



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
DIXON CITY COUNCIL
DIXON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
DIXON PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION
DIXON PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

JUNE 6, 2011

7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Dixon City Council was called to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Thom Bogue, Rick Fuller, Mayor Jack Batchelor, Jr.

Absent: Councilmembers Dane Besneatte*, Vice Mayor Michael Ceremello, Jr.**

* Councilmember Besneatte arrived at 7:04 p.m.

** Vice Mayor Ceremello arrived at 7:09 p.m.

4. **AUDIENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)**

There were no public comments.

5. **PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION** None.

6. **ITEMS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY** None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 Discussion of the Consolidated Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12. The budget workshops will focus primarily on the following funds:

- **General Fund**
- **Redevelopment Agency**
- **Enterprise**
- **Special Revenue**
- **Capital Improvement**

- **Assessment Districts**
- **Landscape and Lighting**
- **Debt Service**

Jeremy Craig, Finance and Technology Director, reported back on information requested by Council at the May 31, 2011 Budget Workshop on the General Fund and noted savings by consolidation of the City Clerk Department would be approximately \$106,000, Parks staff recommendation of a budget decrease of \$10,000 for water, and the replacement of a computer in Engineering at the cost of \$1,000.

Mr. Craig then discussed the special funding accounts that included Debt Service, Enterprise Funds, Transit Funds, Special Revenue Funds, Special Assessment Funds, Capital Fund Projects, and Grant Funds and responded to Council questions.

Mayor Batchelor recommended that options be explored for refinancing of external debt service. Mr. Craig responded that an expert could be hired to advise on the options since staff does not have that level of expertise.

Vice Mayor Ceremello asked about the items financed by sewer bonds, the manner in which they must be repaid, and noted the 2.2% decrease in residential sewer fees wasn't supposed to impact revenue and rates should have been adjusted to compensate.

Nancy Huston, City Manager, responded that the bonds pay for the sewer trunk line and must be repaid through debt service and the methodology of calculating sewer funds changed dramatically and can be addressed in the upcoming rate study.

Vice Mayor Ceremello requested the status of the SFF Revolving Loan Fund and an update on pollution levels in the water from the wells.

Janet Koster, Senior Management Analyst, responded that staff is preparing a scope and cost estimate for the loan fund that will be presented in the next couple of months.

Chris Gioia, Associate Civil Engineer, reported that Stantec is working on groundwater monitoring, and the status will be requested at the next regular monthly meeting.

Councilmember Besneatte commented that the Transit Fund's 12-13% recovery of expenses is better than some other systems that recover only 4-5%.

Vice Mayor Ceremello asked what is different from the past that resulted in a low fund balance for the Gas Tax.

Ms. Koster responded that some projects were intentionally delayed to this year to match cash flows.

Vice Mayor Ceremello asked where the City's \$1.4 million match for the Solano Transportation Authority Grant will come from for the Multi-Modal Center in Fund 470.

Ms. Koster responded there is still a shortfall of \$1 million.

Mr. Craig reviewed the six grant funds. Ms. Huston noted that Fund 525 includes \$6 million for the Heritage Commons project that will go back out to the developer so a separate fund was not created.

Mr. Craig noted the final budget will be prepared for the June 14th meeting and requested Council input.

Councilmember Bogue and Vice Mayor Ceremello requested additional information on organizations to which the City pays membership dues, and the impacts of eliminating.

Ms. Huston responded that the partnerships are important, the disadvantages of eliminating were previously discussed, some are mandated by the State or County grant, funding could be lost if some memberships were eliminated, and short-term solutions could kill future opportunities.

Councilmember Besneatte felt the amount paid to ABAG is small compared to what would be lost if the City did not belong.

Councilmember Fuller noted the City needs to be heard and represented appropriately and eliminating important memberships would be "penny wise and pound foolish".

Mayor Batchelor noted the City is not an island and must think regionally to be a stronger voice in the ABAG arena.

Vice Mayor Ceremello felt by not belonging to ABAG, the City would take a stand against the dictates of ABAG.

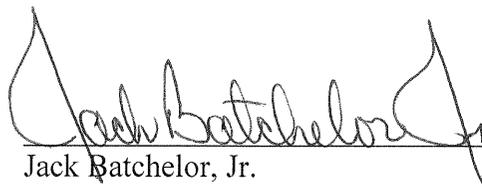
Ms. Huston confirmed adequate input had been received and there would be no need for a third budget workshop, therefore the June 7th tentative meeting would be cancelled.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Special Meeting of the Dixon City Council was adjourned at the hour of 8:25 p.m.



Suellen Johnston
Acting Deputy City Clerk



Jack Batchelor, Jr.
Mayor