
UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2010

1. Called to order by President Robert McClung

Board members present: Robert McClung, Susan Klein, Patty Williams, and Betty Adkison

2. Minutes

September minutes approved with corrections.

3. Agenda-

4. Announcements, public documents, upcoming public meetings.

5. Elected Representatives

Elvi Gray-Jackson The ordinance to prevent Assembly, Mayor, and School Board members from having municipal employment until one year, and requiring that contracts are allowed but must go through the competitive bid process passed, Mayor Vetoed. Introduced another version of the ordinance that clarifies questions raised by Mayor and Assembly Member Ossiander. Public Hearing will be held on October 26th. Public Trust, Integrity, and Ethics.

Administration brought forward a new Illegal campsite ordinance. Public hearing September 14th. Passed as presented but Temporary Restraining Order still in place. Court date sometime in November.

Increase in Cigarette tax introduced by Chair Traini. Estimated to bring in \$5 to \$6 million. Will be dollar for dollar reduction in property taxes. Public Hearing – October 26th.

Re-organization at the Elmore Road municipal facilities. Reducing seven departments to three. Estimated savings \$621,000 annually. Approved by the Assembly but reconsideration brought forward by Mr. Honeman. Still questions that need to be answered.

Mayor presented 2011 budget at a work session last Friday. Key elements:

\$435M

\$3.8M Property Tax Increase

Mayor blames labor costs which are only 54%

\$14M tax increase to pay bond debt due to postponing partial payment last year

\$11.5M under tax cap

\$8.1M under tax cap last year

Increases in fees and fines

Deleting 110 positions – 56 vacant (police academy positions), 54 filled (transfers to grants), net 31 positions.

Eight police officers and eight firefighters

Public transit cuts

Library cuts

Other areas

Citizen's Guide to Budget books to be distributed to all Community Councils through the FCC.

Charter requires two public hearings on the budget – Assembly holding three – after 6:00 p.m. – October 26, November 9th and November 23rd

Next Meeting – October 12th - Highlights

Public hearing on Campbell Park Estuary conveyance

Title 21.07.130B, Large nonresidential establishments in or surrounded by large residential lots

Note – Robert does a great job informing the Community Council of what's going on in the neighborhood – i.e., 40th Avenue extension. ☺

Dick Traini suggested a cigarette tax that would bring in five to six million dollars in tax revenue and would reduce property taxes. An alternate proposal to tax McDonald's and other fast food restaurants was not welcomed by Rep. Traini. It was noted that California has banned drive thru windows to fight obesity. Municipal Budget - \$435 million dollars for fiscal year. Budget hearings will be held on October 26th, November 12th and 24th, and can be accessed at Muni.org.

Property taxes will be increased as well as fines and fees, with 110 positions being reduced. Among these will be 31 positions including 8 from the police department and 8 from the fire department

Paul Honneman stressed the importance in keeping up the force of these two departments. Another cut that was discussed was the Dimond library branch.

A hearing will be held on October 12 regarding the Campbell Park estuary and Title 21 ordinance.

He also noted that we are paying more for less service.

Sharon Cissna discussed the length of sessions in the legislature, commenting that they were unable to get the work done in the shorter session. She noted that this robbed citizens of the opportunity to attend.

She stated the State budget needs more money for towns and villages and the need for revenue sharing.

Also discussed were open primary elections and behavioral mental health needs.

A UMED meeting is scheduled for Saturday November 20th at the Consortium Library.

Celeste Hodges, representing Senator Bettye Davis

Celeste discussed Denali Kid Care and a meeting to be held on December 9th regarding Health Care Reform

Noah Hansen representative for Berta Gardner

Noah discussed new bills regarding campaign funding, cell phone use while driving prohibition extending to adults.

6. Community Patrol: Liz Patrick

College Gate representative noted that several children have been offered rides by strangers and noted the police are patrolling the area to watch the children on their way to and from school.

7. **FCC Rep Betty Adkison** discussed neighborhood tours and dinners.

8. **Mental Health Trust**, Tim Spernak discussed more on the 40th Street project.

9 **Other Business.**

A four-way stop sign on the corner of Sillary and Checkmate was requested.

10. **Meeting adjourned.**