

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF VILLA PARK, CALIFORNIA

The City Council of the City of Villa Park met in a town hall session Tuesday, January 16, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 17855 Santiago Boulevard, Villa Park, California.

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Ulmer called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT**

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| Rich Ulmer    | Mayor         |
| Brad Reese    | Mayor Pro Tem |
| Rich Freschi  | Councilmember |
| Deborah Pauly | Councilmember |
| James Rheins  | Councilmember |

**STAFF PRESENT**

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| Ken Domer         | City Manager                |
| Len Hampel        | City Attorney               |
| Warren Repke      | City Attorney               |
| Jarad Hildenbrand | Assistant to the City Clerk |

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Pro Tem Reese led the flag salute.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Ulmer opened the floor for oral communications; after no response he closed oral communications.

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

**2007 Strategic Financial Plan Review and Planning Process.**

Mayor Ulmer stated the purpose of this town hall meeting is to better inform the residents of Villa Park and City Council themselves with regard to the financial condition of the community. The goal for tonight is to obtain a better view of

where the City's revenues come from and their trends over recent years; then comparing them to the City's expenditures and their trends over recent years. With that he hopes to have a discussion about ways Council can look at increasing revenues, controlling expenditures if not decreasing them, and overall increase the financial viability of the City. His interest in this matter was triggered 6-9 months ago when Villa Park was recommended to have a zero sphere of influence. With that he thanked City Manager Domer for his work on putting together a presentation of the City's recent years' revenues and expenditures and turned the meeting over to him.

City Manager Domer presented a PowerPoint presentation comparing revenues and expenditures over the last 10-11 years. In summary, both revenues and expenditures have increased over the time period in a consistent manner. Any spikes in revenue or expenditures can be explained by reviewing the specific year and looking at the capital improvement projects. Spikes in revenues are typically indicative of grant funding and spikes in expenditures are explained by paying for larger capital improvements that have had funds saved up over the years. The City has gone through both "save" years in which the City spends minimally on capital projects and "spend" years in which more improvements are made. The City has been spending more in recent years on capital improvements. There is concern about ongoing costs approaching the incoming revenues based on stagnant funding sources. Emphasis with City staff has been to reduce expenditures as much as possible while looking for new or increased revenue sources.

After the presentation, City Council discussion ensued and ideas were explored to raise City revenue sources and lower expenditures. Residents Dennis Kuli, Bill MacAloney, Wayne Silzel, and Jim Worden were in attendance to share their ideas as well.

Discussion followed regarding multiple revenue and expenditures issues was held. Specifically, the City Council reviewed law enforcement and fire protection costs. While fire protection is funded through the Structural Fire Fund (property taxes) and therefore not handled by the City, the majority of expenses for law enforcement are General Funds. The Council requested that the City Manager begin a review of law enforcement costs to include reviewing other cities law enforcement statistics. This information will be for future strategic planning sessions.

Upon discussion City Council directed staff to place on the January 23, 2007 City Council agenda an item for further discussion on the Strategic Financial Plan relating the exploration of decreasing expenditures, including, but not limited to, the City's law enforcement contract.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mayor Ulmer and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. to a Regular Meeting on January 23, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

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W. Richard Ulmer, Mayor  
City of Villa Park

**ATTEST:**

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Kenneth A. Domer, City Clerk  
City of Villa Park