October 6, 2008

Honorable Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Mayor
All City Departments
Councilmember Zine
Councilmember Greuel
City Administrative Officer
Chief Legislative Analyst
Controller, Room 300
Accounting Division, F & A
Disbursement Division

RE: FIRST FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

At the meeting of the Council held September 19, 2008, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted, as amended ................................................................. X
Attached amending motion (Zine - Greuel) adopted ............................................. X
Attached resolution adopted ..............................................................................
FORTHWITH ........................................................................................................
Mayor concurred ...............................................................................................
To the Mayor FORTHWITH ............................................................................
Motion adopted to approve communication and committee report recommendation(s) .................................................................
Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s) .........................
Mayor vetoed ......................................................................................................
Mayor approved ............................................................................................... 10-02-08
Mayor failed to act - deemed approved ..............................................................
Findings adopted ...............................................................................................
Negative Declaration adopted ...........................................................................
Categorically exempt .........................................................................................
Generally exempt .............................................................................................

KAREN E. KALFAYAN
City Clerk

City Clerk
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SUBJECT TO THE MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 08-0600-S18 COUNCIL DISTRICT

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE September 19, 2008

RE: FIRST FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT OCT 03 2008
(10 Day Charter requirement as per Charter Section 341)

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR MAYOR USE ONLY

APPROVED

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OCT 02 2008

MAYOR

*DISAPPROVED

*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to Charter Section 341

DATE OF MAYOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OCT 02 2008

MAYOR
TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your BUDGET AND FINANCE Committee reports as follows:

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the First Financial Status Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE the recommendations contained in the City Administrative Officer's (CAO) First Financial Status Report for FY 2008-09, dated September 2, 2008 attached to the Committee report, with the following technical amendments:
   a. Recommendation No. 1 - Substitute Attachment 6 with Revised Attachment 6 (attached to the Committee report).
   b. Recommendation No. 7 - Amend CAO Recommendation No. 7 to read as follows:
      INSTRUCT the Bond Fund Administrator, in accordance with Recommendation No. 6, to TRANSFER cash from Fund No. 298/38, Municipal Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA), Account E132, Information Technology Agency (ITA), to reimburse the General Fund on an as-needed basis upon proper documentation from the ITA and approval of the CAO.
   c. Recommendation No. 10 - Substitute Attachment 7 with Revised Attachment 7 (attached to the Committee report.)

2. APPROVE the recommendations contained in the CAO's Addendum to the First Financial Status Report, dated September 8, 2008, attached to the Committee report.

3. AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to execute a supplemental agreement to extend the term of Contract No. C-101880 to June 30, 2009, to be funded within existing resources.

4. INSTRUCT the Department of Animal Services to report back to the Council relative to an aggressive strategy to increase dog licensing and adoptions; the report should additionally address a prior Budget and Finance Committee request for a report back relative to an analysis of the impact of the current fee structure on the number of dogs being licensed and spayed/neutered.

5. INSTRUCT the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Department to report back to the Council in two months relative to the status of El Pueblo lease negotiations.

6. INSTRUCT the CAO, and REQUEST the Controller, to report back to the Budget and Finance Committee relative to the status of the Cost Allocation Plan rate study.
7. INSTRUCT the Department of Transportation (DOT) to report back to the Council relative to the number of Venice Beach parking lots that are controlled by Los Angeles County, the amount of revenue received from the parking lots, and how parking lot revenue is shared between the City and the County.

8. INSTRUCT the DOT to submit a report to the Budget and Finance Committee relative to the feasibility of a parking meter revenue cost sharing plan, and additional ideas to achieve greater parking meter revenue; the report should include a summary and maps for all 15 Council Districts indicating where parking meters are located as well as where they are not located.

9. INSTRUCT the Department of General Services (GSD) to report back to the Budget and Finance Committee relative to the status of a study on the number of take-home vehicles citywide and the potential to reduce fuel costs by reducing the number of take-home vehicles.

10. INSTRUCT the CAO to report back to the Budget and Finance Committee relative to the status of the GSD leasing account and a projected shortfall in that account.

11. INSTRUCT the CAO to ensure that the Major Systems Oversight Committee, with the Information Technology Agency CAO, Chief Legislative Analyst, and Mayor as an Ad Hoc Committee members*, is involved as a standard practice in the review of all projects involving major system upgrades and/or replacements, to ensure that the Council is fully aware of all expenditures and issues related to these projects.

12. INSTRUCT the CAO to report back to the Council relative to the status of the Request for Proposals concerning medical plans.

13. INSTRUCT the CAO to work with City departments whose fee increases have not yet come to the Council for consideration, to expedite submission of this information; and, working with the City Attorney, facilitate implementation of the Ordinances to effectuate the fee increases.

14. INSTRUCT all City departments to submit information relative to proposed fee increases to the Budget and Finance Committee in January 2009, in advance of the completion of the FY 2009-10 Budget hearings, to ensure that the City Attorney has adequate time to prepare fee increase Ordinances which would become effective at the beginning of the new Fiscal Year.

15. REQUEST the City Attorney to provide the Budget and Finance Committee with an update relative to the status of May Day litigation.

16. INSTRUCT the CAO to report back to the Budget and Finance Committee relative to the status of a previously requested report concerning review by private vendors of the City's projections on revenues forthcoming from transfer tax, sales tax, etc.

17. INSTRUCT the CAO to provide a status report to the Budget and Finance Committee relative to the managed hiring process.
Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that Fiscal Year 2007-08 revenue was $28.7 million or 0.7 percent below the revised estimate. The shortfall is primarily related to property tax revenue and one-time receipts included in licenses, permits, fees and fines which were less than anticipated. Current year revenue and expenditure issues of concern, including the State Budget, pending lawsuits and other departmental shortfalls cannot be quantified at this time and will be addressed in future reports. Transfers, appropriations and other adjustments totaling approximately $31 million are recommended in this report to meet current obligations.

The CAO reports, relative to Recommendation No. 2, that there is an increase in General Fund revenues of $1.19 million as a result of this report. These revenues come from the Proposition K reimbursement of prior year Bureau of Engineering staff costs and recognition of interest earnings in the Griffith Observatory Trust Fund that can be transferred to the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At its meeting of September 8, 2008, the Budget and Finance Committee considered City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports relative to the First Financial Status report for FY 2008-09. During the Committee discussion, various reports back were requested, which are reflected in the Committee recommendations. Following the Committee discussion, the Committee recommended approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report dated September 2, 2008, as amended (Committee report recommendations reflect the amendments made); and approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO’s Addendum report dated September 8, 2008. Additionally the Committee recommended that the City Attorney be authorized to execute a supplemental agreement to extend the term of Contract No. C-101880 to June 30, 2009, to be funded within existing resources. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
PARKS: YES
GREUEL: ABSENT
SMITH: YES
ROSEDAHL: YES
HUIZAR: ABSENT

LB #080600.18
9/10/08

- NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS -
MOTION

I MOVE that Item 2 on the Friday, September 19, 2008 City Council agenda, the Budget and Finance Committee report relative to the First Financial Status Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09, be AMENDED to authorize the Controller to transfer $1,000,000 from the Human Resources Benefits Department 61, Fund 100, Unemployment Insurance, Account No. 9100 to the Animal Services Department 06, Fund 100, Account 1010, Salaries General to fund the 31 Animal Care Technician positions previously eliminated in the FY2008-09 Adopted Budget for the remainder of the 2008-09 fiscal year.

PRESENTED BY:  
DENNIS ZINE  
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:  

Adopted SEP 19 2008

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL