

City of Inglewood – City Council Meeting
(06/19/18)

City Officials

Wanda Brown, City Treasurer
 James Butts, Jr, Mayor
 Kenneth Campos, City Attorney
 George Dotson, Councilman District 1
 Artie Fields, City Manager
 Ralph Franklin, Councilman District 4
 Yvonne Horton, City Clerk
 Sharon Koike, Assistant Finance Director
 Eloy Morales, Jr., Councilman District 3
 Alex Padilla, Councilman District 2
 Aisha Thompson, Deputy City Clerk

Members of the Public

Willie Agee
 Alphonso Parker, Jr.
 Diane Sambrano
 Aldine Sligh
 Jim Vaughn
 Michael Wilson

	[Pledge of Allegiance]
James Butts	Madam Clerk, could you call the roll for the Successor Agency, Housing Authority and Finance Authority and Parking Authority and the City Council of Inglewood?
Yvonne Horton	Mayor, quorum is present for the City Council, Successor Agency and Housing Authority.
James Butts	Any persons wishing to address City Council, Successor Agency, Housing Authority on any item on today’s agenda may do so at this time. Hearing no comment --
Diane Sambrano	___[8:36].
James Butts	No, I saw you look around, Ms. Sambrano, please.
Diane Sambrano	I thought the lady was going to come up here and I wasn’t going to interrupt her. Remember? I grew up during the days of watching the fictional town of Mayberry where people were courteous. And, keep in mind, it was fictional. Inglewood was never fictional. It’s been on the map since 1888. With regards to items numbers 6 and 7, I find it really offensive that you choose to reduce the rates for billboards and yet you’re not doing that for our community members getting their outrageous fees for the park and recreation programs, having to pay higher fees for building and whatever, improvements. But you’re reducing billboard fees. And yet at the same time, on the flip side of that, on O1, you’re increasing several salaries which are already significantly higher than the United States Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Interior,

	<p>all the Cabinet members of the United States. And several of the general council's and undersecretaries of the United States NASA -- that's people who go up in space. But you somehow think that our little nine-square mile city has many more dramas in it than dealing with Departments of the Interior. That we the residents have to pay higher while your corporate friends and donors pay lesser. That's offensive. Oh, and I guess the protests outside, you kind of missed it? Those are residents of this community that you completely disregarded with regards to the "Gosh, no comment," 987 that will be before the Environmental Committee in Sacramento on Wednesday without opportunity of public comment. Those are residents that you should be serving rather than abusing.</p>
Willie Agee	<p>My name is Willie Agee. and I live in the beautiful City of Inglewood, California. I think we are a charter city. I believe. I believe that we have five people on the dais to -- for operate this City. I don't think we have to pay our employees according to what they do back in Mississippi or New York or anyplace else. We pay our employees what these five people decide that's fair? And I support the Council. I don't think they would pay anybody a salary that's not earning it. And if the people here get a raise and get paid, evidently they deserve it. And I don't see why people want to complain about, you know.... Problem is they just jealous. They want more money themselves. And I support this Council and staff and everybody. Keep up the good work. This City is blooming like a flower. Proven that what you guys done are right on time. Actually, I'm proud of you. And keep up the good work. Fifty-three years in the City -- in the beautiful City of Inglewood. Thank you very much.</p>
Jim Vaughn	<p>Hi, my name is Jim Vaughn. I live in Inglewood. I wanted to talk to you one thing about these pay raises that was mentioned today. I happen to know that we have now able to maintain our police officers where we used to be losing them to other cities because we couldn't pay them the money we need to pay them. So I support the pay raises for the police officers and any other people whose doing their job in the proper way.</p>
James Butts	<p>We will close public comment. Item 1, CSA-1 and H-1.</p>
Unidentified Male	<p>Move to allow payments?</p>
James Butts	<p>Madame City Clerk?</p>
Yvonne Horton	<p>Housing Authority members: Dotson?</p>
George Dotson	<p>Aye.</p>
Yvonne Horton	<p>Padilla?</p>
Alex Padilla	<p>Aye.</p>
Yvonne Horton	<p>Morales?</p>
Eloy Morales	<p>Aye.</p>
Yvonne Horton	<p>Franklin?</p>
Ralph Franklin	<p>Aye.</p>
Yvonne Horton	<p>Mayor Chairman Butts?</p>
James Butts	<p>Aye. Consent counter items 2 through 7.</p>
Unidentified	<p>So moved.</p>

