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>> Mayor D. Lesser: I would like to call to order the Regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, September 19th.

We will begin with a pledge to the flag.

All rise, please.

Acting City Clerk, a roll call.

>> Napolitano.

>> Here.

>> Hersman.

>> Here.

>> Montgomery.

>> Here.

>> Mayor pro tem Howorth.

>> Here

>> Mayor lesser.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Here.

We begin tonight with a certificate of recognition to the Manhattan Beach Hometown 10K run on the occasion of their fortieth anniversary.

I would like to begin this way.

That is on Saturday October 7th it marks the fortieth staging of the Manhattan Beach Hometown 10K run.

For those who may be unfamiliar with the run, it is a moderate course through the city and along the Strand with the finish line at the Manhattan Beach Pier.

The registration, if one wants to register, you may do so on the village runner on Sepulveda Boulevard or online.

This is a true community event.

It was founded in 1978 by a group of local runners.

It remains a partnership between the city and its volunteer race committee.

It is believed to be the only top 100 race in the country without a major corporate sponsor.

Its proceeds are returned directly to the community.

To date, over \$560,000 has gone to scholarships for high school students and health and fitness recreation enhancements throughout city.

Just to give a list of some of these enhancements that many people might not even realize are directly from the proceeds that have been raised and received by the non-profit-run committee.

Here is one of the images of the field, the marine avenue field that was returned.

This is the exercise wall, the Adventureplex facility.

This is a play structure at Live Oak Park.

This is the surface at Mira Costa High School.

The running surface of the track.

This is one of three, I think, exercise stations, par courses that the committee has paid for.

This one at Polliwog Park.

These are the markers that mark the distance on the Strand.

What else do we have?

And this is one of the other park courses that is along the Strand on 26th Street and the other park course that is on the Veterans Parkway.

This just gives you an idea of how significant this organization has been at enhancing our community over the last 40 years.

So I would like to invite down members of the race committee and may we all extend an applause for all of them for what they have done for our community.

[APPLAUSE.]

So Rachel, you are still the president of the race committee, correct?

>> The chairperson.

>> Whatever title you want to give me.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: What I would be grateful if you could do, if you could maybe introduce members of the race committee.

And I understand you have some comments that you would like to make.

I also see a certain founder to your left.

Maybe you want to identify who the founders are.

>> Definitely.

I'm Rachel Judson.

I have been the race director since the 26th running but on the committee before that.

This is Russ Lesser.

He is the founder of the race.

How did that happen?

40 years ago.

I'll start by introducing the people who have been with the race pretty much since the beginning.

We have Paula Bernard, Linda Avignon, Peter and Carol Champagne, Susie Young, who you all know as our awesome announcer, Charlotte Lesser, and as for the rest of us we are in the next class of the race but most of us have still been on the race committee for 15 years.

We have Judy Petes, Carol Costello, who is also our secretary, Amy Mick Lety, Steve Randell, and Brady Ryan.

So the race really couldn't continue without the partnership that we have with the city.

Russ came to the city back in 1977 and said -- well, I can let him tell that story.

I'll let you tell that story, Russ.

And then we have a little presentation.

But it is Russ's story to tell since he was the one that came up with the great idea.

>> Thank you.

I was a newly elected council member in 1978 and we wanted to put on a race in town.

The city just passed Prop 13 so the city didn't have any extra stuff to make it work.

So I basically at the council meeting said we would like to put on a race, we will do it ourselves, just a private group of people.

In retrospect, that was really stupid because we had no liability insurance, we had nothing.

If anything had gone wrong, all of us would have been liable.

We said what we need from the city is the police and paramedics on race day.

We thought we would get a couple hundred people and we got 2,200 people the first year and 3,800 people the second year.

We said we have to keep this small.

We also decided we would never allow advertising on our T-shirt, which meant no corporate sponsor would have any part of it.

We didn't want to be the Budweiser Manhattan Beach 10K, and we have been true to that.

We didn't know we would make money, but we did, since we were all volunteers and that is why we have been able to donate so much money back to the city.

My question, I just don't understand where those 40 years went.

And there are 50 people know that is pier group members, which means participated in every race, and this will be the fortieth anniversary and we will see how many of them are still around.

Anyway, it has been a great experience.

We got a great committee.

We are the only race ranked in the top 100 in the country that is all volunteers.

It is another example, just like the thing we just saw the way Manhattan Beach helped Cleveland, Texas.

It is an example of how Manhattan Beach is special and the volunteers and the people that live here just great people and that is why it is such a great place to live.

It has been an honor for me to serve on this committee for such a long time since the start.

And Rachel took over in year 25 and has done a far better job than I ever could have.

Here we are.

So thank you for supporting the race, and we have a little plaque to give, if you want to do this, Rachel.

This is all 40 T-shirts from going back 40 years.

>> We wanted to give this to the city and hopefully you can display it someplace to show off what we have gone over the last 40 years.

And I also, David, if you want to go ahead and take that.

And thank you.

And also these are hot off the presses.

They just came in today.

This is this year's staff shirt.

Russ, assist me, please.

And this is the shirt.

Susie young, our announcer there, there, and that was one of the early days when we could finish on the pier.

The official race shirts will actually be blue.

These are the staff shirts.

And if you would like one you can come join us as either a volunteer or as a runner.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: We have a certificate for you.

I'm going to give this back to you.

Grab this one.

This is a certificate.

And then for any member of the public that might be interested in registering for the race, can you repeat how they can do that?

>> Your best bet is just go to MB10K.com.

The link is there to register online.

And you can also go to village runner in Manhattan Beach and register.

We have held true to not having race day registration.

You need to go before 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6th.

And registration will be open until that time and/or if we sell out.

And in anniversary years we typically have done that.

So get on down there and register.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you all.

[APPLAUSE.]

Okay.

We will have order in the chamber, please.

Thank you.

We now move on with our agenda, item number D, approval of the agenda and waiver of full reading of ordinances.

By motion of council this is a time to notify the public of any changes to the agenda.

Mr. City manager, are there any proposed changes?

>> M. Danaj: Mr. Mayor, there are not.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Okay.

Council, is there a motion?

>> So moved.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Motion by Council Member Hersman.

I presume to approve the agenda, as is standing, and seconded by Council Member Montgomery.

Call for the question.

Hobble mayor, all votes being recorded, motion passes 5-0.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you, madam acting city clerk.

