

Los Angeles City Council, **Journal/Council Proceedings**  
Tuesday, December 16, 2008  
John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall - 10:30 am

**ALL ITEMS FORTHWITH**  
**- - - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - - -**

10:30 A.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER  
AS COUNCIL RECESSES ITS REGULAR MEETING

**ROLL CALL - Members present: Alarcon, Greuel, Huizar, LaBonge, Perry, Reyes, Rosendahl, Smith, Weiss, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (12); Absent: Cardenas, Hahn and Parks(3).**

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ROLL CALL NUMBER (#) - INDICATES THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ITEMS WERE ACTED  
UPON DURING THE COUNCIL MEETING

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**Item for Which Public Hearing Has Been Held - Item 82**

**ITEM NO. (82) - MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Roll Call #1 - Motion (Huizar - Perry) Adopted to Continue, Unanimous Vote (14); Absent: Cardenas (1)**

[08-0600-S34](#)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR relative to Mid-Year Budget Adjustments.

(Budget and Finance Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing is not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.)

(For background reports and materials related to this matter, contact the Legislative Assistant for the Budget and Finance Committee at 213-978-1075.)

**ADOPTED**

**BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** relative to the Mayor's Mid-Year Budget Adjustments.

**Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:**

- 1. APPROVE the budget balancing reductions and adjustments shown in Attachment 2 of the Mayor's Mid-year Budget Adjustment report, attached to the Committee report, with the following amendments:**

- a. Refer back to the Budget and Finance (B&F) Committee for further discussion and clarification, the Mayor's budget balancing reduction and adjustment recommendation 3, in Attachment 2, relative to the Department of Building and Safety and the proposed move of four to five General Fund funded code enforcement positions to Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funded positions.
  - b. Hold in abeyance Attachment 2 recommendations 14a-d relative to the Department on Disability; and INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to work with the Department to address the projected budget shortfall.
  - c. Refer back to the Public Safety and B&F Committees Attachment 2 recommendation 21 relative to available resources for funding the Emergency Medical Services Captain positions and related employee relations issues; and INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to report back to the B&F Committee relative to an assessment of the placement of the upcoming LAFD training class and any savings that may be achieved.
  - d. Refer back to the B&F Committee Attachment 2 recommendation 48a relative to the Mayor's proposal that the Department of Water and Power reimburse the costs of annual fire hydrant inspections; and INSTRUCT the LAFD to report back to the B&F Committee on January 12, 2009 relative to the fire hydrant inspection fee, the number of hydrants annually inspected, and the number of hydrants on public/private property.
  - e. Refer back to the B&F Committee Attachment 2 recommendation 20 relative to the Office INSTRUCT the Office of Finance and CAO to report back to the B&F Committee in January 2009 regarding the overall cost to implement the increased audit penetration rate. The report should address the number of personnel needed and related cost as well as the amount of revenue that could be realized in the current fiscal year.
  - f. Refer back to the B&F Committee for further discussion Attachment 2 recommendation 43g relative to the sale of the Westchester Fire Station in Council District 11.
2. APPROVE the sale of the surplus properties identified in Attachment 2 recommendations 43a-f, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the General Fund or offsetting General Fund appropriations.
  3. INSTRUCT the CAO and Office of Finance to report back to the Council, relative to the proposed Tax Amnesty program and the amount of delinquency by type of tax, i.e., Telephone Users Tax, Business Tax, Parking Occupancy Tax, Transient Occupancy Tax.
  4. REQUEST the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to implement a Tax Amnesty program and submit such draft to the City Council no later than January 15, 2009.

5. **INSTRUCT the CAO to report back to the B&F Committee on January 12, 2009, relative to the sale of the Bethune Branch Library and the anticipated use of the proceeds. The report should address the issue of the proceeds from the sale of this and other surplus Library property not going into the Library Construction Fund as had been anticipated.**
6. **INSTRUCT the CAO to report back to the B&F Committee relative to neighborhood council accounts. The report should address: (1) what funds are available in year 1 and year 2 accounts; (2) the potential amount that could be transferred to the General Fund; and (3) when the transfer could occur.**
7. **INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to report back to the B&F Committee relative to the status of the LAPD positions stationed at the Los Angeles International Airport and reimbursement by the Los Angeles World Airports Department.**
8. **INSTRUCT the CAO and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to continue to work with the LAPD relative to the department's budget deficit and report back to the B&F Committee in January.**
9. **INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks to report back to the B&F Committee on January 12, 2009, relative to the overall impacts by Council District of the proposed budget reductions.**
10. **REQUEST the City Attorney to work with the CAO and CLA to address the \$1.85 million deficit resulting from the voluntary furlough program, with the CAO to provide a report in the Mid-Year Financial Status Report.**
11. **RECOGNIZE the City Attorney's goal to have in-house staff handle, for the remainder of the fiscal year, all non-conflict workers' compensation cases.**
12. **REQUEST the City Attorney to expedite preparation of all revenue generating ordinances including the Newsrack Permit Fee, Special Events Fee Waiver Policy, and Animal Services Fee ordinances.**
13. **INSTRUCT the CAO to report back to the B&F Committee in January 2009 relative to Attachment 2 recommendation 42a concerning the process of obtaining a judgment obligation bond for major liability settlements.**
14. **INSTRUCT the Department of Animal Services to report back to the B&F Committee relative to the feasibility of registering un-registered horses and the potential revenue that could be realized.**
15. **INSTRUCT the CAO to provide in the Mid-Year Financial Status Report recommendations of a more permanent nature that may be instituted to address the City's projected \$430 million budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2009-10 and the growing 2008-09 budget deficit.**
16. **INSTRUCT the CAO to report back to the Council relative to a list of Municipal Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) funded projects and the status of the projects.**

17. **INSTRUCT** the CAO to provide Controller instructions to implement Mayor and Council intentions relative to the Mayor's Mid-Year Budget Adjustments, and **AUTHORIZE** the Controller to implement the instructions.
18. **AUTHORIZE** the CAO to make technical corrections as necessary to those transactions included in this report to implement Mayor and Council intentions.

**Fiscal Impact Statement:** None submitted by the Mayor. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

## **Item for Which Public Hearing Have Not Been Held - Item 83**

(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

### **ITEM NO. (83) - ADOPTED**

**Roll Call #2 - Motion (Perry - Huizar) Adopted, Ayes (14); Absent: Cardenas (1)**

[08-3384](#)

CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (GREUEL - PERRY) relative to a recent rise in the Solid Resources Fee (SRF) apparently as a result of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) bi-monthly billing process, rather than an increase in the SRF.

Recommendation for Council action:

DIRECT the Bureau of Sanitation and the LADWP to report to the City Council on the billing issues raised as a result of the different billing cycles, the changes that can be made to the billing system to provide a more even billing process throughout the year, the number of residents affected and their geographic areas, and how this problem can be resolved to ease the financial burden on the City's residents.

**Community Impact Statement:** None submitted.

(Energy and Environment Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

**Councilmember Garcetti moved, seconded by Councilmember Perry, that the Special Council meeting adjourn.**

**Ayes, Alarcon, Greuel, Hahn, Huizar, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Reyes, Rosendahl, Smith, Weiss, Wesson, Zine and President Garcetti (14); Absent: Cardenas (1).**

**Whereupon the Special Council meeting did adjourn.**

ATTEST: Karen E. Kalfayan, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL