RESOLUTION NO. 3699

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTE SERENO REVISING THE CITY COUNCIL’S FISCAL POLICY

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to formalize a fiscal policy of prudent financial practices to be followed whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to continue to maintain a healthy and fiscally prudent reserve for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to continue to maintain a reserve to provide funds during times of public emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a fiscal policy will help to ensure accountability for large expenditures of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the current City Fiscal Policy February 3, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed the current City Fiscal Policy at its meeting May 1, 2018 and directed staff to return with a revised Policy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Monte Sereno, that it establishes a revised City Council Fiscal Policy as a guideline to the City Council in making budgetary decisions as follows:

1. Part of the annual budget review shall include setting aside a prudent portion of each year’s annual budget appropriations to be contributed to the City’s reserve.

2. Whenever possible, if the City is aware of the need to budget for a large expenditure which may need appropriations for more than one fiscal year, it is the intent of the City Council to try to reserve those funds incrementally over time, provided the appropriations for such a purpose comply with applicable laws.

3. The City has a reserve that consists of “restricted” and “unrestricted” funds. “Restricted funds” are those funds collected therein can only be used for the specific purposes established by the applicable laws. “Unrestricted funds” are funds that have been appropriated to the City’s reserve fund for future needs but are subject to the discretion of the City Council regarding the manner in which they will be expended.
4. Unrestricted funds shall be identified and designated by the City Council for various purposes, which may be changed from time to time by the City Council as deemed appropriate.

5. The reserve funds designated by the City Council will be used only for the purposes designated.

6. It is policy of the City Council that the unrestricted funds in the reserve account shall be retained at the minimum amount sufficient to fund one year of the annual operating budget and in a maximum amount not to exceed the costs to fund the annual operating budget for six years.

7. To the greatest extent legally possible, the City will seek full cost recovery for all services rendered by the City and that each annual budget will differentiate between those services which are subject to cost recovery and those which are not.

The above and foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Monte Sereno City Council held on the 19th day of June 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anstandig, Rogers, Turner, Wolsheimer and Mayor Craig

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Burton Craig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Chelemengos, City Clerk