And for the record we are delighted to have as acting city clerk patty mad Zen from the city clerk's office.

Item E, community announcements of upcoming events.

Would any member of the public care to come down and make a one-minute announcement regarding an upcoming event?

>> Mr. Mayor, council, and the city, Mark Lipps with the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce.

I just want to bring up that we are continuing -- we have done one, we will do two more over the next month in the month of October.

But we are now beginning to offer free seminars for all of our local businesses, and basically I guess anybody who shows up.

But we are getting them sponsored.

But our first one is October 5th and it is a legal seminar called you don't know what you don't know.

And for those of you who are legal eagles, there are so many details out there there are a lot of regulations that a lot of people are

not aware of, and they need to be thinking about what they don't know they should know.

And then another free one, we call it content beyond words.

That is how to gauge your customer using video on no budget, do it yourself.

There are apps you can get for free.

There are things you can do on your computer, and I apologize for the professionals, but your video will look as professional as anybody else's.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

Other members of the public care to make a one-minute announcement?

Please.

>> I'm Jan Buick, older adult program supervisor here for the city.

I would like to make two announcements.

Right now we are doing a women's self-defense seminar.

We have volunteers who are working with Alex, who is getting her gold badge with girl scouts.

And that is going on right now.

We had 23 people tonight.

And then tomorrow again it is an intergenerational program, all ages.

And then on Saturday we are doing a coffee, technology, and you program.

Saturday, September 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to noon where the students from Mira Costa work with the seniors to provide one-on-one assistance.

It is an award-winning program and it has been wonderful.

I did my time.

Thank you.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

Well done.

>> Good evening, mayor and members of the city council.

I am Anne McIntosh, the community development director.

And I just wanted to remind you and the community that we are having an information session about telecommunications planning and facilities in the city.

It is going to be held next Tuesday a week from tonight from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. over at the police and fire community room.

So we really encourage people to come out.

We have got some information on the city's website.

More information about the information we will be sharing as well as an announcement of the meeting.

And we did send out about 150 e-mails today to people that have requested more information from us.

So about 150 e-mails to community members who have contacted us about this.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Great.

Thank you.

>> Look forward to seeing everybody there.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Okay.

A full presentation by staff.

>> Good evening, I'm Martin Betz, cultural arts manager.

I wanted to invite you all again to see the show at the arts center.

Jose Lozano, Chicano trickster, a great show.

We had an amazing opening on Friday.

And also I wanted to invite you on October 6th we are doing a collaboration with the library.

This will be the second in a series.

Library after-hours, which is really fun.

You get to hang out in the stacks and have drinks.

And we will be talking to Jose.

I will be having a fireside chat with Jose up in the second-floor room.

Be there.

It is from 8:00 to 10:00.

It should be fun.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Great.

Thank you.

Any other presentations?

Susie.

>> Good evening, mayor, members of the city council.

I am the analyst in the community development department, and I just wanted to let the community know we are having a mobility update

community meeting on Thursday October 5th from sixth:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the police, fire community room.

We will be providing an overview of the plan contents as well as a time line for next steps.

So all parties are encouraged to attend and participate.

And if you have any questions, I can be reached at (310) 802-5540.

Thank you.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

Any other public announcements?

>> Good evening, mayor and council.

Eve Irvine, police chief.

I just wanted to apprise you of a project that we are going to be involved in again in October, and that is our pink patch project.

And it benefits those people who have breast cancer.

Obviously, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

We are also going to be teaming up with the Soroptomist Club in the City of Manhattan Beach and they will help us put together some bags for women undergoing chemotherapy and who need the little bags.

The profits that we make from what I'm going to show you, this really cool bling, we will be able to give them to the Soroptomists and they will help us out.

In the month of October you'll see police officers with the pink patches on them.

They are real police officers.

I promise.

This is my little ticket to take to the cleaners.

And all throughout the month of October the police officers will be wearing pink badges.

I also want to say we are selling little mini pink patches --
>> That is a good idea.

>> -- for \$10.

And the entire fund we generate from that will go to the fundraiser for breast cancer awareness.

And we are selling these really wonderful shirts.

The front and the back.

And we have women's shirts this year.

But what I do want to point out is we are commit to bringing awareness to breast cancer research and this awful disease.

Everyone in here knows someone who has been affected by it or knows someone who knows someone.

And I want to point out two years ago when the project first started we and the city of Irwindale were the only two agencies in L.A. county who decided let's do the pink patch thing, let's go for it and try it.

And this year there are over 175 different police organizations, not only in the state of California but in the United States and international that will be participating in the pink patch project and have modified their patches to be pink.

The person who is actually running the program is right in the back there.

Her name is Kelly Benjamin, one of our sergeants.

And we have these available for purchase at our front desk of the police department.

Thank you very much.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

Any other public announcements or announcements by the public about upcoming events?

If not I'll turn to my council colleagues.

Mayor pro tem Howorth.

>> A. Howorth: I wanted to remind my colleagues and announce to the public this Friday is the Mira Costa hall of fame event.

Started several years ago by superintendent and Mira Costa alum Bev Rohr.

And basically they acknowledge people who have graduated from Mira Costa and gone on to do something outstanding in their chosen field.

We have honored Rachel Bloom, the actress and producer/writer of "crazy ex-girlfriend."

This year we have an architect, rocket scientist, asteroid hunter, somebody who actually gave her life, the first post humans award, helping folks overcome diseases in Africa.

And Paul Silvy, I'm not sure why he is being awarded.

I'm just kidding.

We all Paul.

His brother was recognized a few years ago.

There is an assembly where all of them will do a talk.

I love going to these.

And I hope any colleagues will join at the reception in the morning to celebrate our high school.

And the other thing that I wanted to mention, earlier we had this -- we talked about the joint effort with the schools.

And this city and the whole community to aid Cleveland, Texas, and there has been a lot of storms hit and you know there was an earthquake nearby last night.

There was a really bad one in Mexico City today.

So it made me as I was throwing apart my laundry room, another story, I was pulling out my emergency supplies and going through them and realizing how many things have gone bad and what wasn't there that needed to be there.

And the bugs had gotten in the dog food.

So I really want to encourage all of our residents that if you have supplies, check to see if they are good.

If you don't have supplies, it is really easy to get them together.

I'm happy to come help you.

Send me an e-mail.

We will do it together.

Because it is so darned important.