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Unidentified Male	Second.
James Butts	Madame Clerk?
Yvonne Horton	Council members: Dotson?
George Dotson	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Padilla?
Alex Padilla	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Morales?
Eloy Morales	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Franklin?
Ralph Franklin	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Mayor Butts?
James Butts	Aye. O1?
Yvonne Horton	Staff report recommending the adoption of Ordinance No. 18-07 updating the salary ordinance for fiscal year 2017 through 2018 introduced last week, June 12, 2018.
Unidentified Male	Motion to waive further reading?
Unidentified Male	Second.
James Butts	Madame Clerk?
Yvonne Horton	Council members: Dotson?
George Dotson	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Padilla?
Alex Padilla	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Morales?
Eloy Morales	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Franklin?
Ralph Franklin	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Mayor Butts?
James Butts	Aye. O-2?
Unidentified Male	Move for adoption.
Unidentified Male	Second.
James Butts	Madame Clerk? We're still on O-1. Madame Clerk?
Yvonne Horton	Yes, sir. Council members: Dotson?
George Dotson	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Padilla?
Alex Padilla	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Morales?
Eloy Morales	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Franklin?
Ralph Franklin	Aye.

Yvonne Horton	Mayor Butts?
James Butts	Aye. Now we're on to O-2.
Yvonne Horton	Staff report recommending the adoption of Ordinance No. 18-08, to reduce the hours of operation and enforcement of the parking meters located at the Crenshaw Imperial Branch Library parking lot introduced last week, June 12, 2018.
Unidentified Male	Motion to waive further reading?
Unidentified Male	Second.
James Butts	Madame Clerk.
Yvonne Horton	Council members: Dotson?
George Dotson	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Padilla?
Alex Padilla	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Morales?
Eloy Morales	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Franklin?
Ralph Franklin	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Mayor Butts?
James Butts	Aye.
Unidentified Male	Move adoption.
Unidentified Male	Second.
James Butts	That's move by District One, second by District Four. Madame Clerk.
Yvonne Horton	Council members: Dotson?
George Dotson	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Padilla?
Alex Padilla	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Morales?
Eloy Morales	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Franklin?
Ralph Franklin	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Mayor Butts?
James Butts	Aye. DR-1 and H-3?
Yvonne Horton	Staff report presenting the fiscal year 2016 through 2017 Basic Financial Statement AQMD Report and Single Audit Report.
James Butts	Wait, just a minute hold on a second.
Unidentified Male	Oral presentation?
James Butts	Yeah. Is there a brief oral presentation?
Sharon Koike	Yes.
James Butts	Go ahead, Ms. Koike.
Sharon Koike	Thank you Mayor and members of the Council. Brian Grouber from LSL, our

	independent audit firm, is here. But before he presents to you, I'd like to just take a brief moment to thank the Mayor and Council for your support over these years and just to let you know this year we did -- it was a very good job done by the accounting staff. All of our audit reports were completed before the due dates and I just wanted to give you a little background. Over the last several years, the group, the accounting department is in the back. I just wanted to acknowledge them. They have helped as a team to address over 63 audit findings. We found this year we only had four. None of them were major significant financial impacts, they were more compliance. And I just wanted to take the time to acknowledge the staff.
James Butts	Thank you.
Sharon Koike	You're welcome.
James Butts	Thank you. And we've come a long ways from when I came to this Council. We were really behind on our audits and now we're all caught up and I want to compliment the staff as well. Thank you. Receive and file the City of Inglewood's Basic Financial Statements. That was --
Sharon Koike	Do you have any questions for the auditor? He's here.
James Butts	That was the presentation. But if you guys have any questions for the auditors.
Ralph Franklin	I do have a comment, Mayor.
James Butts	Yes, Councilman Franklin?
Ralph Franklin	So when I was reading some of the items for cure and corrections, there was an area raised regarding the lack of procedures and controls, particularly being done in a timely manner. Now that has brought to our light have we put procedures in order to rectify that?
Sharon Koike	We have put many procedures in place. In fact, as I mentioned before, this year we have four audit findings. Three of them were basic compliance findings with reporting with some of our grants. All of the findings in the past that had to do with internal controls and lack of procedures or timely reconciliations have all been resolved.
Ralph Franklin	Thank you. Because I was concerned when you're dealing with federal dollars, particularly CDBG, they have a mandate you must meet these certain requirements.
Sharon Koike	Right.
Ralph Franklin	And I'm glad that we're now have an internal procedures and processes so that will not become an issue.
Sharon Koike	That's correct.
Ralph Franklin	Thank you, Mayor.
James Butts	Comment by District Two.
Alex Padilla	This report, I mean, you can tell by reading it how involved it was and how attention to detail. You know, they say the devil's in the details and so you guys really dug down and dug deep. And it was just good to see in those areas that they found that we need to be able to make some adjustments that we've already started moving in that direction to make those adjustments and working through the City Manager's office and our CFO, Mr. Esparza, to get that done. So thank you for that. Thank you for putting together a great

