

**Minutes
Tempe City Council
Special Budget Session
June 5, 2008**

Minutes of the Tempe City Council Special Budget Meeting of Thursday, June 5, 2008, held immediately following the Formal City Council Meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Harry E. Mitchell Government Center, Municipal Building, City Council Chambers, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Hugh Hallman
Vice Mayor Hut Hutson
Councilmember P. Ben Arredondo
Councilmember Barbara J. Carter
Councilmember Onnie Shekerjian

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Councilmember Shana Ellis
Councilmember Mark W. Mitchell

Mayor Hallman called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

AGENDA

- *1. Held a Truth in Taxation public hearing and adopted a resolution by roll call vote as required under the state Truth in Taxation statute, indicating the City's intention to adopt a primary property tax levy that, excluding amounts related to new construction, will be greater than last year's primary levy.

DOCUMENT NAME: [20080605fsae01.pdf](#) **MISCELLANEOUS TAXES (0210-06) RESOLUTION NO. 2008.43**

- *2. Introduced and held the first public hearing for Ordinance No. 2008.25 adopting the FY 2008-2009 Property Tax; and setting the final adoption of this ordinance on June 19, 2008.

DOCUMENT NAME: [20080605fsae02.pdf](#) **MISCELLANEOUS TAXES (0210-06) ORDINANCE NO. 2008.25**

- *3. Held the final public hearing adopting Resolution 2008.45 containing estimates of proposed expenditures by the City of Tempe for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, and declared that such shall constitute a budget for the City of Tempe for said fiscal year.

PUBLIC HEARING on Items #1, 2 and 3.

Darryl Jacobson-Barnes, Tempe, stated that have been many comments about what the amount of tax is and how it affects the citizens. Some councilmembers have stated that they didn't feel that they had given a property tax increase because the secondary property tax rate had been held the same. Her property tax value, for example, increased 50.1%. Based on that, just in the City of Tempe on the secondary property tax, her property taxes increased 51.5%, from \$700.66 to \$964.70. Overall, her taxes increased from \$4,823 to \$5,762, almost a \$1,000 increase in one year. Maybe that seems like a small amount, but to her

it is not. Looking at the options of what she could spend that money on, and looking at the families across the state, it has never helped the economy to increase taxes. If she had that \$1,000 in her own pocket, she would be spending it on things for her family, on things that would bring back revenue from the operations side which would help the overall economy. She asked Council to consider that. Also, in looking at some of the expenditures included in the upcoming bond election, about \$2.5M is designated for parks. With the foreclosure rate so high, spending \$2.5M for parks might not be wise. Maybe we need to look at making sure people can afford their homes because we worry about expanding programs. Council needs to be fiscally responsible and look at the options.

Motion by Vice Mayor Hutson for approval of Item #1 and #3. Second by Councilmember Arredondo. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 5-0, with Councilmembers Ellis and Mitchell absent.

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2008.45

BUDGET (0205-11-01) RESOLUTION NO.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Meeting was reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

City Attorney Andrew Ching stated that Item #1 requires a roll call vote.

Mayor Hallman asked for a verbal roll call vote on Item #1:

Councilmember Shekerjian	Aye
Councilmember Carter	Aye
Vice Mayor Hutson	Aye
Councilmember Arredondo	Aye
Mayor Hallman	Aye

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

I, Jan Hort, the duly-appointed City Clerk of the City of Tempe, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby certify the above to be the minutes of the City Council budget meeting of June 5, 2008, by the Tempe City Council, Tempe, Arizona.

Hugh Hallman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jan Hort, City Clerk

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2008.