And I like to tell, especially women, because sometimes we are driving and we have on high heels.

I carry an extra pair of tennis shoes, a pair of sweat pants and waterbottle hat and hoodie in my car just in case it happens while I'm out.

Take care of yourself, help others.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: Two items.

The residents that e-mailed about the cellular issue in the proposed cell sites the senate and assembly in California passed a senate bill 649.

What that is supposed to do, what it will allow is it will bypass the city completely.

Any city in California, regarding cell site locations.

It will bypass local control.

Those have asked what we can do about it.

I'll put it on the city website and I will give it to the city manager.

It is up to the governor to veto it.

I will send it to the city manager.

They told us not to call the governor's office.

30 minutes for an operator to pick up in Sacramento.

30 minutes.

So e-mail only.

The city manager put it on the website for you.

And I would urge every resident to send in at least one e-mail if not more to get through.

Let them know how important it is, local control for cities, especially our city.

And finally an update, we know two of our residents are assigned to a task force, Todd and David.

30 more days we will have the recommendations to Mike Bonnen to hopefully finish vista Del Mar and Culver and southbound Culver.

That is the update and we will keep your posted.

>> S. Napolitano: I will just say I went to Mira Costa.

Hmm.

>> A. Howorth: Let's get busy there, Stephen.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: For my announcement I simply wanted to thank Mayor Pro Tem Howorth for bringing to mind what we all know, that we do need to be prepared for a disaster.

Next month will be the great shake out.

And it is a good opportunity to remind the community what the essentials are and ways we can be better prepared.

Thank you for that.

Item F, public comments, this is an opportunity for members of the public to address council up to three minutes on an item within our jurisdiction.

If you would care to address council, we just simply ask that you fill out one of the yellow cards that are available right here.

And present it to our acting city clerk, who will now provide the names of people who wish to speak.

If you hear your name, she will be naming people three at a time.

If you could please come to the seats down behind the podium so we can hear from you.

>> The first three that I have are Mark Lipps, Susan Adams, and Peter YOLAN.

>> Mr. Mayor, council, and city staff, thank you for the opportunity.

I have two hats on.

One is the head of the chamber and the other is I'm on the Hometown Fair board.

So I'm going to link the two together in that I believe -- and you guys have seen some of the things that I have sent to you.

But I believe that Hometown Fair, I was amazed to find out we don't get 100% fee waiver from the city on this longstanding tradition in Manhattan Beach.

We have people who now have kids who they themselves grew up and generations beyond that have all gone to the Hometown Fair.

I think it goes beyond that.

We are not something that is just a couple hours, not something that is an evening.

This is two days of kids with their parents learning how to engage with the public, managing a booth, building a booth, organizing a booth.

At least that is what they should be doing.

The parents shouldn't all be doing it by themselves.

It should be something the kids are doing all together and they can work on something and actually learn by engaging with the public.

And I think it is very interesting too that we have seen this evolve just as the city evolves.

Everybody remembers when downtown Manhattan Beach was basically Hermosa in terms of the activity and the kinds of partying and going back to the La Paz days and all of that.

Now we are known as a fine dining location.

And the fair used to be the same thing.

If anybody remembers, you went out and you had a dance on the middle of valley and you were walking around with your baby carriage -- I wasn't -- but baby carriage holding a beer in your hand.

But we have evolved into a first-class all-volunteer, all-community organization that just as Russ said, we have kept our big sponsors out of there.

We get approached by that all the time.

We made sure they do not come in.

We have kept it local.

As I said once before -- --

>> S. Napolitano: The mayor asked if I wanted to speak after Mac, and he will probably regret that.

I see the folks in the audience.

I'm not trying to usurp anything.

I know people want to hear us talk about the mission statement, we have a long meeting, it seems most people are here for the last item.

I know I'm for it.

I'm pretty sure Richard is for it.

If we get one more here, then everyone can go home and claim victory.

So I would like to have that moved up and we can talk about it right now.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Here is what I would like to do.

We are in the middle of pluck comment.

And I would turn to the city attorney.

Given we have approved the agenda, what might be the suggestion?

>> Q. Barrow: All communications, after public comment is closed, there would be a motion to reconsider the approval of the agenda, and if that was, you can rearrange the agenda.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Okay.

In which case I -- then I think the proper order is to continue with public comment.

For those in light of that comment by our colleague, would still like to come down and speak to council.

Next speaker, please.

>> Susan.

>> I'll be fast.

Thank you very much in advance, by the way.

I'm Susan Adams.

I was a former president of the Hometown Fair board for three years.

I replaced Richard when he was elected to council.

So it was a mid-year election.

And I just want to say happy fortieth anniversary to a fantastic legacy event, and that is the 10K run.

But I am here to support another famous and fabulous legacy event that has been around for 45 years.

So thank you in advance for your support.

>> Good evening.

My name is Peter YOLAN and I'm also here for the Hometown Fair.

So I will be very brief.

I just want to say for my 20-plus years living in Manhattan Beach the Hometown Fair has been a staple of what my family does the first weekend in October.

Typically I have played in the band for the last 11 years on the 10K race, so I have association with that.

Run home, taken a shower and walked down with the kids to the Hometown Fair.

Our fair brings so much joy to the children but more than that it is like a spider that spreads out.

Because all of the non-profits are generating a lot of funds for their organization from the Hometown Fair and that is coming back into our city, helping children and families in many ways, and the non-profits that I think are so vital to our community.

Thank you for moving us up on the agenda.

>> Spider?

I don't like spiders so much.

>> The last speaker I have for public comment is Craig KEVALDER.

>> Good evening, mayor and council members.

I'm Craig speaking at both a resident and as indirectly for the Surfrider Foundation and in true transparency here we will have a booth at the Hometown Fair.

I really wanted to say that I moved down here from Santa Barbara in 1978.

Of course I was very young then.

And Hometown Fair is so central to Manhattan Beach that I would hope the city has the wherewithal to fund this 100%.

And I strongly encourage you.

It sounded very positive here, Council Member Napolitano, I appreciate the comments, and Council Member Montgomery, thank you for the heads up.

And this is really core to what the city is about.

It covers all areas, children, adults, games, food.

Information is what we are trying to get our message out about, protection of the environment.

Part of which really contributes to the quality of life in this city.

So I strongly urge you to do it and I'm glad to do it earlier rather than later.

Thank you.

>> William Victor.

>> Will Victor.

