

**City Council Meeting, June 6, 2017
Public Comments, Agenda Section H**

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout
Position: (no position)
Received: 06-05-2017 4:31 PM**

Agenda Item:

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON FOR ONE ITEM, A MAXIMUM OF 6 MINUTES IF A SPEAKER WANTS TO COMMENT ON MORE THAN ONE ITEM)

Comment:

I recently reviewed staff comments from the 5/16 meeting on chip trail maintenance. It does no one any good for staff to try to deflect, distort, misrepresent, and in fact, gaslight a resident complaint, even if that complaint points directly to City Hall neglect or lack of due diligence. We need less of a "post-truth" atmosphere emanating from City Hall and more attention on how to address residents' concerns. See more on the attached.

(See attachment)

6/6/17 Public Comment attachment:

I have just recently been able to review the staff comments from the May 16 meeting on the chip trail maintenance (although the staff report explicitly said that maintenance was not part of the report.

The Captions transcript is below.

"The park trail itself is a nature trail. There is no policy for what standards would or would not be used for the park. The park is relatively level. All of us who have used it know the chips over time do get shuffled around and our staff mitigate those. But we don't have a standard that if we are aware or look for a pot hole for lack of a better word better word or description, that we run down and repair it.

We just don't provide that level of constant oversight to see whether that is happening or not. From my personal use of it, when you have dogs who dig or people who run, the trail does get used in a variety of ways and over time those pot holes form and go away."

The above hyperbole does not serve anyone except the person trying to deflect attention from their lack of performance.

First, the park trail is not itself, nor primarily, a nature trail. There are more references in recent city documents to "jogging path" or "running trail." In fact, I'll leave the issue to the City's website, that describes Veterans Parkway as "It includes a 1.5 mile jogging trail." Neither the Veterans Parkway Master Plan or Mobility Plan describes this as a "nature trail." In basic legal construct, when there are no standards developed, the default is to the standards implied by its intended utilization.

The problems I have been referencing are not "chips shuffling around." It is the underlying surface. Certainly a "pothole" might develop from time to time from a digging dog (although in 25 years of use I haven't seen that ever to be anything but an anomaly, at best). The problem is the change to the underlying surface from the Hometown Fair, roots, water erosion, subsidence, or a number of other factors. I would assert that running heavy equipment or even pickup trucks on the path is contributory--not shuffling runners. But to be absolutely clear THE PROBLEM IS NOT THE CHIPS. THE CHIPS ARE FINE.

Unlike what is asserted in the comments, Public Works does not take the opportunity to level the undersurface when new chips are applied. At best, the chips are spread in a way to try to mask the uneven undersurface. This is very apparent where new chips were put down after the Hometown Fair across from Josyln.

I am not asking for a "groomed running track" (as was asserted by the CM back in November), nor anyone to "run down and repair" anything. There are no "potholes," but there are certainly significant humps and troughs, or moghuls and dips.

The jamming impact on knees and ankles of these when running (especially when one is 60 years old, 200 lbs and 5' 10") are akin to stepping off a curb that you didn't see was there--and that's even when one recognizes the dip you're hitting--remember one is running at the time and thus the impact is more significant.

Or, the effect is like stubbing a toe and stumbling forward while going up a curb. The fact that the mounds and troughs are random, asymmetrical and inconsistent pulls one's hips, feet ankles and knees in ways you don't want them to--and on a very constant and consistent basis. I recognize those conditions will always be somewhat present, but I'm not asking for perfection--just some due diligence and attention to get this to better form.

Yes, over the 1.5 mile length the pathway is "relatively level," but there are problems that need remedied every 10 yards. Last Sunday, from Longfellow to 8th Street, I counted about 100 of what I would call "unsatisfactory repairable conditions" and not one "chip shuffling" or "dog dig."

And as far as needing additional budget, in my opinion a quick bobcat scrape would do the trick. It does not need a "rototill." Although I don't think additional budget should be necessary for such basic maintenance. And if money is a problem for something so rudimentary, I laugh at our AAA rating.

I am not looking for "constant care," but I am looking for assurance that the problem is recognized and that a program is developed, timely scheduled and funded to bring this condition not only to the standard of what one expects from a jogging trail, but also to the standard of what one expects for a city with Manhattan Beach expectations. If nothing else, these sorts of amenities can also be attractive for tourism.

