



**CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**
Tuesday, May 12, 2009 AT 6:00 p.m.
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
Menlo Park City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER – 6:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Robinson, Cline, Boyle, Cohen, Fergusson present

A. STUDY SESSION

1. Discussion and Direction Regarding Development of the 2009-10 Budget Proposal ([Staff Report #09-065](#))

The City Manager provided a brief overview of the proposed Budget for 2009-10. The Finance Director spoke as well about some of the projections.

Public Comment was taken:

- Barbara Franklin regarding second-hand smoke
- Stu Soffer regarding the Finance Audit Committee
Council Member John Boyle provided observations by the Finance Audit Committee and considerations that they would like the Council to consider.
- Honor Huntington asked the Council to think about the observations raised by the Finance Audit Committee
- Wilma Lenz – dangerous crosswalk that does not have pavement on Oak Grove

The various department heads presented the Council with details and specific information as well as explanations for changes to the budget and if applicable to services. They answered questions on their proposed budgets.

The Council discussed the budget in depth.

Action: The Council directed staff to reduce the General Fund budgeted transfer to the CIP Fund in an amount to balance the Budget as a one time strategy. Council also directed staff to add back in an amount of \$23,000 to the library and funding for a teacher position at the Menlo Children's Center for 18-30 month old toddlers. Council also added \$40,000 for the High Speed Rail Project Priority.

2. Proposed Deliverables for Council Goals ([Attachment](#))

A few comments were made regarding the deliverables and goals as well as the process. Additional comments will be provided by individual Council Members to the City Manager.

The Council discussed the process for the May 26, 2009, Budget Q&A process.

Public Comment #2 was taken:

- Michael Francois – Police issues and the Budget

B. ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Pat Carson, On behalf of the City Clerk
The minutes were accepted at the Council meeting of June 2, 2009