

**TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
TOWN COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES –May 13, 2008**

Mayor Jasper called to order the Special Meeting of the Town of Apple Valley Town Council at 4:02 p.m. at Town Hall, 14955 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, California.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Council Members Peter Allan; Scott Nassif; Rick Roelle; Mayor Pro Tem Bob Sagona; Mayor Tim Jasper. Absent: None.

1. FY 2008/2009 Budget Workshop

Bill Pattison, Finance Director, presented the staff report as filed with the Town Clerk.

Mr. Pattison reviewed the estimated revenues and expenditures for the General Fund.

Mr. Pattison reviewed the budgets for the departments of Public Information, Finance, General Government, Public Facilities, and Municipal Services

Mayor Jasper had questions concerning PERS investment for employees and medical liability for retired employees.

Mr. Pattison continued with review of the budget discussing the Town Hall expansion bonds and the Public Safety budget. He stated that the budget for Public Safety will increase by approximately \$588,742 to add one gang task force officer and one retail officer.

Discussion ensued regarding whether or not additional officers would be needed based on the increase in service calls within the Town. The Town Council recommended this issue be discussed during the mid-year budget.

Mr. Pattison reviewed the budgets for Public Services, Animal Control and Animal Shelter. He noted that a new vehicle replacement is budgeted at a cost of \$60,000.

Mr. Pattison discussed the budget for Code Enforcement. He stated that the position of Code Enforcement Supervisor will remain vacant and is not budgeted this fiscal year.

Gina Whiteside, Municipal Services Manager, explained the decision to leave the position vacant. She stated that the existing staff has been able to maintain the current case loads with adjustments that have been made. She believed the goals of the Town Council can be accomplished with no additional staff at this

time. She discussed the need for laptops in the vehicles to improve the system and make it paperless.

Mr. Pattison discussed the budget for Planning Services. He stated that there is funding in the budget to complete the General Plan Update.

Mr. Pattison discussed the budgets for Street Maintenance, Capital Improvement, and the Local Transportation Fund. He stated that the Town will spend approximately \$12.1 million on streets this year.

Brad Miller, Town Engineer, provided information to the Town Council regarding upcoming road projects. He discussed the signal proposed for the deep creek area. It was the consensus of the Town Council to move forward with the signal project in the deep creek area.

Mr. Pattison continued with discussions on the Waste Management budget and discussed the proposed increases for AVCO and VVWRA.

Dennis Cron, Director of Public Services explained the need for DVD recorder and camera for the new sewer-line inspection truck.

Mr. Pattison continued reviewing the budget discussing the Park and Recreation Budget. He stated that expenditures will be reduced by about \$600,000. He noted that the pool will remain open year-round with the help of the school district. He stated that their contribution is \$60,000 per year; however, he explained that electric, water and chemical costs will increase by approximately 15 to 20% annually.

Mr. Cox stated that the issue for the pool has been resolved this year; however, next year there may be more recommendations for cuts. He noted that the school district is having financial problems and are looking at saving on maintenance costs by combining with other schools. He stated that staff will continue to analyze this issue on an on-going basis.

Mr. Pattison also noted that the cost for the After School Program is \$194,561.

Mr. Pattison reviewed the budget for Economic Development, stating that they have two years to complete spending its bonds.

After completion of the budget presentation, Mr. Pattison, stated that the formal budget would be presented to the Town Council at its meeting on May 27, 2008 for approval. He noted that the Town currently has \$15.5 million in reserves.

Ken Henderson, Director of Economic and Community Development, commented on the Chambers request for \$30,000 for the business retention program, which is included in the budget. He also stated that he is proposing to add one position in housing development and one position in economic development. He noted that these positions are not funded by the General Fund and explained other means of funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Sagona commended Mr. Pattison for his work and dedication on the budget.

It was the consensus of the Town Council to have the formal budget presented to them at the meeting of May 27, 2008 for adoption.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Allan, seconded by Councilman Roelle, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Town Clerk

Mayor