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## **SUNNYVALE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP SET**

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Sunnyvale City Council has scheduled a daylong workshop to review the city manager’s proposed City budget for Fiscal Year 2010/11. The workshop, to be held in City Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave., will begin at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 20, and will be broadcast live on KSUN-15 and on the Internet at *Webcasting.inSunnyvale.com*.

In his budget transmittal letter, City Manger Gary Luebbers cites the extreme impact the economy has had on Sunnyvale and how it has forced a change.

“Popular wisdom suggests that the current economic downturn is not so much a cyclical drop that will turn around in accordance with normal cycles, but that it represents a ‘new normal,’” said Luebbers. “That is, while the economy will likely improve to some degree, it will not rebound as it typically has, but will instead recover more slowly and eventually settle at lower baseline.” Luebbers goes on to say that “What this means for the City is that it must reassess what it delivers in terms of service to the community and continue to find ways to provide that service in the least expensive way possible.”

While the proposed Operating Budget is up by 2.87 percent, based largely on increased utility costs and already-negotiated contracts, the City’s General Fund remains essentially unchanged from the current year at a proposed \$117.4 million.

While the budget workshop is open to the public, the public hearing will be held June 15, with Council scheduled to adopt the new budget June 29.

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