

CITY OF MONTEREY

Budget Forum for Boards and Commissions

March 12, 2009

1. Mayor Della Sala gave a welcome
2. City Manager and Assistant City Manager provided briefings
3. Video played
4. Maxine Reneker – on behalf of the Library Board; devastating impacts; Libraries receive increased use during downturn; 10 positions lost in 2003 downturn but 35% workload increase since last reduction
5. Bob Oliver – supports Library and Sports Center
6. Rick Heuer – not seeing compensation reductions; contingency for future PERS hits
7. Colleen Sullivan – speaking for MaryAnn – tax for one or two years; raise Sports Center fees slightly; does not support decrease in Fire or Police personnel; supports K-9; appreciates public meetings to provide input; Colleen's comments – tax OK, Sports Center Fees, no decrease in Police/Fire; keep K-9
8. City Manager indicated that PERS issues are significant but somewhat mitigated by 15-year smoothing of PERS rates. True systemic change needs to take place in Sacramento rather than locally. Also, the City does not offer health care for retirees, which is the real benefit exposure in those communities that offer it.