I'm still a little unclear about the rules for this public comment.

You have three items.

How many minutes do you have to speak?

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Clarify through the city attorney.

>> I won't count this.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: He won't count this.

>> I believe at this time it is three minutes.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: A full three minutes and you can address any matter on the agenda that you care to.

>> On the agenda or off the agenda?

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Or off the agenda, that is correct.

>> Okay.

First thing is I happen to notice the police chief was here talking about badges and so forth.

And I want to mention that the police announcements of crimes really is sanitized.

So it is not right to have it if you are not going to be accurate and include all the crimes.

I represent one of the two clients where they have had their cars stolen.

Their cars were locked, and so forth, and not mentioned.

I think the community needs to know either you have it, an announcement that is clear and unsanitized or don't have it at all.

People won't rely on it.

So I really think that it would be very nice if we had unsanitized information so we don't feel that we are being misled about the safety of our community.

And that goes into your mission statement later too.

So count it as four.

So also I am really amazed that we have a smoking law in our city and how people just come, smoke, they throw butts.

I have a wood building here, for example.

And I am clearing away glowing butts.

And nobody does anything about enforcing these, even at events like the Manhattan open where people are smoking.

I have seen an officer tell someone to stop smoking, but I think maybe some tickets would really help support that.

The second thing is return calls.

Today the city had a chance to avoid an appeal on the case and I called the city manager and left a message and I didn't get a call.

Jeff DOLAN returned calls, Carmen returned calls.

And this city manager is really very selective at when he wants to return calls.

I think he is not only the council's city manager, he is also the people's city manager.

And I want to encourage him.

I also would like to know about the review of the city manager and the city attorney.

Usually there is a report after review.

We have got nothing.

I see they are still here, but I would like to know how you feel you could improve and share it with the community as well as all of you.

And the last thing is, there is too much GOV.

This thing with the prohibition of health care.

That is just absurd.

We have a free enterprise system in America.

And Manhattan Beach should be a perfect example instead of totalitarian.

And I think it is wrong.

People own properties in Manhattan Beach.

They spend a lot of money on it.

And they should have the freedom to rent to who that choose.

And if they are wrong, they will lose the rent.

If they are right they serve the community.

I have friends who are going to El Segundo because they have more places to go and it is less GOV and more fun.

And it is a shame.

I think we should really compete well with the communities around us.

We have too much GOV.

I donate my zero time.

Thank you.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Any further public comments?

Anyone else care to speak?

>> Staff just has one brief announcement, to introduce a new employee that is serving in a key position.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Please.

Great.

>> Good evening, mayor and members of the city council.

Anne McIntosh again, community development director.

I'm really thrilled to be able to introduce tonight Dana Murray, our new environmental programs manager.

Dana has actually been working for the city since August 21st but we haven't had an opportunity for her to come to council until tonight.

And I just want to say a few things about her perfectly appropriate career and education for what we appreciate out of an environmental programs manager in Manhattan Beach.

Dana is from Southern California.

She grew up in the San Gabriel mountains.

Graduated from UCLA majoring in geography and environmental studies.

Minored in English, which I know those of us who have an appreciation for the English language appreciate.

Received her master's degree in management from UC Santa Barbara.

A Southern California girl with a Southern California education.

Recently been a policy manager for heal the bay since June of 2010, and she had worked there as a volunteer prior to that.

She has also worked in many other environmental positions, Santa Barbara natural history museum, tree people, the world wildlife fund, California wildlife center and was in the peace corps.

Dana and I spend two days at a coastal law conference.

She has hit the ground running.

Here is Dana and I will ask her if she wants to say a few words.

>> Thank you for the introduction, Anne.

Good evening, mayor and council members.

I'm thrilled to join the Manhattan Beach city staff team and I look forward to working with the council, staff and community members to help further the city into climate resiliency, environmental sustainability and as a leader, especially in Santa Monica bay, but throughout the state and country on many different initiatives.

In the near future you'll see me coming back on a couple of climate and renewable energy issues that I have inherited this yore but also planning going forward over the next year working with staff and the community and you to identify what some of those priority initiatives should be.

So thank you for welcoming me to the community, and I'm excited to be here.

Thank you.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Welcome.

[APPLAUSE.]

Anything else?

In which case the proper motion would be --

>> Q. Barrow: A motion reconsider approval of the agenda.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Motion by Council Member Napolitano and seconded.

>> A. Howorth: Could we hear what the motion is?

>> I would still question whether we need a motion because approval of the agenda in my mind doesn't mean we can rearrange it once it is on there.

My motion is to take out of order item 17, a discussion on the Hometown Fair fee waiver and move it up to right now.

>> Mayor, there are actually two motions.

The first is to reconsider adoption of the approval of the agenda.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: That was seconded.

That is why I was jumping to that first motion, in this case that is the question I was calling.

>> So both.

>> Now we will make the second.

>> Hobble mayor all votes being recorded motion passes 5-0.

>> Make a motion to rearrange the agenda.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Motion has been made by Council Member Napolitano, which you have just stated and it has been seconded by Council Member Montgomery.

Unless anyone wants to talk further about it, I call for the question.

>> All votes have been recorded.

Motion passes 5-0.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: In which case is there any sort of brief explanation on what this item is, and perhaps I'll turn it to Council Member Montgomery who was bringing this item before council to briefly describe what it is and we will open it up briefly for public comment.

>> R. Montgomery: Thank you, your Honor.

As the council rep to the Hometown Fair and the past president I was asked by the current president of the board to bring back the motion to ask the city to bring back the fee waiver back to 100%.

Those of you who were not around in the city before 2009 due to the financial crisis we asked the non-profits to drop their fee waiver for 100% back to 75%. So with the inclusion, the comment was made at the time and I don't know why it wasn't recorded in here.

The intention was that once the economy improved we would bring back the waiver from 75% to 100%.

That was a mistake never corrected.

It never happened in the past four years.

We don't know why we are didn't bring it back.

But we are here today trying to right a wrong.

I'm asking the council to support the 100% fee waiver based on that original intention.

>> So moved.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Any council member questions?

The only question I had for the city staff is what is the amount of money we are actually talking about to go from 75% to 100%?

>> M. Danaj: A little more than \$14,000.

>> Bring it up to 100%.

We are voting on it just like that?

We are done?

>> Mayor D. Lesser: We open it up for public comment.

We have questions at this time.

