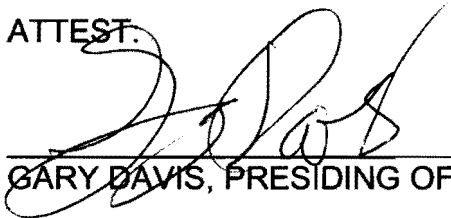
ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business to conduct, the February 18, 2009 Special City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON,
CITY CLERK

ATTEST.



GARY DAVIS, PRESIDING OFFICER