



# CITY COUNCIL BUDGET GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP MINUTES

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**Saturday, January 31, 2004**

**8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**City of Menlo Park**

**Menlo Park Recreation Center – Fireside Room #112**

**Menlo Park, CA 94025**

**A. ROLL CALL** – Duboc, Winkler, Collacchi, Jellins, Kinney

Mayor Duboc called the session to order at 8:41 a.m.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public expressed the following views:

- the Transportation Commission needs to be supported because crosswalks are important to the visually impaired
- Members of Commissions and Committees would like better follow-up after the City Council deliberates on matters that these bodies made recommendations on
- Parks and Recreation should look into partnerships with other organizations

**C. REGULAR BUSINESS**

1. City Council Priorities, Goals and Budget.

Mr. David Boesch and Ms. Audrey Seymour, City Manager and Assistant City Manager respectively, presented information to Council on General Fund challenges, Mission and Goals and the upcoming budget process. The Council discussed their views on cost recovery for certain services, investing more in infrastructure, and wanting staff's recommendations on citywide reductions. In regards to possible voluntary terminations Council emphasized the need to begin negotiations with the Unions early on.

Council consensus was to begin working on a mission statement that includes feedback from the advisory bodies. This mission should also bear some relation to the General Plan. Council expressed a desire to improve communication with Commissions specifically on follow-up for projects and recommendations that these bodies made.

**D. ADJOURNMENT** – the session adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Approved at the Council Meeting of March 2, 2004.