>> Why don't we open it.

I thought you were jumping into the motion.

Wait a minute.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Now open it up for public comment.

Any members of the public wish to address this item?

>> Currently I have been ZYMBALIST.

>> Hi, I'm (Name) president of the Hometown Fair.

And I thank you very much for not only bringing this to the attention of the council but also for moving it up on the agenda.

There are a few reasons we would like to get back to 100%.

We progressive direct costs associated with the fair, particularly in security, environmental services and insurance which we have no control and very limited funds to cover any increases.

Our ability to raise additional funds is limited.

For instance, we already charged one of the highest fees for arts and crafts vendors.

Electrical as well as outside security which used to be a part of the city services, and therefore covered the fee waiver, has now shifted primarily to third parties and they bill us directly.

The fair, which is free to the public, a true community event that enables 100 South Bay civic, sport and educational groups to directly raise funds to support their annual operating budgets.

We estimate the local groups bring in about \$100,000 over the weekend for their groups.

Now in our 45th year we are the oldest legacy event and we would like the 100% fee waiver like the 10K and the fireworks enjoy.

I believe the city considers those events of community-wide interest too valuable to lose and too expensive for the city to operate by themselves.

The fair fits squarely into the category as well.

By giving the fee waiver the city's cost would be approximately \$11,000 more.

The fair appreciates the city's support, especially the time the city puts forward to the event.

We consider the city our participant and could not do this without you.

We believe the community wants the Hometown Fair to stay Hometown and we are hoping we can count on your support 100%.

Thank you.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

Any other speakers?

Any other members of the public care to address this item?

Seeing none, we will close public comment and tush it over to Council Member Hersman.

>> N. Hersman: Thank you, mayor.

I, like everybody, loves the Hometown Fair.

We got lots of e-mails from the community saying we really need to do this.

And I support it.

However, we as a council when we passed the budget a couple months ago, we wanted to, or we suggested that we wanted to develop a

program to accept grant applications and allocate funds for organizations like this.

And at the time family crisis center had been asking for the past three years, 1736.

And we as a council said we need to have a program to allocate funds for the different organizations.

And so I would like to make sure that we as a council not forget that Hometown Fair is fabulous, nobody is questioning that, but there are a lot of organizations that need our help.

And to just do these one at a time is a disservice to our organizations and our community.

I for one, 1736 Family Crisis Center, is a very important program in our community and helps a lot of students and families in this community, and we are not supporting them.

So I just want us to make sure that we will bring back a program to allocate funds in a methodical way and not just do things one at a time like this.

That is all I have to say.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

Council Member Napolitano.

>> S. Napolitano: Thank you, your Honor.

Earlier tonight during the presentation regarding the aid that was given to Cleveland, Texas, that the city, a lot of folks from the city here drove there with a lot of things that were collected by the citizens.

And what Ben Dale said at the time, another one of the drivers said, that you want to help everybody.

But also you have to scale it down to what is personal and what you can do in front of you.

1736, I have experience directing tens of thousands of dollars towards them from the county.

I worked with hundreds of non-profits.

There are so many great nonprofits out there.

This I want to distinguish because it is not just a non-profit that provides a service to those in need.

When we talked earlier, and we talked about this during the campaign, and I know you have mentioned it before, what gives Manhattan Beach that smalltown atmosphere?

What is it?

If there is any signature event that this city has that makes it a smalltown atmosphere it is the Hometown Fair.

So it is something that is of Manhattan Beach for Manhattan Beach and reflects who we are.

For that reason I distinguish it from the other things, which I think we should bring back to discuss, but I won't tie it to this.

I think it is entirely separate.

I am all for it.

I don't know why it wasn't done before.

I know that we had this talk before years ago when I was on council previously.

And we put it in the frame of, well, if the city was going to put this on instead of this all-volunteer group, what would it cost us?

There is no way that we could afford to do what you guys do.

So in exchange to bump it up \$11,000, \$14,000 to get what we get is nothing.

I am absolutely in favor of this.

I made the motion to do a 100% fee waiver and I will wait and hear from my colleagues.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

>> A. Howorth: And I will be pretty brief.

I appreciate what Council Member Hersman is bringing up about, hey, let's not forget the group in need that came to us, 1736 crisis house.

And I do see this differently.

One is that those -- what we were trying to capture with those folks and others like them is that we used to get -- and I'm going to get the technical term wrong -- but block grants that we couldn't use, CDBG.

So we would have this money and what we would do is we had to transfer it to somebody and we would get credits for doing that, basically.

So that is the history of that.

I was still on council when that still existed and the governor cut that out.

And I do agree that we should -- I would like to still help give them some money, if possible, and I would like a method and a structure for figuring those things out.

This I see differently and I don't see it as a one-off.

Because I think we talked about a few years ago we had some signature events.

And we will continue to support those in different ways and fireworks, this, the downtown stroll.

There is a couple others.

The what?

>> Little league.

>> A. Howorth: Little league, pumpkin race.

Signature events that bring love and charm and goodness to all, and candy.

And so I do bifurcate them, but I do appreciate you bringing it up and making us remember it because there is no one here to champion it for them.

So I'm happy to support that.

I would consider this this is part of our signature panel, this is who we are as a city.

And I appreciate council member Montgomery reminding us that when your council had to make those decisions during the recession it was never intended not to come back, and I think that is a really important point.

So I will be supporting it.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: Two things.

I think Council Member Hersman's point is right on.

The CDBG block grant money, which is item 12, 1736, the family help center, and we were getting \$0.66 to the dollar.

Because it is back tonight.

To the point, that is reallocate.

That is the way we used to do it.

The Hometown Fair money was out of council contingency.

The two were never tied together.

I understand the confusion why they were tied and definitely they were separate items.

The reason why I am supporting this, correcting a wrong that I was part of.

And the prior council majority, none of which are here tonight, in 2015 blocked this out for some reason and never called on it.

So we are fixing that mistake tonight.

So with that, I am also obviously strongly in support.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: For my comments I would say this.

We started this evening by recognizing the 10K run and its committee on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary.

We talked about how much it gave back to the community.

And really almost everything that was said about that organization and that event really could be said about the Hometown Fair.

It really does build our sense of community.

Everything that Council Member Napolitano just stated.

They had not been listed as an honoree on our agenda to acknowledge their 45th anniversary because the board was where you recognized in December.

