City Council Meeting, August 1, 2017 Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 4

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout** 

**Position: Support** 

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# **Agenda Item:**

4. RES 17-0082 Resolution Awarding RFP No. 1095-16 and Approve a Contract with QuickCaption Inc. for a Three-Year Agreement Not-to-Exceed \$88,455 for Closed Caption Professional Services with an Option to Extend the Term for Up to Two Additional One-Year Periods if Approved by City Council (Information Technology Director Taylor and City Clerk Tamura). ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-0082

#### **Comment:**

The current system is inadequate, and I deem this a very useful service (especially if the videos are going to be taken down after 3 years). I endorse a new vendor.

City Council Meeting, August 1, 2017 Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 6

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout** 

**Position: Support** 

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# **Agenda Item:**

6. RES 17-0098 Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement for \$24,580 with Iteris, Inc. to Complete the Mobility Plan Update (Community Development Director McIntosh). ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-0098

# **Comment:**

Time to get this done.

City Council Meeting, August 1, 2017 Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 8

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout** 

**Position: Oppose** 

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# **Agenda Item:**

8. RES 17-0096 Resolution Approving Amendment No. 2 for a One-Year Extension with Merchants Landscape, Inc. for Citywide Landscaping Maintenance Services, for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$600,000 (Public Works Director Katsouleas). ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-0096

### **Comment:**

An agreement extension should not be approved until it is addressed how the humps and valleys on Veterans Parkway are going to be addressed, in order to provide a reasonable running surface. The conditions are long past the time they should have been attended to.

**Submitted by: Mike Simms** 

**Position: Support** 

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# **Agenda Item:**

13. 17-0315 City Council Consideration of the Following Items Related to the Roundhouse: a) Request to Approve the Final Design Elements for the Harrison Greenberg Foundation Roundhouse Aquarium Beautification Project and Receive an Update on the Pier and Roundhouse Building Improvement Project; b) Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Amended and Restated Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Manhattan Beach, Oceanographic Teaching Stations, Inc., and Harrison Greenberg Memorial Foundation for Improvements to Roundhouse Aquarium (Public Works Director Katsouleas). APPROVE FINAL DESIGN, RECEIVE UPDATE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-0103

#### **Comment:**

I fully support the final design for the roundhouse. Having four children myself, the roundhouse has been, and continues to be a destination for our family and friends that come to visit us. The roundhouse is an integral part of our community and is what makes the Manhattan Beach Pier a very unique and educational experience for residents and visitors alike. This is definitely a necessary and welcome improvement to the aquarium.

**Submitted by: Betty Van** 

**Position: Support** 

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#### **Comment:**

I fully support the project to create a brand new roundhouse experience for the public. As a MB resident w/a young child, this is a place we visit often, and would be so grateful for this project to move forward for her to enjoy. I also agree that the cafe removal is the right move, to provide appropriate equipment and space for the aquarium. The cafe space has not been sustainable for the past businesses, and the options in the downtown district should be more than enough options.

Submitted by: Rex Fish Position: Support

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#### **Comment:**

The new design of the Roundhouse looks incredible. The Manhattan Beach community is a special place, and the update of this important learning facility is a welcomed enhancement.

**Submitted by: Alec Hodgman** 

**Position: Support** 

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#### **Comment:**

I grew up visiting the roundhouse aquarium. I remember walking down to the pier from my parents house, and visiting Ms. Piggy - the hog-snouted shark that dominated the tank at that time. It's only as an adult that I realize how meaningful it was to me to have such an amazing piece of ocean education be so accessible that a 10-year-old with a bike could teach themselves about sea life on a whim. If removing the cafe means a more robust tank, then I think that's a community-improving decision

Submitted by: Bill Bloomfield

**Position: Support** 

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#### **Comment:**

We hope you approve the final design. We believe the project dramatically enhances our cherished Roundhouse. Bill and Susan Bloomfield

**Submitted by: Tim Murphy** 

**Position: Support** 

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#### **Comment:**

I am so excited the aquarium is being resigned. I'm a thirty-year resident of Manhattan Beach and it was last updated when my oldest daughter, Ryan, was born in 1992. The aquarium has been an integral part of our lives, so much so that the education Ryan received on our family visits greatly influenced her to pursue a career in the sciences. Thank you to everyone involved in making this a reality so future generations can enjoy the aquarium as much as we have. Tim Murphy, resident and homeowner.

**Submitted by: Tiffany Friedman** 

**Position: Support** 

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### **Comment:**

I fully support this project. I believe this project will bring more education and awareness to our city. The removal of the cafe operation is a smart business move. There are plenty of restaurant and cafe choices near the pier. Tiffany Friedman, Haute Yogi South, Haute Yogi North & resident of Manhattan Beach.

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout** 

**Position: Oppose** 

Received: 07-31-2017 02:15 PM

### **Agenda Item:**

16. 17-0320 Chamber of Commerce Work Plan Discussion (Economic Vitality Manager Sywak). RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

#### **Comment:**

I am opposed to any public funding of the CoC, except to the extent there is a discrete program, based on a distinct need, that can be precisely measured for meaningful results. Otherwise the CoC is merely a private lobbying group that is being subsidized by public money. A councilmember should not be on the board, even if nonvoting, lest dual allegiance be viewed by the public. The CM or surrogate could serve that position, if needed.

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout** 

**Position: Oppose** 

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# **Agenda Item:**

17. 17-0337 Discussion of Leaf Blower Ordinance (Community Development Director McIntosh). ACCEPT REPORT AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

### **Comment:**

Please protect our neighborhoods from noise and dust pollution and continue the ban. Cannot see why this needs relitigated by council. The City does not owe residents cheaper yard maintenance. I would recommend also the City proactively informing of this prohibition (as well as tree-trimming; toe-in parking; leash-law; fence rules, etc.) in various publications (like the bi-weekly Update that comes out monthly).