	report. And it's just really good to know that we're in better shape that we were a few years ago and we continue to head in the right direction. So thank you.
James Butts	Thank you, Ms. Koike. We will receive and file that report, A-1.
Sharon Koike	Thank you, Mayor. There's no other reports from the City Attorney's office.
James Butts	CM-1?
Artie Fields	No reports from the City Manager's office.
James Butts	CC-1?
Yvonne Horton	No report, Mayor. Thank you.
James Butts	CT-1?
Wanda Brown	Just a brief comment regarding according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Household debts increased by \$63 billion to \$13.21 trillion in the first quarter of 2018. And just to give you the balances of the debt. The mortgage debt is now at \$8.94 trillion. Student loans at \$1.41 trillion. Auto loans, \$1.23 trillion. Credit card, \$815 billion. Home equity credit line, \$436 billion. Total of \$13.21 trillion. The delinquency rate on debt balances, 90 days or more for mortgage improved to 1.2%. Student loans declined to 10.7%. Auto loans edged higher to 4.3%. And credit cards rose 8.0 with a Fed action to increase the Fed rate by 25 basis points now up to 2%. Major banks reacted immediately by increasing the prime lending rate to 5%. And with two more potential rate hikes through the end of the year, loans will become more expensive and money will continue to be drained from the system. That's just a household update. That concludes my comments.
James Butts	Thank you very much. CS-A2. Successor Agency's already ____ [20:16].
Yvonne Horton	Approval of the Minutes for the Successor Agency meeting held May 15, 2018.
Unidentified Male	____ [20:23].
James Butts	Madame Clerk.
Yvonne Horton	Successor Agency members: Dotson?
George Dotson	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Padilla?
Alex Padilla	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Morales?
Eloy Morales	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Franklin?
Ralph Franklin	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Chairman Butts?
James Butts	Aye. CS-A3?
Yvonne Horton	Staff report recommending approval to request that the Oversight Board for the Successor Agency of the former Inglewood Redevelopment Agency adopt a resolution directing the Successor Agency to implement the State of California, Department of Finance approved long-range property management land as amended with respect to the long-term use and disposition of the LAX noise mitigation properties B-1.1 through and including B-3 representing parcels 1 through and including 13 subject to the applicable disposition

	requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration grant agreements and Los Angeles World Airports Letter Agreement.
Unidentified Male	Move approval.
Unidentified Male	Second.
James Butts	Madame Clerk.
Yvonne Horton	Successor Agency members: Dotson?
George Dotson	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Padilla?
Alex Padilla	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Morales?
Eloy Morales	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Franklin?
Ralph Franklin	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Chairman Butts?
James Butts	Aye. We'll adjourn the Successor Agency. The Housing Authority's already in session. H-2.
Yvonne Horton	Approval of the Minutes for the Housing Authority meeting held on May 15, 2018.
Unidentified Male	Move approval.
Unidentified Male	Second.
James Butts	Madame Clerk.
Yvonne Horton	Housing Authority members: Dotson?
George Dotson	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Padilla?
Alex Padilla	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Morales?
Eloy Morales	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Franklin?
Ralph Franklin	Aye.
Yvonne Horton	Chairman Butts?
James Butts	Aye. We'll adjourn the Housing Authority. Public comments. Persons wishing to addressing City Council on any matters connected to the City business not elsewhere considered on the agenda -- not elsewhere considered, may do so at this time. One minute.
Diane Sambrano	Yes, here we go. Once again I'm going to point out that most council meetings throughout whether they're charter cities or any other city in this country, actually, have staff reports that give information other than that which is on the internet downstairs in an office that is closed every other Friday and allow the community actually involve in a meaningful way what's going on. You're absolutely right. We are not acting in the way that most of the U.S. does act because clearly we are in a dictatorship by my opinion. And it is

