

JOHN F. COOK
MAYOR



CITY COUNCIL
ANN MORGAN LILLY, DISTRICT 1
SUSANNAH M. BYRD, DISTRICT 2
EMMA ACOSTA, DISTRICT 3
CARL ROBINSON, DISTRICT 4
MICHEL NOE, DISTRICT 5
EDDIE HOLGUIN JR., DISTRICT 6
STEVE ORTEGA, DISTRICT 7
CORTNEY NILAND, DISTRICT 8

JOYCE WILSON
CITY MANAGER

SPECIAL WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
July 11, 2012

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. Mayor John Cook present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Ann Morgan Lilly, Carl Robinson, Michiel Noe, Eddie Holguin, Jr., Steve Ortega, and Cortney Carlisle Niland. Late arrival: Susie Byrd at 2:11 p.m. Request to excuse: Eddie Holguin, Jr.

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AGENDA

NO ACTION was taken on the following items:

For discussion and action: FY2013 Budget, as presented by the City Manager.

Request to excuse Representative Eddie Holguin, Jr.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, gave a budget overview with OMB Director, Ms. Lynly Leeper.

Mayor Cook questioned the transformation to artificial turf.

Ms. Leeper walked through the FY2013 Revenue projections.

Representative Acosta questioned the bus franchise fee and the Chief Financial Officer's contract with the County.

Representative Robinson asked why the Internal Auditor is being moved under the CFO. He does not believe it should be there. He questioned the independence of the Auditor if he works within the Department. Independent means the person does not work for any particular department or person.

Representative Byrd would like to see the report for the Auditors' organizational line go to City Council also and be formalized within the organizational chart and the organization.

Representative Niland questioned revenues, particularly ambulance decrease in revenues. She suggested checking into a plan Inspection Fee for Vehicles at Ports of Entry.

Mr. Bill Studer, Deputy City Manager, gave debt service figures and an explanation of time lines for issuance of Bonds and impacts on the tax rate.

Mayor Cook commented on the cost of improvements and infrastructure – bridges and streets.

Representative Byrd asked if is right to include the plan inspection fee in this budget?

Mayor Cook discussed bridge tolls and how to solve bottlenecks in traffic going south across the border.
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General Services

Mr. Stuart Ed, Director, General Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk’s office).

Mayor Cook and Representatives Robinson, Lilly, Byrd, Ortega, Noe, and Niland questioned City staff.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, commented.

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Municipal Clerk

Ms. Richarda Duffy Momsen, Municipal Clerk, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk’s office).

Presiding Municipal Judge Oliva commented.

Mayor Cook and Representatives Robinson, Acosta, and Niland questioned City staff and Presiding Judge Oliva.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, commented.

Ms. Lilly Worrell, Assistant Municipal Court Clerk, commented

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Sun Metro

Mr. Jay Banasiak, Director, Sun Metro, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk’s office).

Mayor Cook and Representatives Acosta, Robinson, Byrd and Niland questioned City Staff.

Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager, commented.

Ms. Enriqueda Natividad, citizen, commented.

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Fire

Chief Otto Drozd, Fire, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file in City Clerk’s office).

Representatives Acosta, Lilly, Byrd and Niland questioned City Staff.

Mr. Jorge Artalejo, citizen, commented.

Mayor Cook commented.

Chief Drozd commented.

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Motion made by Representative Byrd , seconded by Representative Lilly , and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 4:51 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk