



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

CITY TREASURER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Krasne and Members of the City Council
FROM: Eliot Finkel, City Treasurer 
DATE: July 31, 2009
SUBJECT: Budget Review Committee

During the June 2, 2009 council meeting, which included my presentation of the findings of the Budget Review Committee (BRC), Mayor Krasne and other council members expressed interest in having the BRC review in greater detail some of the issues that were presented. The issues of interest were:

- Staff Overtime (i.e. elimination of overtime associated with training, use cadets whenever possible instead of police officers, etc.)
- Possible Contracting Out of Certain City Services (i.e. residential waste collection, water plant operations, etc...) to Save Dollars
- Possible Centralization of Functions (i.e. purchasing, laundry services, supplies-equipment, etc.)
- Study More Cost Efficient Use of Sworn and Civilian Employees (i.e. civilianize fire department administrative jobs, departmental cross-training to reduce overtime, reduce time it takes to add new employees as in the 16 week police applicant times, etc...)
- Look at Other Revenue Generating Options
- Provide Energy Savings Ideas that are Used in the Private Sector
- Financial sustainability – the long-term impact of retiree benefits and, the revenue growth needed to sustain City services.

The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm that: 1) the City Council wants the BRC to continue this fiscal year; 2) the topics outlined above are those the Council wants us to explore in greater detail, and 3) City staff, through the City Manager and Chief Financial Officer should cooperate with the committee.

The Budget Review Committee is prepared to reconvene should the Council so desire. I would appreciate your feedback and, with your concurrence, look forward to continuing our efforts.