CITY OF MENLO PARK

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE

Special Meeting Thursday, March 05, 2009 1:30 p.m. Administrative Conference Room, Second Floor 701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

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CALL TO ORDER - 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL- Council member John Boyle

Honor Huntington, Jeff Child, Stu Soffer

CITY STAFF- Starla Jerome-Robinson, Carol Augustine, Stephen Green

A. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limited to 15 minutes)

No public comment

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1. Review and discuss Midyear Staff Report from Council Meeting 02/24/2009.
 - Reviewed and discussed Mid-year Staff Report #09-029 page 17, Changes to the General Fund Balance.
 - Discussion of what should be included in the "bottom line".
 - Discussion of the need to explain the term "structural deficit".
 - Discussion of the Unreserved Fund Balance and ways to communicate its purpose to the public.
- 2. Discuss ways to summarize financial information for the public.
 - Cherise passed out a Budget communication plan for committee to review.
- C. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- D. INFORMATION ITEMS
- E. ADJOURNMENT