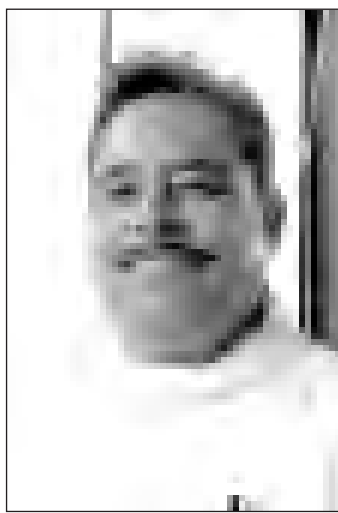




From left: Maricela Munoz, Luz Sotomayor, Renee Anderson (from Local 347) and Rosa Soliz.



Pete Montelongo



From left: Brian Gonzales, Amy Goto and Blanca Del Cid.



John Mukri, General Manager, General Services.



Tony DeClue, Assistant General Manager, General Services.



Tobi M. Arias



Courtland Bolin



Raffle winner David Chavez, flanked by Tony Royster (left) and John Mukri (right).

## At Ceremony, General Services Honors Best Parking Attendants

■ Attendants are honored for longevity, dedication.

In its second such event in as many years, General Services honored its best parking attendants and shared with the entire department some of its successes.

The appreciation day took place Oct. 29 in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

It was one day out of the year when the department took the opportunity to express its appreciation and gratitude to its Parking Services employees for doing an outstanding job.

Honored for longevity were Parking Attendants Marina McKinney, Pete Montelongo, Louis Murillo, Kevin Outlaw and Edward Williams.

Several others won individual recognition. They were:

- Parking Attendant of the Year, Civic Center: Edward Santillan.
- Senior Parking Attendant of the Year, Civic Center: Kevin Outlaw.
- Parking Attendant of the Year, Pershing Square: Frank Davila.
- Supervisor of the Year, Pershing Square: Abedinzadeh Khosrow.



The afternoon included food, prizes and the awards.

It was reported that the Parking Services Division had an outstanding year during 2003. The division assumed responsibilities for the Los Angeles Zoo parking facilities and Olive Street Parking Facilities, and was recently awarded a contract with the Department of Transportation for three parking facilities within the Broxton Group. Additionally, the division continued to generate more than \$2 million in profit for Pershing Square Parking Garage. (See related story.)

The division might be the only group that directly competes against the private sector for contracts at the City of Los Angeles and wins. I want to thank you for doing an outstanding job and keep up the good work. We solicit your support and continued commitment to quality services during these difficult economical times.

The Club congratulates the winners for their accomplishments, and the division itself for its continued hard work and successes.

Below are photos from the event.



Councilman Tom LaBonge.



James Jordan, who helped plan the event.



Joe Oliver, one of the many raffle winners.



Julie Butcher, Local 347 General Manager.



Employee of the Year, Civic Center, is Edward Santillan. Presenting the award to Edward is Julie Butcher (right) and Rene Anderson (left).



From left, Loretta Quenon and Ben Setiarto, Manager of Parking Services.



From left: Luis Perez, Jose De Anda and Edward Williams.



Supervisor of the Year, Pershing Square: Abedinzadeh Khosrow.

# Tightening the Budget Belt: City Moves to Save Money

## ■ Will the measures affect your job?

This might be the season of giving, but the City has made moves to cut its budget as the economy lingers, the red ink rises and the budget woes at the state level threaten to trickle down to the City. Initial moves affect Transportation, Rec and Parks, the LAPD and some union workers, although the cuts could potentially affect many more employees.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, the City Council cut \$47 million from the City budget, in part by canceling or postponing some street paving, playground refurbishment and police car purchasing programs.

The cuts eliminate 84 miles of street paving (estimated at \$11 million), \$1 million from Rec and Parks (see sidebar), \$500,000 in postage and the purchase of 50 vehicles for the LAPD.

As part of the vote, the Council also agreed to try to renegotiate contracts with unions representing you, the employees of the City, and to seek ways to streamline City departments. They also agreed to study whether to ask voters to approve a tax next year to pay for more LAPD officers, a concern of Police Chief William Bratton since taking over more than a year ago.

Even at with these cuts, big problems loomed: The City faces a projected budget shortfall of \$187 million in the next fiscal year, and it could worsen depending on whether

Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger leans on city governments to make ends meet at the State level. The reduction of car registration tax (which tripled last year and which the governor-elect promised during his campaign to reduce) would significantly affect the City budget, as the car tax largely funds police and fire services locally.

The cuts must be approved by the Council and Mayor James Hahn before they would be enacted. The mayor spent much of late October meeting with General Managers on budget issues. The City reportedly is already \$50 million over budget just four months into its new budget year. Ongoing are issues with the rising cost of pension funds and workers' compensation.

In other budget-cutting business, Mayor Hahn proposed eliminating 3 percent raises scheduled to take affect Jan. 1 for some nonunion City employees. The affected employees, numbering about 900, would be the mayoral staff, Council aides, department heads and other City workers not represented by unions. Hahn shared the proposal with the general managers Oct. 29 while telling them of the possible \$187 million budget shortfall.

The mayor also offered to decline his own scheduled pay raise, estimated at slightly less than the 3 percent level of his other proposed cuts.

The raises, which are part of cost-of-living allowances, could save the City \$1 million in the current fiscal year. The plan must be approved by the City Council.

**Wanna be heard?** What do you think of these proposals to save the City money? Share your thoughts with other City employees: talk-back@cityemployeesclub.com



## ■ Rec, Parks Starts Charging Higher User, Facility Fees

New fee structures approved by the Rec and Parks commissioners over the summer have dramatically altered the amount charged to users of the City's parks.

Could the new fee structure affect the budgets of City departments that hold events in City parks? It's best to contact Rec and Parks directly as you budget your next event.

The new fee structures are an attempt by the department to generate \$4.5 million in additional revenue to the City, according to published reports. The new fee structure is expected to generate additional funds, but it is uncertain if the new structure will raise as much money as expected (\$4.5 million).

Equipment and ball field rentals, golf fees and event usage fees are among the areas in which the schedules now charge higher fees. At least some of the hikes in fees attempt to reach fair market rates and match fees charged by other municipalities.

The extensive fee changes are available in a large manual, available through Parks and Rec.

The new fee schedule also tightens policies on fee waivers.

For more information, call Rec and Parks: (213) 473-7070.

## Best Parking Attendants Ceremony (continued)



Senior Parking Attendant of the Year, Civic Center, is awarded to Kevin Outlaw. Kevin is flanked by Ben Setiarto (left) and John Mukri (right).



From left: Abedinzadeh Khosrow, Jose M. Flores and Alejandro Marin.



Employee of the Year, Pershing Square: Frank Davila



Years of Service Award Winners, from left: Ben Setiarto (Supervisor, Parking Services), Pete Montelongo, Marina McKinney, Kevin Outlaw and Edward Williams, with event host Tony Royster, holding Louise Murillo's award.



Terra Jones, who helped produce the event.



Front row, from left: Amnuay Wongproundmas and Amy Goto. Back row, from left: Virginia Stocks (Facilities Management) and Blanca Del Cid.