And, as always, the instant problem isn't as bad as staff's attempt to cloud the situation and, frankly, out-and-out lie, conflate, hyperbolize or gaslight about the complaint, the condition and the expectation. One cannot participate in government when confronted by disingenuous staff, and a City Council that is aware of that condition and does nothing to correct.

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**Submitted by: Richard Whilden
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 5:52 PM**

Agenda Item:

15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

It is time for the city to support undergrounding. There are safety issues with fallen wires and exploding transformers. We have had multiple outages for these reasons.

Aesthetics- the industrial size power poles and multiple large wires in district 15 are a blight and impede every ones enjoyment of our wonderful city's location. There is no reason not to approve under grounding since the MB citizens are willing to pay for this important municipal project.

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**Submitted by: James Crosby
Position: (no position)
Received: 06-05-2017 5:33 PM**

Agenda Item:

15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

Owner of 113 El Porto. We strongly support undergrounding as it will significantly improve the beauty of our area and increase our property values. We are looking forward to covering our fair share to get this done as soon as possible. Our streets are torn up all around us right now without benefiting us. At least this would provide future value.

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**Submitted by: Mike Simpson
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 4:55 PM**

Agenda Item:

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Comment:

29 yr MB resident/owner of 101 N Dianthus (district 15) & 1126 6th St. 4 important reasons: safety, reliability, aesthetics, property value. Benefits greatly outweigh costs, which go up every year doesn't get done. We favor City paying a full-time employee to manage UG process, with employee cost reimbursed to City by residents in a UG district if/when UG takes place in their district. Looking for your support and meaningful progress Tue toward timely realization of UG in district 15 and beyond.

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**Submitted by: Lori DuBois
Position: (no position)
Received: 06-05-2017 4:13 PM**

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15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

Undergrounding our utilities will benefit our El Porto community, provide safety from the exploding poles and down wires from the many cable and telephone lines that are no-longer in use.

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Submitted by: Laurence Barbera

Position: (no position)

Received: 06-05-2017 3:08 PM

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15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

As property owners and voters we would like to express our strong support and desire to have all of the lines put underground in our area as soon as possible. In the last election we emailed each candidate asking them where they stood. Our household only voted for those who responded positively to undergrounding. Because of scheduling conflicts we will not be able to attend but want our voices heard on this matter. Thank you. Laurence Barbera Daralee Barbera Gianni Barbera

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**Submitted by: Carole Casten
Position: Oppose
Received: 06-05-2017 2:27 PM**

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Comment:

Cannot afford a surcharge.

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**Submitted by: Peggy Malpee
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 1:31 PM**

Agenda Item:

15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

Undergrounding our utilities will benefit our entire North Manhattan Beach (El Porto) community, providing safety as well as increasing our property values. Long, long ago, my parents tried to encourage our neighbors to support undergrounding our utilities - - - to no avail. Now is the time to do this! Yes, it is an added expense. But, there appear to be ways to circumvent the costs for us seniors as well as creative ways to pay this over a long period of time for others. Let's do it!

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**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout
Position: Neutral
Received: 06-05-2017 1:20 PM**

Agenda Item:

15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

I concur with Michelle Murphy's comments as I understand were e-mailed to each of you. Someday undergrounding throughout the city will be viable. But currently there is too much neighbor-against-neighbor in current approaches to be viable.

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**Submitted by: Justin Stanich
Position: (no position)
Received: 06-05-2017 1:15 PM**

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15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

We own the home at 123 El Porto Street. We are very much in support of placing the utility lines underground. We are concerned about the health and safety risk of these lines as you can touch them from our second floor balcony. Furthermore, the numerous lines with their birds-nest, intertwining appearance are unsightly for our home and Manhattan Beach community - the look reminds us of the electrical lines in some third world countries we have visited. Jim and Christy Stanich, 310-365-3036

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**Submitted by: Jason Taylor
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 1:13 PM**

Agenda Item:

15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

Strongly support. Going beyond the aesthetics (which are important) this is a health and safety issue. Eventually there is going to be a fire caused by the 3rd world wiring in this neighborhood.