	clear that all across America different people do decide what different people are paid. However, that is usually in a business, not in a government entity. And, by the way, government shouldn't be telling businesses who they should or should not hire. And we the people should not be paying for those oversteppings of authority.
James Butts	Okay, we'll close public comment if no one's going to come forward. Okay, Mr. Parker?
Aldine Sligh	Good afternoon, Mayor, City Council and staff. The last time I heard about a forensic examination of finances of Inglewood was when Mr. Mike Stevens was sitting on the dais. From what I understand from the financial report that was given, there were some mistakes that were made that were corrected. I think we need outside people to come in and look at these books because those many mistakes and then to have them all corrected all at one time seems a little strange. So, I would think that we would have to have a forensic audit of the Inglewood finances.
James Butts	Thank you, Ms. Sligh. It took a number of years and these were outside people.
Alphonso Parker, Jr.	Alphonso Parker, Jr. Vietnam veteran, '66-'67, conscientious objector. Everybody knows who I am. Just the other day, the Navy will not reveal disgraced officers. Secret VA nursing health prop. Rates are atrocious. Documents, public files, you're not allowed to see. But they process them. This is what's going on, ladies and gentlemen. This is treason. Anybody that tells you that it's none of their business at our level. The people kick it upstairs as Federal. This country is our country, not Federal government. Not these people we pay, Tom and ____ [24:59] to represent us who misrepresent us. They need to go to jail. They can tell us if you see something, hear something, tell somebody. That trickles up and trickles down, ladies and gentlemen. You need to know that. And what these people are doing, they all need to be tried for treason, civilians as well. Okay? That's what the situation is. I'm here to tell you, they're after your next generation.
James Butts	Thank you, Mr. Parker.
Alphonso Parker, Jr.	Don't let them have them.
James Butts	Mr. Parker, thank you very much.
Alphonso Parker, Jr.	Oh yeah. Next time one of your people hit me up with a VA card talking about who they are.
Michael Wilson	Hello, my name is Michael Wilson. And I'm with the Uplift Inglewood Coalition. We are a coalition of residents, faith groups, local businesses and many organizations working together to ensure the vision of Inglewood's future includes and benefits everyone, especially the most vulnerable. Today our coalition is supported by local residents, the Social Justice Learning Institute, the Youth Justice Coalition, Holy Faith Episcopal, Clue, LA Voice, and Nine to Five California. We want to secure housing for working families, safer neighborhoods, and community center developments. We also organize for sustainable community investment that addresses the rising costs of rent and housing prices. Our members are here today to talk about the changing

	priorities. Thank you very much. I am also here to ask for that responsibility this here is me, along with Uplift Coalition serving you the Honorable James T. Butts with a lawsuit on behalf of the people asking that you cease and desist on all -- using any City advertisement --
James Butts	Mr. Wilson --
Michael Wilson	-- oh no, you can give this, too. This is also for the City Manager.
James Butts	Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wilson, you're done. What you'll do--
Michael Wilson	City attorney as well.
James Butts	No you won't.
Michael Wilson	And also -- no, this is a legally binding documentation--
James Butts	You take it down to the Clerk's Office now.
Michael Wilson	Oh no, no, no, no. We can do this here. We know how this goes. Oh, you can serve him. In front of everyone, we can follow the law.
James Butts	Mr. Wilson.
Michael Wilson	We can follow the law.
James Butts	Okay, you know what? We're adjourned. We're adjourned. Thank you.
Unidentified Male	That's not grounds for adjournment.
Unidentified Female	That's not proper.
Many	[Indistinct chatter.]
Unidentified Female	You're supposed to represent the people.