Stakeholder Group Suggestions
Status Sheet

Number	Meeting Date	Strategy	Suggestions	Status
1	4/21/2008	Utilize Financial Strategies that have positive net present value- Annual upfront payment of City's pension payment obligations	What if we reduce our "funding" target on the Police Plan, since we are so close to full funding, and then take that money to fund GASB requirements?	Suggestion will be referred to Retirement Director.
2	4/21/2008	Utilize Financial Strategies that have positive net present value- Annual upfront payment of City's pension payment obligations	As a new strategy, can we can talk about Smoothing and study an analysis. Concern is over the City taking credit beyond the smoothing.	Suggestion will be referred to Retirement Director.
3	4/28/2008	Ensure fees are fully cost recovery	Are there other things like loan forgiveness or other incentives to invest money, generate jobs, and/or bring revenue? List of out of the box thinking with what we can do to bring businesses to City of San Jose. Which fees we might waive for the good of generating business?	Included in general topic "Discussion of Stakeholder Suggestions regarding San Jose Business-Friendly policies" on August 18.
4	4/28/2008	Ensure fees are fully cost recovery	What can the City do to help retail/car dealerships be successful?	See # 3
5	5/5/2008	Modernize utility users tax and consider increase to bring into alignment with other large cities.	Stakeholder member has a detailed analysis of business comparisons in area. Will email analysis toPete.Constant@sanjoseca.gov and made available to group.	Staff will forward to Stakeholder Group when it is received.
6	6/2/2008	Hire an outside auditor or use the city auditor to review the budget and make independent analyses and recommendations.	Rather than audit, are we talking about outside expert knowledge? Isn't that the role of Management Partners? Would like to suggest a broader term beyond auditors to include use of outside experts to review particular areas.	City Auditor Sharon Erickson attended July 21 and addressed the suggestion generally.

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12	6/23/2008	Fund Balances	If the fund balances are always significantly higher at year-end than budgeted, should we improve our budgeting process to be more realistic?	Departments are expected to bring their expenditures in slightly below budget to avoid over runs. As a percentage of budget, fund balances in General Fund are not considered large.
13	7/7/2008	Increase penalties for code enforcement violations and use fees to pay for additional personnel.	Can staff provide proposed amounts of fee increases for violations?(Strategy: Increase penalties for code enforcement violations and use fees to pay for additional personnel)	Will be referred to Budget Office and PBCE Department.
14	7/7/2008	Examine the relationship between the Airport and the City to determine if there are ways to generate additonal revenues to the General Fund.	Can bring the Airport director to another meeting- if stakeholders have a lot questions about the Airport.	Management Partners reviewed this as part of its 2007 study and found no additional ways for the Airport to generate revenue to the General Fund.
15	7/21/2008	Implement competitive sourcing	How do we capture the way we do things (outsource) to the Budget or Auditor's office. A lot of things that are happening that aren't being captured.	Suggestion will be referred to Budget Office and City Auditor.
16	7/21/2008	Implement competitive sourcing	How do we survey what we are outsourcing on an individual basis, but if we do it a lot of times a year, then that could bundle a contract and save a lot of money.	Suggestion will be referred to Budget Office and Finance (Purchasing).
17	8/4/2008	Information emailed by Stakeholder	City should explore idea of creating its own utility to provide power to the city. I like this idea for the following reasons: **1.)** Generate revenue for the city. Santa Clara is already using this successful business model. **2.)** Control energy costs to make it attractive for businesses to locate in San Jose. **3.)** Create synergies with the City's alternative energy economic development strategy by providing a customer to new businesses and allowing new technologies to be tested by an energy provider.	Referred to John Stufflebean, Environmental Services Director who will prepare information for discussion at September 8 meeting.