

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS  
MINUTES – SPECIAL BUDGET STUDY SESSION #1  
May 6, 2014  
Council Chambers  
2:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT: Mayor Bosse  
Vice Mayor Gold  
Councilmember Brien  
Councilmember Mirisch  
Councilmember Krasne  
Jeff Kolin, City Manager  
Larry Wiener, City Attorney  
Don Rhoads, Director of Administrative Services/CFO  
Don Harrison, Budget and Revenue Officer  
Mahdi Aluzri, Assistant City Manager  
Eliot Finkel, City Treasurer  
Cheryl Friedling, Deputy City Manager**

**A - DIRECTION**

1. Budget Overview and Financial Analysis by City Manager Jeff Kolin and Chief Financial Officer/Director of Administrative Services Don Rhoads

City Manager Kolin summarized some of the City's accomplishments over the last fiscal year. He indicated that as a result of feedback from both the City Council and the Budget Review Committee, changes have been made to the budget process and information that is provided.

Director of Administrative Services/CFO Don Rhoads reviewed the budget process, budget overview, and briefly discussed pension rates and unfunded liability.

Budget and Revenue Officer Don Harrison presented the economic conditions and outlook for the next fiscal year. He reviewed the City Council's Priorities, general fund revenues/expenditures/transfers, a history of the general fund, budget enhancements, and possible uses of budget surplus.

City Treasurer Eliot Finkel spoke briefly on unfunded liabilities.

Mr. Harrison and Mr. Kolin responded to Council questions.

**a) Department Overview Presentations**

**i) Policy and Management**

Assistant City Manager Mahdi Aluzri presented the proposed budget for the Policy and Management department. The presentation included an overview of the department's programs, accomplishments, challenges facing the department, changes from the prior fiscal year, work plan highlights, and budget enhancement requests.

Deputy City Manager Cheryl Friedling responded to questions regarding the Academy Theater construction and costs for the City Council installation. She also responded to questions regarding the budget enhancement request for a City newsletter which will go to every home and business within the City.

Mr. Aluzri responded to questions from Council.

**ii) City Attorney**

City Attorney Larry Wiener introduced the City Attorney's office proposed budget for fiscal year 2014/15. He reviewed the department's programs, accomplishments, challenges, work plan highlights, and proposed budget enhancements.

Mr. Wiener responded to questions from Council.

**iii) City Clerk**

Item not discussed.

**iv) Administrative Services**

Item not discussed.

**v) Police**

Item not discussed.

**vi) Fire**

Item not discussed.

**vii) Community Development**

Item not discussed.

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**viii)** Information Technology

Item not discussed.

**ix)** Public Works Services

Item not discussed.

**x)** Capital Assets Department

Item not discussed.

**xi)** Community Services

Item not discussed.

**xii)** Non-Departmental

Item not discussed.

**b)** Budget Review Committee Presentation

Item not discussed.

**c)** Unfunded Liabilities Discussion

Item not discussed.

**d)** Enterprise Funds Discussion

Item not discussed.

**e)** Capital Improvement Program

Item not discussed.

**f)** Review of Budget Enhancements

Item not discussed.

**g)** Additional City Council Priorities

Item not discussed.

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The Special Budget Study Session recessed at 4:00 p.m. to the Study Session to discuss items that are identified on the agenda that has been prepared for the meeting. The Study Session recessed at 5:57 p.m.

PASSED, Approved and Adopted  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014



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**BYRON POPE, City Clerk**



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**LILI BOSSE, MAYOR**

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