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**Submitted by: John Atkinson
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 12:01 PM**

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Comment:

get it done

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**Submitted by: Laura Atkinson
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 11:55 AM**

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15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

I Ann a homeowner in el Porto in support of under grounding

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**Submitted by: Gregory Moran
Position: (no position)
Received: 06-05-2017 11:53 AM**

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15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

Why are the citizens of MB paying for a public utility to do something that should have been done decades ago? My father in Law built this house in 1956. I am against paying a monopolistic utility company to improve, bury and maintain the lines they own are responsible for.

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**Submitted by: Eric Sanders
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 11:49 AM**

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15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

I am a 25 year Manhattan Beach resident. I have lived at 922 First St since 1999. I also own the properties at 918 First St. and 919 Duncan Place. All three properties are located in district 15. I am in total support of Undergrounding all the utility wires in our District 15. Thank you for your consideration in moving this project forward.

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**Submitted by: Alan Foerder
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 10:30 AM**

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Comment:

I own property on 38th and fully support undergrounding.

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**Submitted by: Sheri Crandall
Position: In Support
Received: 06-05-2017 10:22 AM**

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15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

I continue to support the utility undergrounding project in El Porto.

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**Submitted by: Joe Chrisman
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 10:06 AM**

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15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

We own property in El Porto, on Gull Street, and we firmly support the pursuit of undergrounding of utilities throughout El Porto. The lines are akin to pollution. They represent safety hazards and diminish value for the residents, and they materially impact our living experience, adversely. While the tragic current state of the lines reflects why residents want them underground immediately, please consider the growth in lines as another key issue! Over time, it will get materially worse!

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**Submitted by: Andrew Phelps
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 10:05 AM**

Agenda Item:

15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

As a five year home-owner in El Porto, I strongly support the undergrounding on significant health and safety grounds. The current cabling is antiquated and there is hard evidence of it failing causing fire risk which has been captured on video on at least one occasion. The fact that the houses are wooden-built this is a real concern to all residents. There is a real risk of a multiple house fire if the right conditions occur. This has to be addressed.

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**Submitted by: Steve Gilmour
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 9:53 AM**

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Comment:

I've only been a homeowner and resident of El Porto for 6 years and I've seen multiple fires out of transformers, sparking of lines hitting my home during winds, and fallen lines laying across roads and into sprinklers. With how tightly congested the streets are, it is a safety hazard. If there is one fire caused by these lines, the results would be terrifying. From a liability standpoint, it is not worth it. Please underground the lines.

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**Submitted by: Glenn Cunningham
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 9:48 AM**

Agenda Item:

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Comment:

I want to record my very strong support for undergrounding the utilities. I am an 8-year resident/owner in the El Porto area. Improved the ascetics of the area to equal the more pleasant visual aspects of other parts of our city. As an Electrical Engineer, I know that undergrounding will provide a protection factor that will greatly enhance the safety, reliability and extend the lifetime of the equipment leading to lower maintenance costs. Please move forward rapidly with this program!

Submitted by: Robert Erickson
Position: (no position)
Received: 06-05-2017 9:21 AM

Agenda Item:

15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

I am property owner in El Porto (213 & 215 El Porto) and wanted to drop a quick note of my support for utility under-grounding. Myself and most of my neighbors believe this is long over due and should be implemented asap for beautification and safety purposes (no brainer). The completion of this work will be an appropriate final integration of El Porto into MB, let's not let this opportunity get away again.

Thank you,

ROBERT D. ERICKSON

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Submitted by: Fred & Virginia Butler

Position: Support

Received: 06-05-2017 9:03 AM

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Comment:

We have lived in North Manhattan Beach (El Porto) for over 30 years. The number of power lines has increased significantly especially since old, unused lines are not removed. For numerous reasons we are 100% in support of under grounding. The top 3, not necessarily in order are: 1. Aesthetics 2. Property values 3. Safety Thank you.

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**Submitted by: John Mullen
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 8:54 AM**

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Comment:

I'm in strong support of undergrounding

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**Submitted by: Kim Pickerell
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 7:58 AM**

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Comment:

I in support of undergrounding.

