City of Inglewood

First Year Accomplishments

Town Hall Meeting
March 3, 2012
James T. Butts, Mayor
Hired a Professional City Manager

- Mr. Artie Fields
- Service in Pasadena, West Covina, and Salinas, California.
- Inglewood has employed 10 permanent or Interim City Managers or Administrators in the last 10 years. A couple excellent and some very bad. We need stability in this position.
- Mr. Fields has presented a balanced FY 2011-2012 budget.
Closed $17.6 Million Deficit FY 2010/2011 (Mr. Weinberg)

• Early Retirement Incentives
• Workforce Reductions
• Land Sale to Redevelopment Agency
• Employee Furloughs and Benefit Concessions
$3 Million Police Retention Grant -- Washington

• Leveraged connections in the community-oriented policing program to convert a police hiring supplemental grant (requires matching funds) to an officer retention grant (no match required).

• $1 million per year for 3 years.
Madison Square Garden (MSG)

• Proposal for MSG to purchase the Forum from FCBC.
• MSG to spend at least $50 million in renovations.
• MSG to open the forum for concerts and family entertainment.
• $18 million loan from redevelopment dollars that would have returned to State of California.
Why Madison Square Garden?

• MSG is one of the world’s leading live entertainment companies.
• Radio City Music Hall, the Beacon Theater, Chicago Theater and the Wang Theater in Boston.
• Outstanding track record of revitalizing iconic buildings.
Benefits To Inglewood

• $34 million In General Fund Revenues
• $25 million In Property Taxes
• Performance Guarantees $675,000/Year
• Jobs – 328 FTE During Construction
• Jobs – 260 FTE Annually After Opening
• $250,000 Over Next 2 Years to Support Local Hiring Initiatives
• Variety of Community Events Rent-Free
Citywide Progress

• 4% Decrease in Violent Crime, 3% Decrease in Crime overall, 35% Decrease in Homicides.
• 54% Decrease in Police Overtime.
• Civil Gang Injunction Implementation and Buffer Zone Surveillance Grant awarded.
• Audits (comprehensive user fee study, employee benefits audit, cost allocation study, water and sewer rate study).
Citywide Progress

• Critical Police Labor Group Agreements (IPA, IPMA & IPCMA)
• Modest pension reform through tiering CalPERS benefits.
• Employees now contribute to runaway medical premium costs.
• Took steps to safeguard the City's substantial RDA assets (cooperative agreement, etc.).
• Unraveled a senior center morass to get it back on track.
• Revitalized an ailing Inglewood Housing Authority.
Citywide Progress

- Progress on Crenshaw-to-LAX light transit line.
- Initiated the bid process for the City's largest service contract—solid waste, which had been stalled.
- Awarded $8.5 million in construction contracts to sound mitigate over 300 more homes.
- Installed synthetic turf at Ed Vincent Park.
Citywide Progress

• Approved well over $20 million for construction or rehabilitation of over 250 affordable housing units (Chandler Partners, 601 N. Market street and 100 E. Nutwood).
• Approved study for outsourcing parking services.
• Ensured that the Space Shuttle Orbiter Endeavor would traverse Inglewood on way to California Science Center.