

**City Council Meeting, August 15, 2017
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 3**

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout
Position: Oppose
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Agenda Item:

3. 17-0176 Approval of the Modernized and Updated Boards and Commissions Handbook and First Reading of Ordinance No. 17-0017 Revising the Number of Members on the Library Commission and Cultural Arts Commission (City Clerk Tamura, Parks and Recreation Director Leyman and Community Development Director McIntosh). APPROVE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS HANDBOOK AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-0017

Comment:

Need to add back "undergrounding of utilities, and environmental enhancement" to PPIC description. Phrasing addressing council as "not permitted" (p. 31) suggests someone gives up their constitutional rights by participating as a commissioner. I suggest "Council requests" instead. Do not need pages 1-9, 11, and 17 (available elsewhere, extraneous and potentially quickly obsolete; if commissioner does not know these things, they should not be a commissioner).

**City Council Meeting, August 15, 2017
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 9**

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout
Position: Neutral
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Agenda Item:

9. 17-0360 Resolutions Approving a One Year Contract Authorizing Arakelian Enterprises, Inc. (dba Athens Services) for Street Sweeping and Strand Pressure Washing Services for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$395,534 and CleanStreet for Porter, Power Washing and Landscape Maintenance Services for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$362,271 and Authorize the City Manager to Increase the Compensation Paid to One of the Two Vendors Not-to-Exceed \$20,000 for Additional Power Washing Services (Public Works Director Katsouleas). ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 17-0100 AND 17-0101

Comment:

Staff report should indicate what funds are being used for the service.

Submitted by: Gary Osterhout
Position: Oppose
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Agenda Item:

12. 17-0353 Adoption of Investment Guidelines for the New Pension Rate Stabilization Fund; Adoption of Funding and Distribution Policies for the City's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and Pension Rate Stabilization Trust Funds (Finance Director Moe). ADOPT GUIDELINES AND POLICIES

Comment:

The withdrawal "guidelines" are far short of what they should be, provide fuel for mischief. Should be MANDATED as to be used only at last resort (not a guideline), in order to make sure that first the budget is cut as much as possible. Example: when Economic Uncertainty reserves are recommended by the CM to be used for basic expenses, a "pension stabilization" reserve is certainly subject to abuse. Unnecessary reserves allow unnecessary government expansion, by diminishing risk of cutbacks.

Submitted by: Julie Profet
Position: Oppose
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Agenda Item:

13. 17-0348 Review of Polliwog Park Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Alternatives for Safe Routes to School Grant (Community Development Director McIntosh). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

Anyone watching the middle school bike/pedestrian situation when school gets out can see the pattern that every student going south heads down a 10' corridor that wraps around the south fence to a 5-foot-wide sidewalk. Our city engineer's plan to remove 30 feet of the fencing to mitigate the bottleneck at the sidewalk was deemed a very effective way to ease the flow. Removing the fencing can be done so fast. Please, don't ruin more park space without at least trying this first.

**City Council Meeting, August 15, 2017
Public Comments, Agenda Item No. 13**

**Submitted by: Gary Osterhout
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Agenda Item:

13. 17-0348 Review of Polliwog Park Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Alternatives for Safe Routes to School Grant (Community Development Director McIntosh). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

I like the straight path and do not consider that dangerous (such are all over Europe); trees can be replanted to augment the decided path.

Submitted by: Michael Friedlander

Position: Neutral

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Agenda Item:

13. 17-0348 Review of Polliwog Park Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Alternatives for Safe Routes to School Grant (Community Development Director McIntosh). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

The bicycle path if approved should not be attached to the pedestrian sidewalk in any way. Having the bicycle path attached would create a situation where pedestrians could impede the bikers right of way thus creating a safety hazard. Bicycles must be able to use the path without any pedestrian interference.