

**MINUTES
SARATOGA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 9, 2004**

Mayor WaltonsSmith called the Council meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ann WaltonsSmith, Vice Mayor Kathleen King,
Councilmembers Norman Kline, Nick Streit

ABSENT: Councilmember Stan Bogosian

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Anderson, City Manager
Lorie Tinfow, Assistant City Manager
Cathleen Boyer, City Clerk
Laurie Smith, Sheriff
Dennis Bacon, Commander
John Hirokawa, Captain
Terry Calderone, Lieutenant
Naomi Tsurumoto, Director of Administrative Services
Alan Minato, Fiscal Officer

REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF AGENDA FOR APRIL 9, 2004

Cathleen Boyer, City Clerk, reported that pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda for the meeting of April 9, 2004 was properly posted on April 2, 2004.

1. **Sheriff's Contract Pricing for FY 04-05**

- 2004-2005 proposed budget includes an 18.3% (\$521k) increase over the 2003-2004 contract.
- The Sheriff's contract is about \$3 million, which is the most expensive part of City's budget of \$8.5 million.
- Increase is due to increase in pensions, medical plans, workers compensation and contract negotiations.
- FY 03-04 eliminated one Traffic Officer and included no merit increase.
- Sheriff Smith provided a per capita comparison of police budgets from other Santa Clara County cities that showed the Sheriff's Office provides services at a very low cost.
- Sheriff's Office does not charge contract cities for special teams or special enforcement.
- Sheriff's Office only charges contract cities for detectives and deputies on the street.

- Sheriff Smith suggested that eliminating three positions – DARE Officer, School Resource Officer, and one Traffic Deputy – would have the least impact on the service in the City of Saratoga.
- Council expressed concern in regards to cutting school based programs.

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Direct Sheriff’s Office to prepare cost analysis in regards to eliminating the DARE, School Resource Officer and one Traffic Deputy.

2. **West Valley Substation Location Options**

- West Valley Substation located in the Saratoga Village is inadequate to house the Sheriff’s Office.
- Active search over the past four years to find an alternate location in Saratoga.
- In 2004, a Cox Avenue site was in negotiations, but the deal fell through.
- Sheriff Smith explained the breakdown of services rendered out of the West Valley Substation:
 - 30% Saratoga
 - 50% Cupertino
 - 20% Unincorporated and Los Altos Hills
- Sheriff Smith suggested that the Sheriff’s Office split the West Valley Substation in two.
- Sheriff Smith stated that there is an available site in Cupertino (AAA building) on DeAnza Blvd that fits the needs of the entire substation.
- Sheriff Smith stated that the owners of the Cox Avenue property offered to build the Sheriff’s Office a building if the City would waive the parking requirements.
- Discussion in regards to moving the Senior Center and the Adult Care Center to the North Campus and bring the Sheriff’s Office to the Community Center.

COUNCIL DIRECTION

Direct Sheriff Smith to discuss construction of a building with Cox Avenue property owner.

Direct City staff to report back to Council estimated cost to rehabilitate the Community Center for use as a substation and North Campus as a Senior Center and Adult Care Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Waltonsmith adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathleen Boyer, CMC
City Clerk