Frankly, if you think about it it was the board members who were recognized appropriately but we need to recognize the 45th anniversary of the Hometown Fair and perhaps we can do it at the next council meeting to advertise the fair.

My one issue with this event goes exactly to what council member Hersman raised.

That is what are we saying to some of the other events that don't have 100%, that aren't charged at least 25% of what the city's costs are with police and fire and public works to support them?

There are several like American martyrs, the 5K.

There are a number of other events.

So I very much support her suggestion that at a future agenda we come back and look and revisit basically how we are charging these non-profit events.

But I will be supporting this item as well.

And I thank Council Member Montgomery for bringing this item to council.

Council Member Hersman, did you have further comments?

>> N. Hersman: I just wanted to reiterate.

It wasn't about the 1736.

And I know a couple of you have mentioned it.

That is what triggered it for me, was that we had said we wanted to have a program come back, and we haven't seen it yet.

So that just triggered it.

And so in looking at -- I like to look at where we are putting our money.

We get \$14,000, we can put it in a lot of different places.

Hometown Fair is a great place to put it.

But there are others and we just need to consider that.

That is all.

That is my only point.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: I want to follow up.

I was informed that the martyrs 5K is already 100% fee waiver.

That is not correct.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I think we need to revisit this whole
schedule.

>> R. Montgomery: They can wait in line and get 45 years behind
them.

>> I'll let the monsignor know.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Any further discussion on the item?

Seeing none, call for the question.

There is a motion by Council Member Napolitano and the motion is
just to -- state it clearly.

>> S. Napolitano: To waive 100% of the fees of the Hometown
Fair.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: That has been seconded by Council Member
Montgomery.

Without further discussion, call for the question.

>> Honorable Mayor, all votes being recorded, motion passes 5-0.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

We now move back to our regular agenda with item G, the consent
calendar.

Are there any items that any council member would like to pull?

Otherwise, all of them will be adopted by a single motion.

Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: I have a question on item 5, and I ask to have the district here to answer a question.

That is the only one.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: So we will pull item number 5.

Is there any other item that council members wish to pull?

Seeing none --

>> So that would be my motion, approve the consent calendar with the exception of item 5.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I see that has been seconded by Council Member Hersman.

Call for the question.

>> Clerk: Honorable mayor, all votes being recorded, motion passes 5-0.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Great.

We now move on to items pulled from the consent calendar, item H, and that one item is 5, agreement with the Beach Cities Health District to provide senior care management services in the amount of \$186,575 over a five-year period.

>> R. Montgomery: I just have a question.

On exhibit A on 149 of 400.

The senior care services explained that the districts that provide care and management services for approximately five to 100 eligible and disabled residents for the city.

Knowing that the senior resident population is well over 100 senior residents, I would like the definition of what does the word

eligible mean and what happens if we have more than 100 people apply for services.

That is why I asked for the explanation.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Before you address, just to clarify, that appears to be page 149 of the agenda packet, exhibit A1 to the scope of services that are to be provided.

>> R. Montgomery: That is correct.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Please.

>> Honorable mayor and members of council, my name is Carrie Anne Lawson, director of lifespan services for the Beach Cities Health District.

Our eligibility is simply residency.

Any senior or disabled resident of the beach cities, including Manhattan Beach, is eligible for our care management program.

Historically we see in any given year about 50 to 100.

If I had 101, 200, 250, I would take them all.

So there is no cap on the number of residents we can serve, and there is no wait list.

So residents are encouraged to call us if they are interested in care management services at any time.

Residency is the only requirement.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: I just want to make sure but I was asked a question and I want to make sure where that number came from.

If everyone is eligible, I'm happy.

Great news.

>> I'll take them alls.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Any other council questions on the item?

>> I'll make a motion to approve.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I'll open it up for public comment.

Any members of the public care to address the item?

Seeing none, we will close public comment.

Motion by Council Member Montgomery.

The motion is...

>> R. Montgomery: To authorize the city manager to execute an agreement with the Beach Cities Health District BCHD to provide care management services in the amount of \$186,575 over a five-year period.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I see that has been seconded by Council Member Hersman.

Any discussion?

Council member Hersman.

>> N. Hersman: Isn't it to adopt the resolution?

Just asking.

>> R. Montgomery: To adopt resolution 17-0120.

I'll amend my original statement.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: And I presume that has been accepted?

In which case we call for the question.

>> Clerk: Honorable Mayor, all votes being recorded.

Motion passes 5-0.

>> R. Montgomery: Thank you.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

We next move on to item I, public hearings.

Our first public hearing is item number 11, a public hearing to consider extending urgency ordinance number 17-0015-U prohibiting the establishment of new health care facilities on Sepulveda boulevard for a period of ten months and 15 days and consider applying the temporary prohibition to other uses on Sepulveda Boulevard.

>> Good evening.

Laurie Jester, planning manager, is going to present the report tonight.

>> Good evening, mayor and members of the city council.

This interim zoning ordinance, IZO, was adopted recently, August 7th.

And state law requires that you hold a public hearing in order to extend it.

The extension that we are suggesting is for ten months and 15 days, so that would be a total of one year to allow us time to study these uses that are currently prohibited on Sepulveda.

They are health care uses.

They are concerns that were expressed and it will give us the ability to adopt the uses.

It is an urgency ordinance so it requires a four fifths vote.

This is a public hearing.

We also included in the notice some flexibility if you had other types of uses that you had concerns about that you wanted to address within this IZO.

The city attorney can address that further if you have any questions.

And I am available for questions.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I have one, and that would be can you explain a little bit what staff will be doing during this period of time?

I think there is some concerns among residents about moving forward and extending this temporary ban with one that could extend up to ten months 15 days.

Can you provide a little bit more detail as to what staff will be doing during this period?

>> Yes, absolutely.

Let's start with what we already have done.

On the 13th, last Wednesday, we had a Planning Commission meeting.

We presented a very comprehensive report on urgent care, which is one of the health care land uses that is included within the moratorium.

That staff report is actually included in your packet and posted online.

We had a very comprehensive discussion at the commission, and we are going to bring a resolution back to them to address urgent care, and that will then be brought to the council.

If there are other land uses that we need to look at in more detail, we will also be looking at those and further regulations as needed.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Okay.

Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: Thank you, your Honor.

Laurie, just one question.

Was there a reason we broke this out from item number 14 talking about land uses on Sepulveda boulevard?