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**Submitted by: Paul Sullivan
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 7:30 AM**

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Comment:

City Council, Undergrounding should go forward without further delay. Please vote to approve this now and do not push this out again. The above ground utilities are not only an eye sore, but also a safety hazard. Undergrounding just makes sense. Everyone will benefit from undergrounding.

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**Submitted by: David Bate
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 7:15 AM**

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Comment:

My wife and I strongly support under-grounding all utilities in El Porto. Our electric service has been erratic for years and Edison doesn't seem to be able to fix the problem. Under-grounding these utilities will improve safety and performance of all of these systems.

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**Submitted by: Dean Zuckerman
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 6:45 AM**

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Comment:

I strongly support under grounding in this district. Besides beautifying our streets and ocean views, These utility lines are super highways for rodents in the warm months. The power lines are too close to these homes. As I sit on my sofa in the evenings, I see multiple rats running past my window on these lines. Also, the cable lines that run between the houses slap against the structures when there is wind.

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**Submitted by: Ashley Kiersted
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 5:44 AM**

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Comment:

Strongly support the undergrounding of the wires

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**Submitted by: Amy Chen
Position: Support
Received: 06-05-2017 2:53 AM**

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15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

I strongly support moving District 14 to underground utilities. The overhead wires are unsightly and subject to high wind interruptions. Let's do it now!

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**Submitted by: Marie Colmey
Position: Support
Received: 06-04-2017 11:50 PM**

Agenda Item:

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Comment:

I am a home owner in District 14. I support undergrounding, and urge this Council to move forward on the undergrounding process in this District consistent with prior action by Council in 2006. Thank you.

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**Submitted by: Nancy Simpson
Position: Support
Received: 06-04-2017 11:01 AM**

Agenda Item:

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Comment:

I am a 29 year Manhattan Beach resident. I have lived at 101 N Dianthus St for 19 years, since 1998. I am in total support of Undergrounding all the utility wires in our District 15. Thank you for your consideration in moving this project forward.

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**Submitted by: Bob Sievers
Position: Support
Received: 06-04-2017 7:27 PM**

Agenda Item:

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Comment:

Strongly in favor. El Porto is a mess of wires and is a huge depressant on property values here. The majority of Strand owners here even support despite having no wires blocking their views. They understand that the neighborhood as a whole would greatly increase in value. A rising tide lifts all boats. There is a reason El Porto Strand dirt is 6mm and 5 blocks south it is double that. Easy math.

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**Submitted by: Harris Bass
Position: Support
Received: 06-03-2017 6:28 PM**

Agenda Item:

15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

I strongly support undergrounding. The biggest impediment to undergrounding has been that no dedicated City staff person has been tasked with driving the process and following-up with the utilities to assure that they complete their design work, for which in many cases they have already been paid. I ask the Council to support undergrounding in those districts that have expressed a strong desire for it, and to approve the hiring of a full-time dedicated staff person to oversee the process.

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**Submitted by: Arlette Tirman
Position: Support
Received: 06-03-2017 8:29 AM**

Agenda Item:

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Comment:

District 13 was NOT given an opportunity to vote for the undergrounding. It was unfair not to give us that opportunity like other districts. May I suggest you walk down Crest from Marine to Rosecrans. I can assure you that once you do that, you will see why our district was so in favor of undergrounding. Transformers do catch on fire. (The one at Crest and 25 Place did). All my neighbors are in support of undergrounding so what's the holdup? Thank you for listening. Arlette Tirman

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**Submitted by: Barry Host
Position: Support
Received: 06-02-2017 11:25 AM**

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Comment:

As property owners in Manhattan Beach we support undergrounding throughout the city. Thank you

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**Submitted by: Elizabeth Moir
Position: Support
Received: 06-02-2017 7:31 AM**

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Comment:

As a property owner in El Porto I am in support of undergrounding and also am interested to hear new estimates of time & cost of the project.

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**Submitted by: Michael Kreger
Position: Support
Received: 06-02-2017 7:31 AM**

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Comment:

I am extremely supportive of the undergrounding initiative. It has become increasingly clear to me that El Porto residents have been and continue to be treated as second class citizens in broader MB. This issue is best exhibited by the fact that El Porto remains one of the only sections of MB where power lines cross by home windows, where our brave fire fighters are reluctant to protect the residents due to the significant safety risk with these power lines. This can and must change.

