

MINUTES
ARCADIA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF ARCADIA
TUESDAY, August 13, 2013
5:30 PM

The following minutes reflect action items of the City Council of the City of Arcadia. For a verbatim copy of the minutes you may contact City Administration to obtain a copy of the recorded meeting.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Reverend Willie Jones gave the invocation which was followed by Deputy Mayor Heine starting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Arcadia City Council

Mayor Keith Keene

Councilwoman Alice Frierson

Deputy Mayor Robert Heine

Councilman Joseph E. Fink

Councilman Robert R. Allen

Arcadia City Staff

City Administrator Judi Jankosky

Planning Specialist Christi Pence

Marshal Matt Anderson

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE AND ROLL CALL

1. Police Department Budget

Mrs. Jankosky reviewed the draft budget. She stated that the City is considering getting rid of the inmate's contract and instead hiring eight seasonal employees. This would save the City \$20,000.00.

Marshal Anderson discussed the revised Police Department budget. His biggest expense is man power and overtime. He stated that he revised the budget from seventeen Officers down to fourteen Officers. In addition, he eliminated the purchase of two vehicles, as well as two part-time employees.

Deputy Mayor Heine and Councilman Allen stated the reduced budget looks good.

Councilman Fink stated the budget looks promising however; the Council needs more time to review in order to assure the budget is sustainable for the City.

Mayor Keene stated his appreciation and willingness in Marshall Anderson's review of the budget. He also stated that the City must consider the 17% additional which is applied to the reserve fund. He stated we need to work together and possibly reduce the Police Department budget. Marshal Anderson replied to Mayor Keene that the Police department has taken its budget from \$1.8 million down to \$1.2 million.

Councilman Allen stated that the board is 100% in support of the Police department.

Deputy Mayor Heine stated that he feels that Mrs. Jankosky, Mrs. Green and Marshal Anderson meet and make this happen.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. David Carlton, 124 N. Brevard Ave, stated that publicity is positive not negative and protect our City as a whole in general.

Pastor Willie Jones stated that we should keep the Police Department, they give great service.

Mr. Richard Bowers stated that he was worried about safety and schools that are starting next week.

Mr. Carter Smith stated we should keep the Police department and all Council get together on this issue.

Mr. Buck Wilson, Owner Desoto Jewelry, stated the City needs the Police Department to stay in business.

Mr. Curtis Schaffer asked what will happen to our property values if we get rid of the Police Department.

Ms. Becky Mercer, Arcadia Housing Authority, urged the City Administration and Council to keep the Police Department on duty, so they can serve and protect where we live.

Ms. Tracy Hobble stated that the City must hold on to the Police Department due to property values.

Ms. Renee Hampton, Stonegate Manager, encouraged Council to keep the Police Department.

Mr. Craig Mint stated that he bought a house in the City paying higher taxes and he expects enhanced services.

Mayor Keene replied that we want to keep the Police Department but it's the funding.

The revenue the city is generating has placed us in a short fall. We need to step up and

take responsibility to keep the City running.

Ms. Barbara Gallaway, believes in the Police Department and she was shocked the Officers are only paid \$15.00 an hour.

Kevin Joens, Arcadia Police Department, questioned what would happen to the City Police department if we did not achieve the 17% requested.

Marshal Anderson stated that the Police Department is concerned about losing their jobs and trying to take care of their families.

Councilman Allen stated that he understands the family values since he has lived in the City of Arcadia since 1952.

Marshal Anderson thanked all the fellow citizens for their support of the Arcadian Police Department.

Mrs. Green stated that the proposed budget would be presented again September 3, 2013.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF OCT, 2013.

By:

Alice Frierson

Alice Frierson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christi D. Pence

Christi D. Pence, Planning Specialist

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