



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: March 3, 2009

TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Administration Division, Finance Department

SUBJECT: Infrastructure Financing Task Force Recommendations – Review Of Financial And Reserve Policies

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Finance Committee review the Infrastructure Financing Task Force's recommendations on the City's financial and reserve policies.

DISCUSSION:

A number of the recommendations of the Infrastructure Financing Taskforce (IFT) address the financial and reserve policies established in Resolution numbers 95-156 and 95-157. Copies of the IFT recommendations and the two 1995 resolutions are attached.

The financial and reserve policies established by the 1995 resolutions have not been formally reviewed since adoption. Even before the IFT had been established, the Finance Committee had expressed a desire to review the City's reserve policies. Once the IFT had been established, staff recommended that the Finance Committee await the Taskforce report in order to include consideration of any Taskforce recommendations on the financial and reserve policies established in the resolutions

Staff anticipates that a thorough review of the IFT financial and reserve policy recommendations and the related policies contained in the resolutions will take more than one meeting. Based on this, staff is not expecting the Committee to reach any conclusions or develop any recommendations at this meeting.

In this first meeting, Staff plans to review and discuss the IFT recommendations, the two resolutions and present some comparative information on reserve policies and funding levels from other cities. This information can then form the foundation for future discussions and recommendations which will take place over the coming weeks.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Financing Recommendations of the IFT
2. Management and Policy Recommendations of the IFT
3. Resolution No. 95-156
4. Resolution No. 95-157

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office