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**Submitted by: Susan Harris
Position: Oppose
Received: 06-02-2017 6:57 AM**

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Comment:

Altho I'd LOVE the poles underground, I can't support the EXTREME financial hardship placed on those of us on fixed incomes. Even the finance options are unaffordable, they involve increased prop taxes, compounded interest, decreased equity, depletion of savings needed to live. Also, the assessment methods are unfair. Why is my assessment 4x my NEXT DOOR neighbor's? We should be assessed fairly/equally, not by some subjective "benefit". Current process is unfair, unaffordable, please rethink!

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**Submitted by: Paul Rothbard
Position: Support
Received: 06-02-2017 6:30 AM**

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Comment:

I strongly support the City moving forward quickly on a plan to Underground the many unsightly and unsafe overhead poles and wires in our N. Manhattan neighborhood (El Porto). I also support a reasonable cost-sharing with property owners, subject to review and approval or a multi-bid process with timelines and costs and adequate contingencies. It is a shame that the City has neglected this important project for the past 10 years. Thank you for considering it now.

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**Submitted by: Derek Orrell
Position: Support
Received: 06-01-2017 9:41 PM**

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Comment:

Count me in, let's do this!

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**Submitted by: Lisa Benacquista
Position: Support
Received: 06-01-2017 9:09 PM**

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Comment:

The powerlines make our town look like a third world country. If you drive down Alma or Vista for example you will see the buddy poles and botched job that Edison left us with two years ago. And then there is the safety issue. There have been SEVERAL blown transformers over the year with one that was recorded just this past weekend. Please let us finally move forward for not only the beautification but the safety of our town. The cost of this goes up ever year that we wait. Thank you! Lisa

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**Submitted by: Sean Novak
Position: Support
Received: 06-01-2017 7:00 PM**

Agenda Item:

15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

The completion of under-grounding of the utilities is long past due. The utility wires are unsightly and deteriorated to the point of presenting a clear danger to the residents of Manhattan Beach. I have personally witnessed downed power cables sparking in the streets on more than one occasion. It is only a matter of time before there is a serious injury or catastrophic property loss caused by these utilities if the situation is not addressed.

**City Council Meeting, June 6, 2017
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**Submitted by: Kacie Griffin
Position: Support
Received: 06-01-2017 6:50 PM**

Agenda Item:

15. 17-0171 Status Update on Existing Underground Utility Assessment Districts in the City (Public Works Director Katsouleas). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

I support utility underground in Manhattan Beach.

**City Council Meeting, June 6, 2017
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 17**

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout
Position: Neutral
Received: 06-05-2017 1:31 PM**

Agenda Item:

17. RES 17-0052 Resolution Awarding an Agreement to Magellan Advisors, LLC for Fiber Master Plan Professional Services in the Amount of \$149,875 (Information Technology Director Taylor and Public Works Director Katsouleas). ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-0052

Comment:

Lest it needs to be pointed out, once again CIP money is grabbed for the latest shiny toy and in the process tacitly deferring long-desired projects or needed current maintenance projects)--as opposed to firmly establishing goals and funding accordingly. I would hope the impetus is more FTTH and not City Hall inconnectivity (I laugh). Also hope any future related revenue streams are dedicated 100% back to CIP long-desired projects or needed maintenance (again, I laugh).

**City Council Meeting, June 6, 2017
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 19**

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout
Position: Neutral
Received: 06-05-2017 1:18 PM**

Agenda Item:

19. 17-0262 Proposed Revisions to: City Council Meeting Management Rules; Sunshine Policy; and Municipal Code Revisions Provisions to the Zoning Code Regarding Appeal and Council Review (City Attorney Barrow and City Clerk Tamura). ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-0077, APPROVE REVISIONS AND INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 17-0008

Comment:

Any motion to approve should not include any new item not covered in the staff report. Residents should be able to comment on any agenda item when it is heard. The staff report (1b) does not specify the "when it is heard" requirement. Also sounds like one can comment on multiple topics during Public Comment if held to 3 min in total. Finally, the "Public Outreach" section of the report is unsubstantive and misleading. I suggest you strike this section in future reports unless made meaningful.