

## I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:10 pm

## II. ROLL CALL:

Present: Dean Kunicki, Darryl Nind, Richard Rogero, Greg Stratton  
Absent: Lee Kennedy  
Staff: Eric Levitt, City Manager; Jody Kershberg, Administrative Services Director;  
Linda Swan, Deputy City Manager; Carolyn Johnson, Budget Officer;  
Matt Cuevas, Management Analyst

## III. PUBLIC STATEMENTS:

Ms. Teresa Jordan read a letter she wrote to the Committee that outlined her concerns regarding the public's ability to participate in emergency preparedness. She also mentioned her preference to have supporting documents made available to the public along with the proposed budget documents. Prior to FY 2017-18, the Supporting Document was a separate printed item available for public review.

## IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Nind moved, and Mr. Stratton seconded the approval of the minutes from the January 16, 2018 meeting. Mr. Kunicki and Mr. Rogero abstained due to not being in attendance at the January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion passed 2-0.

## V. IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC AREAS TO FURTHER EXPLORE AS PART OF RECOMMENDATIONSTO CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Levitt shared a report with the Committee Members from the League of California Cities regarding pension issues for government organizations in California. He indicated that approximately 15% of the General Fund budget is for pension costs, and the City is in the 10<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> percentile compared to other California cities. Mr. Levitt outlined some specific options mentioned in the document that can be used to reduce unfunded pension liability.

- Pay down the unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) in advance, at a faster rate
- Enhance revenues, though this is not typically considered in Simi
- Establish a Pension Stabilization fund, though this reduces reserves
- Change service and delivery methods
- Change bargaining unit agreements to have employees pay a greater share
- Pension Obligation Bonds

The Committee Members asked questions regarding various aspects of CalPERS pensions, such as rate formulas, and hiring back newly retired staff. There was discussion on the struggle of wanting to reduce Police Department overtime costs and needing staff to work extra hours to cover for the current vacancies. Eric Levitt shared with the Committee that Chief Livingstone is looking at all resources within the department, including the possibility of possible reassignments, consideration of different type of work schedules, and utilizing existing staff, both sworn and civil, to help manage operations and pick up additional duties to assist with vacancies.

The Committee discussed various ideas for ways to generate revenue and ideas to draw people into Simi Valley to generate sales tax dollars. Chair Kunicki requested that staff distribute the

Retail Strategies study for the Committee Members to review and asked for an update on the City's Economic Development Plan.

VI. FURTHER DISCUSSION ON SURVEY

Time constraints did not allow for a discussion on the Survey.

VII. REVIEW OF FY18-19 BUDGET TIMELINE

Mr. Levitt suggested some areas to be reviewed during future meetings:

- Workers Comp & Liability Funds
- Current Economic Development Plan
- Revenue items: TOT increase, Landscape Zones, Marijuana Tax – next steps

Ms. Kershberg reminded the committee that they tentatively scheduled to present their findings/suggestions at the April 9, 2018, City Council meeting.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2018, location to be determined.