



staff report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
ATTENTION: Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager
FROM: Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the April 26, 2016, Special Meeting of the Bellflower City Council.
DATE: May 23, 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

None

RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

- 1) Approve the April 26, 2016, Minutes; or
- 2) Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENT

Minutes of the April 26, 2016, Special Meeting..... 2



MINUTES

CITY OF BELLFLOWER

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BELLFLOWER CITY COUNCIL TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016

1 Call to Order

Mayor Koops called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. in the Council Chambers at Bellflower City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower.

2 Roll Call

The following members of the City Council responded present to roll call:

Mayor Dan Koops
Mayor Pro Tem Ron Schnablegger
Council Member Ray Dunton
Council Member Scott A. Larsen
Council Member Sonny Santa Ines

Staff Participants:

Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager
Tae G. Rhee, Director of Finance
Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk
Karl H. Berger, City Attorney
Karen L. Avery, Deputy City Clerk

3 Public Comments

John Butts addressed the City Council relative to the potential Residential Landlord Tax on the agenda.

Mayor Koops announced that Public Comments would be taken as each agenda item is discussed.

4-A Consideration and possible action to direct staff to prepare the necessary documents to potentially place measures on the November 2016 ballot regarding the following subject-matters:

4-A.1 Utility Users' Tax

City Manager Stewart 1) provided a PowerPoint presentation slide relative to a potential measure regarding the renewal of the temporary increase of the Utility Users' Tax; 2) gave an overview of its approximate annual revenue and sunset date; and 3) responded to Council Members' questions.

The following individuals spoke in favor of Staff's recommendation to not place a measure relative to the Utility Users' Tax on the November 8, 2016, Special Municipal Election ballot:

- **John Butts**
- **Wayne Brown**
- **Bob Snow**

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council to not place a measure relative to the renewal of the Utility Users' Tax increase on the November 8, 2016, Special Election ballot.

4-A.2 Municipal Water System

City Manager Stewart 1) provided PowerPoint presentation slides relative to a potential ballot measure to sell the Municipal Water System (MWS); 2) gave an overview of the MWS' valuation and the process by which it could be sold per PUC § 10061; and 3) he, Finance Director Rhee, and City Attorney Berger responded to Council Members' questions.

The following individuals spoke in favor of Staff's recommendation to place a measure relative to the sale of the Municipal Water System on the November 8, 2016, Special Municipal Election ballot:

- **John Butts**
- **Wayne Brown**

Following lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council to 1) place a measure relative to the sale of the Municipal Water System on the November 8, 2016, Special Municipal Election ballot for voter consideration; and 2) direct Staff to prepare a method for soliciting and evaluating proposals, and draft an RFP for City Council consideration at the May 9, 2016, City Council Meeting.

4-A.3 Cannabis Tax

City Manager Stewart 1) provided a PowerPoint presentation slide relative to a potential ballot measure regarding Cannabis Tax; 2) gave an overview of the status of the Statewide ballot measure; and 3) he and City Attorney Berger responded to Council Members' questions.

The following individuals did not state a position in favor or against Staff's recommendation to not place a ballot measure relative to a Cannabis Tax on the November 8, 2016, Special Municipal Election ballot, but made comments and asked questions generally related to the subject:

- **Wayne Brown**
- **John Butts**

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council to not place a measure relative to a Cannabis Tax on the November 8, 2016, Special Municipal Election ballot.

4-A.4 Residential Landlord Tax

City Manager Stewart 1) provided a PowerPoint presentation slide relative to a potential ballot measure regarding a Residential Landlord Tax; 2) gave an overview of current and proposed rental unit tax and revenues; and 3) he and City Attorney Berger responded to Council Members' questions.

Wayne Brown did not state a position in favor or against Staff's recommendation to not place a measure on the November 8, 2016, Special Municipal Election relative to a Residential Landlord Tax, but made comments and asked questions generally related to the subject.

John Butts spoke in favor of placing a measure relative to a Residential Landlord Tax on the November 8, 2016, Special Election ballot and stated that he would commence an informal signature petition of the residents of the City to prove the support in the community regarding this measure and bring the petition back to the City Council for consideration.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council to not place a measure relative to a Residential Landlord Tax on the November 8, 2016, Special Municipal Election ballot.

Recess:

Without objection, Mayor Koops recessed the City Council Meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Reconvened:

Mayor Koops reconvened the Meeting at 12:25 p.m. with all members present.

4-A.5 City Council Vacancy

City Manager Stewart 1) provided a PowerPoint presentation slide relative to the potential City Council vacancy that would be created by the announced resignation of Council Member Scott A. Larsen; 2) gave an overview of the options available to the City Council to address the vacancy; and 3) responded to Council Members' questions.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the City Council to 1) fill the vacancy on the City Council by appointment; and 2) direct Staff to prepare an application process for City Council consideration at the May 9, 2016, City Council Meeting.

4-A.6 Such additional matters that may be identified by the City Council

There were no additional matters discussed.

5 Adjournment

It was moved by Council Member Larsen, seconded by Council Member Dunton, and carried without objection to adjourn the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

Dan Koops, Mayor
City of Bellflower

Attest:

Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk
Approved: May 23, 2016