

MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS CITY OF LOS ANGELES

JUNE 16, 2010

A Regular meeting of the Board of Library Commissioners was held at the Central Library, 630 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071, convening at 11:10 a.m. on the above-written date.

PRESENT:	VICE PRESIDENT COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER	MARSHA HIRANO-NAKANISHI ROBERT A. CHICK RITA WALTERS CARLOS A. SINGER
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ABSENT:	PRESIDENT	TYREE WIEDER
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ALSO PRESENT: Martín J. Gómez, City Librarian; Kris Morita, Asst. General Manager; Jacqueline Wagner, Analyst, CAO's Office; Basia Jankowski, Deputy City Attorney; Roy Stone, President, Librarians' Guild; Kenneth S. Brecher, President, Library Foundation of Los Angeles; and staff.

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MOVED by Commissioner Walters, seconded by Commissioner Chick, with Commissioner Singer abstaining, the Minutes of the Regular meeting held May 27, 2010, were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS

WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION: None.

CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORTS

Recommended Approval of Supplemental Agreement to Contract No. 742 for Project Consultant Services of the installation of Fire/Life/Safety System at the Central Library

The City Librarian recommends that the contract with Carol A. Gamble & Associates be extended for one year for the completion of the installation of the new Fire/Life/Safety System, including all the approvals required by the Los Angeles Fire Department.

MOVED by Commissioner Walters, seconded by Commissioner Chick and unanimously carried that the following resolution be adopted:

LIBRARY RESOLUTION NO. 2010-21 (C-16)

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2006 the Board of Library Commissioners approved the contract between the City of Los Angeles, Library Department and C.A. Gamble & Associates for a three-year term, May 10, 2007 through May 11, 2010, for the services of project management consulting for the installation of new fire/life/safety system at the Central Library; and

WHEREAS, the Library Department requires the Contractor's services until the Los Angeles Fire Department approves and signs-off on the new fire/life/safety system; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available to provide consultant services from the Library's Contractual Services Account:

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Library Commissioners hereby determines that Carol Gamble & Associates services continue for project management consultant services related to the installation of a new fire/life/safety system at the Central Library; and
2. That the Supplemental Agreement to Contract No. 742 with C.A Gamble & Associates be approved to extend the term of the contract to May 11, 2011, pursuant to the provisions of City of Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.5 (b) 2; and
3. That the Board finds that an independent contractor can perform the work set forth in this Agreement more feasibly than City staff; and
4. That the City Librarian and City Attorney are authorized to make technical changes to the Supplemental Agreement prior to execution; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Library Commissioners be authorized to execute the Supplemental Agreement upon receipt of the required approvals.

Mayor's Proposed Budget
For Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Martín Gómez, City Librarian, reported that the adopted budget for the Library Department for Fiscal Year 2010-11 totals \$131,732,200. He asked Business Manager Kyle Millager to provide details on the budget.

Ms. Millager stated the budget reduced the Library's Salary Account by \$8.7 million by eliminating 328 fulltime equivalent positions; exempts the Library Department from furloughs; and maintains the Library materials budget at the current level of \$6,823,265. Although, the budget shows an increase of \$293,125 (.36%) from the current fiscal year, those funds would be used to reimburse the General Fund for utilities and employee benefits, and other operating costs.

The City Librarian indicated that labor negotiations are still being conducted and the results of those negotiations may affect the budget.

Board Discussion

Vice President Hirano-Nakanishi asked for clarification on the \$48 million on Related Costs. Ms. Millager responded that those were costs attributable to the Library. She provided a breakdown of the reimbursement cost for utilities and services as follows: \$3.5 million for water and electricity, \$284,000 for natural gas, \$122,000 for fuel & fleet, \$1.742 million for public safety services, \$2,901,000 for custodial services, and \$3,397,000 for building maintenance; employee health benefits and pension costs.

Commissioner Walters said she would like the budget to be descriptive enough for interested individuals or groups such as the Friends Groups to obtain the information they need without the use of extra guidelines, like the blue book. The Vice-President requested that the broad line item, Other Related Costs, likewise, be delineated. Ms. Millager said more information would be provided for next year's budget.

Commissioner Walters asked how much would the budget total be if the early retirement and reduction of hours had not occurred. The City Librarian stated that the reduction of 328 fulltime equivalent positions reduced the Library's Salary Account by \$8.7 million with corresponding reduction to the General Fund for retirement and employee benefits related costs of \$7.5 million, bringing the total salary savings to the General Fund of \$16.2 million.

Public Comments

Roy Stone, President, Librarians' Guild, stated the Librarians' Guild has been working very hard to save jobs. He relayed that the Guild acknowledges there is a citywide budget problem but the Library Department has received the largest cut of any other City department, dramatically reducing staff levels. He believes Recreation and Parks and the Library are being targeted because of the Charter mandated funding the departments receive.

Mr. Stone underscored that the loss of the 160 positions would be devastating to services, the public, the communities, and for library staff. He hopes the negotiations result in the saving of positions.

Thereafter, it was MOVED by Commissioner Chick, seconded by Commissioner Singer and unanimously carried that the following resolution be adopted:

LIBRARY RESOLUTION NO. 2010-22 (C-17)

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Commissioners hereby adopts and certifies the attached Library Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011 in the amount of \$131,732,200, as approved by the Mayor and City Council.

VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS: None.

COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ATTEST: _____

Marsha Hirano-Nakanishi
Vice President

Raquel M. Borden
Board Executive Assistant

Date to be approved:

July 29, 2010