Why the two issues weren't tied together?

>> You see they are actually cross-referenced within each report.

This is a public hearing, though.

It is required by state law to be a public hearing.

The other item is general business and it is just a discussion.

>> R. Montgomery: Otherwise you would have tied them together?

>> Yes.

They are related.

You are correct.

>> R. Montgomery: Fantastic.

Thank you.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Any other council questions before I open it up for public comment?

Thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Open the matter for public comment.

Any member of the public care to address the council?

If so please provide a yellow card.

>> The first three speakers are Philip Kroskin, Mike Grannis and Carol Glover.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: And if you hear your name, if you could come down and sit at the seats behind the podium.

>> Hi.

Good evening.

I'm Philip Kroskin, the senior vice president of real estate for sunrise senior living.

I'm here tonight because sunrise would like the opportunity to present a project on Sepulveda boulevard.

The moratorium being discussed will prevent event that proposal. Manhattan Beach has 35,000 residents.

5,000, or 14% of the population, is over 65.

An additional 11,000, or 31%, are between the ages of 45 and 64.

Over half of your population today are considered in the assisted living world potential customers who would need assisted living services or the adult care giving child that may be looking for a community that can help their mother or father when they are in most need of care for walking or bathing or eating or dressing and in many cases Alzheimer's or dementia.

Yet your city today does not have one assisted living community.

You are here tonight to discuss a moratorium against this use.

This makes no sense.

You wouldn't have a moratorium if you didn't have the use.

Your community must consider the needs of all of its residents, and as the numbers indicate, almost half of your residents could need these services for themselves or for their parents.

You may ask why not just drive to Torrance, Hermosa, Palos Verdes or elsewhere?

% to 80% of assisted living residents identify with the home in the same community.

Loneliness is one of the biggest threats to seniors' lives.

If that senior has to move, that person's quality of life is greatly affected.

Her daughter or son or grand children are greatly impacted.

Sunrise has been in the senior care business for 35 years.

We have built and operated approximately 315 communities.

We serve the local community.

We pay very good and reliable taxes.

We don't create much traffic.

We have beautiful buildings and beautiful landscaping.

We create jobs.

We are part of neighborhoods and cities.

Most importantly, we care for your citizens who cannot care for themselves.

Our work is good and honorable.

We would like to build a building on a major road in your community that by all accounts have a huge mix of uses from car washes to tire and oil change shops to auto body shops, medical sales, medical buildings.

There is no consistent streetscape design, no proper urban planning.

There has been limited investment in the corridor.

In fact, your 1999 plan attempted to incent investment, yet it didn't occur significantly.

What you have today is the opportunity to get the highest quality building invested in your city and on that street.

And not asking for approval of a project.

Simply asking you to let your process of zoning and other approvals happen.

Don't delay us for ten months.

You'll have plenty of time to decide if you or your city residents want our use or our building.

But don't put it on any moratorium that will potentially drive away needed business.

Please let your process work.

I truly urge you to pull assisted living out.

Thank you.

>> My name the Mike grannis.

I have more than 15 years of property development in beach cities.

I have represented multiple investors and developers along Sepulveda, including Paragon with Gelson's, Mr. Sackly with El Torito, most recently, sunrise with Goat Hill.

I wanted to talk about this moratorium and how it affects Sepulveda as a whole.

Retail as you know is changing.

Amazon and eCommerce is causing retailers to rethink their stores and decrease their locations.

Over the last ten years the businesses that have been interested in Sepulveda have by in large been groceries, banks, offices and medical offices.

Free market led to this interest and a moratorium will decrease the investment in Sepulveda.

Developers as a whole have avoided Manhattan Beach for the last three years because of the Gelson's process.

Now that is finally approved we are starting to see developers reengage in projects along Sepulveda.

This moratorium has caused that to freeze and the corridor is about to undergo tremendous change and you are going to cut it off at the knees.

By example, the owner and operator of Mr. Pockets, a bar that is open until 2:00 a.m., was going to sell and close his doors.

With this moratorium, the value of the property has declined to the point the owner may not sell.

This is a direct reflection of this moratorium.

And almost certain redevelopment has been stopped in its tracks and it is decisions like this that will continue to keep Sepulveda in its current deteriorating state.

I have heard many comments about sales tax revenue.

And that being the driving factor for the moratorium.

The reality is when a property is redeveloped and reassessed, the property taxes increase dramatically.

The city receives approximately 14.6% of every property tax dollar to the general fund.

When you look at a property like Goat Hill that maybe on its best day provides \$50,000 in sales tax revenue to the general fund versus

what a new development paying close to \$1 million in property taxes would generate, it is a substantial increase.

Look back historically at what Versailles was producing in sales taxes versus what the brand new medical building would produce in new property tax revenue to the city.

We aren't going to get another target or Toyota on these small parcels.

They will continue to be small retailers with little to no meaningful impact on sales tax revenue.

Redevelopment and increased property taxes will provide a reliable, consistent, and stable revenue source to the city.

I can assure you that with the declining retail sales, those dollars will no longer be reliable, consistent, and stable.

The reality is there is zoning in place, and there is processes in place to present potential projects.

If you pass this ordinance, you are sending a message to investors that they are not welcome and Sepulveda will continue down its current path.

Please do not adopt this moratorium.

>> After Carol Glover I have Jeffrey W.

>> Good evening, mayor and council.

My name is Carol Glover.

And I'm a local real estate attorney.

And frankly I am scratching my head with this ordinance.

I'm surprised.

I think even council member Hersman mentioned previously with respect to another matter it is not appropriate to do things in a piecemeal fashion, and this to me is what it is.

There is zoning, and a process in place.

What we have here is an ordinance that was put in place to restrict medical, dental, assisted living, emergency health, based on the reasons, as stated in the last ordinance, the council found there is a current and immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare.

If new health facilities were established on Sepulveda Boulevard.

I can't say that I believe that is true.

Certainly not in my personal opinion.

There is a process, and even based on the staff report that was put out only with respect to urgent care, not all the other uses, just urgent care.

What I read in here is that the neighborhood impacts on such things as ambulance delivery, drug addicts, extended hours, parking and traffic, laboratory, one, they are either not an issue, they haven't become an issue, or there is already code in place that takes care of those.

So again, I am scratching my head as to why we are doing this in a piecemeal fashion.

There are a lot of issues on Sepulveda.

It needs redevelopment.

