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REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED 2006-07 BUDGET HELD MONDAY, JULY 24, 2006, AT 10:06 A.M.

Roll Call

Present: Supervisor McGlashan; Supervisor Brown (present at 10:31 a.m.), Supervisor Kinsey; Supervisor Murray; Supervisor Adams

OPENING STATEMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board members individually acknowledged the work of County Administrator Matthew Hymel and his staff, thanked Department Heads and management staff, expressed appreciation to Auditor-Controller Richard Arrow and his staff for the successful launching of Project MERIT (Marin Enterprise Resource Integration Technology) Financial System, briefly commented on the alignment of the budget with the County's Missions and Goals, and acknowledged the Department of Public Works for their exemplary service during and following the winter and spring storms.

OVERVIEW OF COUNTY'S FY 2006-07 PROPOSED BUDGET

County Administrator Matthew Hymel thanked Board members for their support and leadership, acknowledged his staff for a job well done, and thanked all County staff for their work throughout the year.

Mr. Hymel reported on the purpose of the FY 2006-07 Budget Hearings, gave an overview of the proposed budget, listed the Countywide Priority Initiatives, reported on General Fund Baseline Budget projections, advised that the outstanding State budget issues will be brought back to the Board when available, and reported on the next steps after adoption of the FY 2006-07 budget. Mr. Hymel briefly summarized technical adjustments to the proposed budget and noted a possible allocation of \$6,000,000 for the new Health and Wellness project and a possible increase to Fish and Game revenues.

(Supervisor Brown present at 10:31 a.m.)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Marin Economic Commission members Terry Hennessey and Clark Blasdell urged the Board to fund, for one year, an Economic Sustainability Specialist position.

Canal Housing Alliance Executive Director Tom Wilson, and a member of the public requested a \$40,000 investment into a San Rafael Canal affordable housing project.

In-Home Support Services ("IHSS") Public Authority of Marin Chairman Herb Meyer and Executive Director John Stansbury requested additional program funds for the Backup Provider Program, which would provide short-term emergency IHSS services in the event an IHSS provider is unavailable to take care of his or her client.

Service Employees International Union ("SEIU") United Healthcare Workers ("UHW") Field Representative Peter Tiernan and member Antonio Abarca, and several members of the public requested funds to cover the recent insurance increase for IHSS workers.

Workforce Investment Board ("WIB") members Richard Schorske and Mark Wood addressed the Board with ideas for strengthening sustainable developments.

Marin Resource Conservation District ("RCD") President Hank Corda and Executive Director Nancy Scolari thanked the Board for its consideration of additional funds for stream and land restoration projects and briefly commented on conservation issues.

Marin Women's Commission Chair Marti Rule thanked Board members, the County Administrator, and the Human Resource Director for their support with the Women's Commission budget process this year.

Marin Organic Executive Director Helge Hellberg briefly commented on organic agriculture in Marin, and requested an increase in funds for Marin Organic.

Coastal Health Alliance Executive Director John Severson addressed the Board and requested an increase in funding for West Marin healthcare.

County Administrator Matthew Hymel briefly commented on the public testimony, noted that staff had not seen some of the proposals, and advised that documentation for requests should be submitted to the County Administrator's office.

Board members and staff discussed several issues including proposed additional funding for IHSS workers, paperwork for Canal Alliance Affordable Housing program funding, RCD and organic agriculture programs, responsibilities of the proposed Economic Sustainability Specialist, and impacts to the County budget related to changes in Marin Community Foundation ("MCF") community funding allocations.

SUMMARY BY SERVICE AREA

Community Services

County Administrator Matthew Hymel advised that Community Services includes Agriculture, Weights & Measures, Cultural & Visitor Services, Farm Advisor, Library, and Parks and Open Space. Mr. Hymel reported that the expenditure budget for Community Services for FY 2006-07 is \$21.2 million, with revenues of \$16.3 million. Mr. Hymel briefly commented on program initiatives and highlights including development of a Library Facilities Master Plan, implementing fuel break projects in Marin Open Space Preserves, acquiring and constructing new conservation easements and public trails, increasing the number of certified grass-finished livestock producers, installing photovoltaic units on the Marin Center Exhibit Hall roof, and implementing green waste and integrated pest management initiatives.

(Supervisor Brown absent at 11:31 a.m.)

Agricultural Commissioner Stacy Carlsen thanked Board for their support and briefly highlighted several activities including pesticide drift in urban and agricultural communities, organic weed management, accurate weights and measures devices, and receipt of a national recognition for work with organic foods.

Board members individually acknowledged Mr. Carlsen and the Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures.

Farm Advisor Ellie Rilla thanked the Board for the long-term support and highlighted several issues including the new center for sustainable horticulture, public education and outreach initiatives, a student intern program, and farm worker housing needs.

Supervisor Murray acknowledged Mr. Carlsen and Ms. Rilla in advance for their work on the projected Avian Flu.

(Supervisor Brown present at 11:44 a.m.)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

County Administrator Matthew Hymel advised that the expenditure budget for Community Development and Public Works for FY 2006-07 is \$41.3 million, with revenues of \$27.8 million. Mr. Hymel briefly commented on program initiatives including holding public hearings and adopting the Marin Countywide Plan; developing residential design guidelines for Kentfield, Kent Woodlands, Lucas Valley, and Strawberry; developing a work plan to implement the Countywide Plan and update the Development Code, Community Plans, and the local Coastal program; implementing the first phase of the Community Development Agency ("CDA") Organizational Assessment; completing development of the County's American with Disabilities Act ("ADA") Self Evaluation and Transition Plan; continuing the first phase of a five-year road resurfacing and bridge repair program; constructing FY 2005-06 storm damage repair projects; implementing Park Street Creek stream restoration and fish passage project; and conducting a lighting study to reduce Civic Center energy usage.

