

MONTHLY SNAPSHOT OF REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Reports Highlighted for the Month of February 2010:

Highlights of Major Reports Issued in the Month of February:

Report No. 10-12 “Adoption of Guiding Principles for Structural Budget Deficit Elimination Plan”

At the Budget and Finance Committee meeting of January 6, 2010, the IBA presented IBA Report No.10-01, “Developing a Structural Budget Deficit Elimination Plan”. The report included guiding principles and key elements of recommendations from varied sources to identify common elements deemed necessary to effectively address a structural budget deficit. The IBA suggested eleven guiding principles as a starting point for consideration by the Mayor and City Council. The Budget and Finance Committee recommended minor changes, and the Audit Committee recommended its support for the principle related to funding of deferred maintenance.

The principles were discussed and amended by the Budget and Finance Committee again on January 27, 2010 and referred to the City Council for final consideration. On February 22, 2010, the Council considered input from the Mayor’s Office which resulted in Council adoption of the amended Guiding Principles.

On February 24, 2010, IBA issued Report No.10-18, “Guiding Principles for Structural Budget Deficit Elimination Plan,” to transmit the eleven Guiding Principles as amended and adopted by the City Council on February 22, 2010.

“Adoption of Guiding Principles for Structural Budget Deficit Elimination Plan”

[Report No. 10-12](#) (2/10/10)
(PDF:78K)

[Attachment](#) (1/25/10)
(PDF:2.4MB)

“Overview of Funding and Activities Relating to the City’s Solid Waste System”

[Report No. 10-16](#) (2/19/10)
(PDF:321K)

“Redevelopment Agency ERAF, CDBG Repayment, and Debt to the City”

[Report No. 10-17](#) (2/19/10)
(PDF:90K)

Report No. 10-16 “Overview of Funding and Activities Relating to the City’s Solid Waste System”

This report provided an overview of funding and activities surrounding the City’s solid waste system for the Natural Resources and Culture Committee (NR&C) at the request of the Chair. The focus of this report was on the major operating funds related to the solid waste system, and it provides an overview of the origin, purpose and revenue sources for these funds.

The financial health of the Refuse Disposal Enterprise Fund and Recycling Enterprise Fund has been examined in the past and will need further examination. An analysis of the Refuse Disposal and Recycling Fund reserve policies in relation to liabilities, available fund balance amounts, and future budget forecasts will determine the appropriate disposal fee levels for the operations, long-term maintenance and sustainability of the Refuse Disposal and Recycling Funds.

In this report the IBA recommended that: ESD develop and present a five-year forecast for the Recycling and Refuse Disposal Enterprise Funds; the Reserve Policy for the Refuse Disposal and Recycling Funds be presented to the Budget and Finance Committee, and incorporated in the City Reserve Policy; and that the Long-term Resource Management Options Strategic Plan be presented to Council upon completion, in order to facilitate a thorough discussion on the City’s long-term waste management strategy.

Report No. 10-17 “Redevelopment Agency ERAF, CDBG Repayment, and Debt to the City”

On Tuesday, February 23, 2010, Redevelopment Agency (RA) staff presented a series of recommendations to the Redevelopment Agency (and as a companion item to the City Council) on “Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund Payments, Proposed FY 2010 San Diego RA Budget Amendments, Agency Debt to the City and Community Development Block Grant Proposed Repayment Terms”.

In this report the IBA reviewed the staff requested actions and recommended that:

- Further clarification be provided on the ability-to-pay criteria used in determining ERAF payments for the SEDC project areas;
- Council direct the CDBG Administrative staff and/or the CDBG Working Group to return with a plan that outlines how these funds will be allocated and timing for allocation;
- Repayment plans for non-CDBG debt be discussed at a future Council Committee meeting.

In addition, the City Council may wish to consider:

- Requesting documentation from HUD memorializing the CDBG Loan Repayment Agreement;
- Requesting further detail in regard to the specific project area impacts that are anticipated as a result of the ERAF tax increment shifts and CDBG loan repayments.

Following Council discussion, the RA/Council adopted the IBA recommendations and the following actions:

- Approve staff recommendations;
- Keep all remaining CDBG principal and interest debt accrued through 2009 on the books pending further legal and financial analysis with respect to potential forgiveness of such accrued debt;
- Refer to Land Use and Housing Committee issues related to project area impacts, future use of CDBG repayment funds, and repayment for other non-CDBG long-term debt.

Other Reports Issued in the Month of February 2010:

Report No. 10-11 (2/10/10) (PDF:113K)

Attachment (2/10/10) (PDF:85K)

“Residents’ Opinions on City Services”

Report No. 10-13 (2/11/10) (PDF:79K)

“Implementing Ordinance for Construction Manager at Risk”

Report No. 10-14 (2/12/10) (PDF:75K)

“Funding for Administration of Community Parking District Conflict of Interest Code”

Report No. 10-15 (2/16/10) (PDF:120K)

Attachment 1 (2/16/10) (PDF:220K)

“Medical Marijuana Fee and Tax System for Collectives and Cooperatives”

Report No. 10-18 (2/24/10) (PDF:61K)

Attachment (2/16/10) (PDF:12K)

“Guiding Principles for Structural Budget Deficit Elimination Plan”

The IBA has updated our “Citizen’s Guide to the City’s Budget Process.” Please visit our lobby or website at www.sandiego.gov/iba for the latest version.
