

For discussion purposes, Mr. Robertson discussed ground rules with the committee as it would relate to budget discussions. He reminded the committee that public employees have rights and asked that committee members not use salary numbers received from transparent California. He also reminded that the CEO is the only public employee that can be discussed without representation. Failure to follow these guidelines may end up in court. He also explained that the committee could discuss across the board reductions as all as the impact would affect all employees. He encouraged the committee to work together to propose solutions, to think outside the box, and reminded them that no idea is a bad idea.

COMMITTEE MEMBER HERNANDEZ JOINED THE MEETING AT 7:30 A.M.

Mr. Robertson concluded his review stating that ideas and options to consider could include reduction in salaries, closing facilities, furloughs, change in retirement options, reduction in Sheriff contract, contract out operations, raise revenue through tax options, etc., and soliciting additional public input from others.

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2. Discussion of Additional Measures and Priorities

Doug Robertson, Town Manager, provided a brief overview of this item.

Committee Member Collaso commented on a city that went to the state to get a supplemental fund just for law enforcement. He believed that the Town could possibly obtain information on this type of funding opportunity. He also commented on the benefit of a safeguard committee that could oversee the expenditures of funds received from a sales tax measure if a measure were successful.

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee Members regarding the hilltop house, the sheriff's contract, and a special tax measure. Also discussed was the Apple Valley Golf Course.

Mr. Robertson also noted that sales tax revenues for the Town were coming in higher than anticipated.

Committee Member Orr commented on the golf course, potential uses for the land and the need for security if the course was closed. He also questioned whether or not a special election for a specific use tax would be permissible.

Committee Member Drake suggested an Ad Hoc committee be established to review the financials of the Golf Course.

Committee Member Betterley believed Apple Valley was on the map because of the golf course. He spoke of the need to keep the golf course and club open.

Committee Member Itnyre suggested increasing revenues through income-based fee schedules for Parks and Recreation activities, creating booster clubs for fundraising and also annexing areas outside of the Town limits.

Mr. Robertson explained the process for annexation.

Committee Member Nassif commented on all the services that the general fund subsidizes. He spoke about the hilltop house explaining that the purchase was made with grant funds; however ongoing maintenance would be a cost to the general fund.

A lengthy discussion ensued amongst the committee regarding law enforcement and the increasing cost to the Town budget. Comments were made regarding evaluating the feasibility of a Town Police Department in lieu of contracting with the county.

The committee continued their discussions focused on the pool and leasing opportunities to specific clubs, renting and leasing space at the Horseman and encouraging staff to place cost-saving suggestions in an anonymous box.

The committee recommended that they be provided a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and given information regarding the amount of funding needed to balance the budget.

Mayor Emick thanked the committee for their participation in the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the consensus of the committee that the next meeting be held on a Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Curt Emick, Mayor
CBAC Chair

La Vonda M-Pearson, Town Clerk