CDA Director Alex Hinds addressed the Board and briefly commented on several outstanding CDA issues including a Draft Organizational Assessment Report; and prioritization of enforcement issues based on health and safety, environment sensitivity, and community values.

Board members and staff discussed several issues of concern including building code enforcement, CDA's workload, responsiveness on ADA issues, completing the Marin Countywide Plan, developing a second unit amnesty plan, and affordable housing.

Public Works Director Farhad Mansourian thanked the Board for their outstanding leadership and support and acknowledged his staff and staff from the County Administrator's office, the Human Resources Department, County Counsel's office, and the Auditor-Controller's office. Mr. Mansourian recognized the good working relationship between the Department of Public Works ("DPW"), the County Fire Department, and the Sheriff's Department during the winter and spring storm disasters.

Board members and staff discussed several issues including independence of the Transit District, the Department's new responsibility with the Marin Emergency Radio Authority ("MERA"), and watershed planning projects.

A member of the public addressed the Board and briefly commented on the Marin County Transit District's implementation of new buses in September.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

County Administrator Matthew Hymel advised that Administration and Finance includes the Board of Supervisors, County Administrator, Assessor-Recorder, Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, Human Resources, Retirement, Information Services and Technology, and Treasurer-Tax Collector. Mr. Hymel reported that the expenditure budget for Administration and Finance for 2006-07 is \$56.4 million, with revenues of \$13.8 million. Mr. Hymel briefly described program initiatives for the coming year, including the implementation of Phase II of the MERIT system for payroll, implementation of the next phase of Managing for Results, development of a

Human Resources Academy and workforce planning, the modernization of Assessor-Recorder official records, and the development of a multi-year Information and Technology plan for the County.

Treasurer-Tax Collector/Registrar/Clerk Michael Smith thanked the Board and County staff for their support, briefly commented on the new voting system which was implemented in time for the June 2006 election, spoke about the recent reorganization of the Elections office, and advised that the Treasurer's office is almost ready to go live with the new MERIT system.

Human Resources Director Laura Armor commented on the impact to Human Resources staff of implementing Phase II of the MERIT system.

Supervisor Kinsey commented on the importance of support for employee training.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hymel advised that Public Safety includes Child Support Services, Coroner, District Attorney, Fire Department, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff. Mr. Hymel reported that the expenditure budget for Public Safety for 2006-07 is \$96.7 million, with revenues of 48.7 million. Mr. Hymel briefly described program initiatives for the coming year, including a strategic plan for community justice, a comprehensive plan for fire inspection and public education programs, locating a permanent funding source for the Wildfire Protection Plan, analyzing the increase in the County jail population and insuring that available alternative sentencing programs are being utilized, and working with Child Support Services to administer court collections.

County Fire Chief Ken Massucco thanked the Board and staff in the County Administrator's office for their support, thanked his staff for their efforts on behalf of the citizens of Marin, and briefly reviewed this year's fire conditions.

Supervisor Kinsey spoke about vegetation management challenges throughout the County and the continuing role of the Marin Conservation Corps.

In response to a question from Supervisor Murray, Chief Massucco spoke about the response policies for the County's paramedic teams.

District Attorney Edward Berberian thanked his staff for their efforts and the Board of Supervisors for their support.

Public Defender Joe Spaeth thanked his staff, the Board of Supervisors, and the County Administrator's office for their support. Mr. Spaeth spoke about Marin County's commitment to community justice and his commitment to the goal of providing an attorney for all arraignments by the middle of September.

Supervisor Adams urged staff to study the impacts of providing a public defender at arraignments and to look for opportunities to obtain grants for the Support and Treatment After Release ("STAR") Program. Supervisor Adams also spoke about programs to assist those coming out of the jail system to successfully re-enter the community.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. Hymel advised that Health and Human Services includes Community Mental Health, the Division of Aging, Public Health, Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco programs, and Social Services. Mr. Hymel reported that the expenditure budget for 2006-07 is \$131.5 million, with revenues of \$101.5 million. Mr. Hymel briefly described program initiatives for the coming year, including the potential purchase and development of a health and wellness campus in San Rafael, targeting the expansion of health services available to low-income children through the Children's Health Initiative, expanding mobile dental care services, reviewing the potential impact of restructuring of the Marin General Hospital, conducting community outreach and education to prevent obesity and alcohol and drug abuse, planning for capacity changes for non-profits and community based organizations based on funding changes, support for the Partnership Health Care Plan, partnering with the courts on programs such as STAR and the Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts to reduce recidivism, and enhancing current systems of care to promote individual self-care and self-sufficiency. Mr. Hymel also spoke about funding possibilities for homelessness programs.

Health and Human Services Director Dr. Larry Meredith thanked County staff, the Board of Supervisors and the various community-based organizations who work with Health and Human Services. Dr. Meredith provided a brief overview of his department and the core initiatives for the coming year.

Board members and staff discussed the 2-1-1 phone service sponsored by United Way which connects callers to information about critical health and human services available in their community.

(Supervisor Brown absent at 1:08 p.m.)

Board members and staff discussed funding for the Senior Assist Line, progress on the Senior Needs Assessment, the Department's focus on health issues such as breast and prostate cancer, funding for community-based organizations, the proposed health and wellness campus, cultural competency issues, support for the Partnership Health Plan and the County's ongoing commitment to training for the Medical Disaster Corps.

The Board recessed at 1:26 p.m. to Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at 1:00 p.m.

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