

**City Council Meeting, September 5, 2017
Public Comment, Agenda Item No. 4**

Submitted by: Gary Osterhout

Position: Neutral

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Agenda Item:

**4. 17-0376 Report Describing Alleviation Measures Taken in Connection with Ordinance No. 17-0015-U
an Urgency Ordinance Prohibiting Health Care Uses (Community Development Director McIntosh).
ISSUE**

Comment:

While I would at one time be supportive of planning to discourage non-sales tax generating businesses, I am not now. Any sales tax increase, given current practices, would likely just go to hiring more unnecessary staff positions or providing unnecessary staff benefits (such as gift loans). We don't lack for most retail unlike many other communities. We might as well encourage businesses that serve community needs, such as health care.

**City Council Meeting, September 5, 2017
Public Comment, Agenda Item No. 6**

Submitted by: Gary Osterhout

Position: Neutral

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Agenda Item:

6. 17-0306 Consider Findings from the Assessment and Feasibility Study Report on a New City Hall with Public Parking, Fire Station No. 2, and City Aquatic Complex, and Provide Direction on These as well as Potential Other Facility Initiatives (Public Works Director Katsouleas). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

I can't believe that this is one agenda item. Opposed to any City Hall improvements. Different than the staff report, this prospect has only been vaguely tossed around and never subject to full community discussion. No discernable reason for a new facility and many alternatives. Fire Station: Decide what is critical for this location before authorizing changes. Opposed to purchasing any additional land. Aquatics: Yes, absolutely. Unfortunate location isn't more favorable to MBMS.

**City Council Meeting, September 5, 2017
Public Comment, Agenda Item No. 7**

Submitted by: Gary Osterhout

Position: Neutral

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7. 17-0372 Consider the Current Underground Utility Assessment District Formation Policy and Provide Direction on Potential Revisions (Public Works Director Stephanie Katsouleas). PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

I am opposed to any proposals that would require hiring of new staff engineers or any involvement of city staff that cannot be bid out to third parties, even if such staff costs could be recovered through assessments. There are many other activities of more importance that city staff need to attend to.

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Submitted by: Brian Sweeney

Position: Support

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7. 17-0372 Consider the Current Underground Utility Assessment District Formation Policy and Provide Direction on Potential Revisions (Public Works Director Stephanie Katsouleas). PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

District 8 is the only area south of Rosecrans, west of Manhattan Avenue, that is not undergrounded. Visitors to the Manhattan Beach Pier, and residents, view the ugly utility poles and huge quantity of wires in our District. Almost all engineering costs and studies have been completed and paid for for District 8. Please make the path to undergrounding approval as simple as possible for District 8. Let us vote. Please beautify and improve Manhattan Beach by supporting undergrounding District 8!

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Submitted by: Marc Cohen

Position: Support

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7. 17-0372 Consider the Current Underground Utility Assessment District Formation Policy and Provide Direction on Potential Revisions (Public Works Director Stephanie Katsouleas). PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

We support undergrounding, specifically in District 8 (downtown). MB is such a beautiful small town, but the poles and wires really detract from what could be the most beautiful beach town in the country. In view of the time, effort and money (private and public) invested for undergrounding in District 8, we really hope the City can lead the way in jump-starting the undergrounding process. Without the City helping to move this forward, we are likely talking years before this can be done.

**City Council Meeting, September 5, 2017
Public Comment, Agenda Item No. 8**

Submitted by: Gary Osterhout

Position: Oppose

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Agenda Item:

8. RES 17-0115 Resolution No. 17-0115 Approving the Chamber of Commerce Work Plan Contract (Economic Vitality Manager Sywak). ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-0115

Comment:

Nothing in the report is necessary for government to fund. All can and should be done by business sponsorship. Hotels are full, and residents are clear that visitors are fine but not aggressively encouraged. The academy/seminars are beyond the City's mission. I'm OK with a Visitor Center, but my vision of a V.C. isn't in the write-up. You fund the safety and reliable services that makes the city inviting for business--that is your job; not business handouts. The Chamber isn't a City Hall adjunct.

**City Council Meeting, September 5, 2017
Public Comment, Agenda Item No. 9**

Submitted by: Gary Osterhout

Position: Neutral

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Agenda Item:

9. 17-0189 Request by Mayor Pro Tem Howorth for a Debrief of the March 7, 2017 General Municipal Election (City Clerk Tamura). RECEIVE AND FILE

Comment:

This seems like a lot of unnecessary work.

**City Council Meeting, September 5, 2017
Public Comment, Agenda Item No. 10**

Submitted by: Gary Osterhout

Position: Not Provided

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Agenda Item:

10. 17-0378 Discussion of City's Mission Statement (Assistant City Manager Nader). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

I do not like the current statement. As used, it needs to identify that the "City of Manhattan Beach" refers to the City Hall and not the city as a whole, and to avoid the current corporate-speak that means nothing to anyone. To me, the mission is solely to provide for the necessary and limited community police power services that are economically and efficiently provided from centralized operations, formed by direction of informed residents through their accountable representatives.

**City Council Meeting, September 5, 2017
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Submitted by: Gary Osterhout

Position: Neutral

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Agenda Item:

11. 17-0379 Discuss City Support for Manhattan Beach Inclusion Pledge (Assistant City Manager Nader). DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

Comment:

I am fine with endorsing the concept, but concerned with this aspect; "City staff can work with the EMPact group to assist with any existing outreach efforts, should City Council direct staff to do so." City staff is not attending to a lot of basics as it is. There has to be limits. We cannot do everything.