It needs smart redevelopment.

We need to look at retail.

Retail is changing.

It is shrinking.

We need to look at parking, autonomous vehicles in the future.

But instead of looking at it on a global basis and a long-term basis for the health of Sepulveda, we are picking apart one particular use, and I just think it is appropriate, and it doesn't help the growth and movement forward of Manhattan Beach.

And Sepulveda needs some help.

So thank you.

>> Jeffrey Whitman.

>> Jeff Whitman.

Good evening, all of you.

I was a good friend of Patrick Kellen.

I was one of his closest friends.

I did over 100 projects with him.

And one of the last projects I did with him, he dragged me out to Hollywood and I built the Wanderlust Yoga Center, which is the largest yoga center in L.A. county.

And I have an opportunity across the street and my wife and I wanted to open a spa.

I owned a large home here and I had a spa in my home and the only reason I did was because there was nowhere to go to get good body work in the South Bay.

And I don't mean by a good therapist, I don't mean by -- well, by a good therapist.

But basically there was nowhere that I wanted to go.

So we opened one in Hollywood and we are now the number one spa in Hollywood, by far, after four years.

500 reviews.

We are five stars.

And we offer a lifestyle price in a luxurious environment.

I found a location, and with this moratorium we talked about it.

We are trying to -- and Manhattan Beach is the kettle and everything was ordinances out of business.

What we are trying to do is bring this lifestyle experience to an area that I live and offer it to this town, which there is nothing.

And we have to be on Sepulveda Boulevard because of our lifestyle price, but we are offering something.

Just to be -- I have one minute 24 seconds.

Essentially, 65% of our business on weekends is couples.

And there is no place in Manhattan Beach that can say they have ten% of that.

80% of our single business is women.

And I don't think there is any place in here.

And our whole premise, and we are a destination, also a destination place.

We do bachelorette parties, minor bachelorette parties and things like that and offer all sorts of unique treatments at really cool lifestyle prices in a really fun environment.

And you know, and the reason I mention pat, as you know in working with pat, I did a lot of fun stuff.

I go all the way back to helping him on the pirate ship on Polliwog Park.

So I go way back and the last time talking here was getting a street dedicated to my daughter in 1996.

I want to do this, it started out as a hobby and it has turned to something that I can walk into and look forward to going to and not breaking the bank.

And there is nothing available again.

So hopefully you reconsider this use.

There was a -- just the one sentence in here that I'm neither included or discluded.

I would like to know where we stand.

We would love to open here.

Thank you.

>> Clerk: After Roland Victor the last speaker card I have is Philip Cooke.

>> I'm one of the older people that are being discussed.

I see a huge crowd of older people here to help themselves.

Obviously the older people need more help.

They are not here to speak up.

I incorporate all of the previous speakers' comments into my testimony as if it is repeated.

I think it is really foolish.

The most foolish things I have witnessed in a Manhattan Beach City Council meeting, to support this, a huge part of the population.

It is important for the city to support its residents.

I don't know a better example of how you would support them.

I stepped on a nail, a rusty nail, last week.

And I didn't know how many days I had left after that.

So I went to one place.

I got there five minutes to 8:00 p.m. They said we are closed.

That was on Sepulveda Boulevard.

A little company.

So they said there was another place to go.

And I found a place on Manhattan Beach boulevard.

And they were really crowded, okay.

They saw me by the time they closed.

And I got the tetanus shot and the antibiotics and I was treated
were well.

And I just think this is something that we should expect in this
town.

Why should we have to go to El Segundo or Torrance and drive
like crazy people sometimes when there is an emergency and exacerbate our
ailment?

I think this is a no-brainer.

I think this is something that you should just not pursue.

It is very wasteful for the time of the community development
department to develop this.

I think it is against the whole idea of America, free
enterprise.

I liked everything that everybody said before and I can't even
match it.

But I just want to tell you, I think that we can't help ourselves.

Look at the representation of the 65% of the older people here.

It is very small.

I am one of them, I have to admit.

So I just want to say you better table this if you can and find something else to govern.

Thank you and have a nice evening.

>> Mayor, council members, Philip Cooke.

I'm a resident, second street.

I am a commercial property owner and also the treasurer of the Manhattan Beach commercial property owners association.

I found it very interesting that earlier you were in unanimous support of a health care initiative in the beach cities but you don't seem to want to support it in your own backyard.

Seems kind of interesting to me.

I wondered about that.

If there wasn't a demand, there wouldn't be building of medical facilities.

Sour pushing against the demand that is already there.

As evidenced by the gentleman from sunrise.

I heard it said that there was some concern about the direction of construction and building on Sepulveda Boulevard.

If you are really concerned about that, do you want to say no more health facilities, but mostly anything else can be built and then try to work around that?

If you are concerned, if you have true concern about the direction of that building and what Sepulveda Boulevard is going to look like in ten, 15 years, stop all building right now, get a plan, and then move forward with that plan.

Don't pick out a whipping boy like health care.

It doesn't make any sense at all.

So I strongly encourage you not to extend that moratorium.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Are there any other members of the public that cares to address this item?

Seeing none, I'll close public comment.

And I first have a question for our community development director and then I'll open it up for council comments.

My question is, can you describe a little bit more about this process?

I don't think that was fully articulated as to why communities adopt urgency ordinances to call a temporary time out to allow for some planning and then how agencies use that time.

>> A. McIntosh: Right.

So coincidentally we do have another item tonight about the Sepulveda Corridor, which is a conversation that started prior to my time coming to the city, actually.

I think it was an issue that has been raised a number of times over the years but had been on the work plan for our department since probably late 2016.

And so we have been working towards gathering information and putting together options for the council to consider about how to take another look at the whole Sepulveda Corridor.

So that is an item on your agenda.

Oftentimes when you adopt an urgency ordinance none of the planning has started.

And so you need quite a bit of time to sort of do that kind of research and get the planning going so that you can make your decisions, which is why these ordinances can be adopted for up to two years.

In this case we have already done a lot of the analysis, and you will have a conversation about some of that later tonight.

So that is -- I know you had asked Laurie about the work that we are already doing and in addition to going to the Planning Commission with a proposal for a definition for urgent care, we are also undertaking this analysis already.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Just to confirm, it is my understanding this is simply a temporary time out to allow staff and the policy makers, which is this council, to explore whether there should be any changes or none at all.

>> A. McIntosh: That's right.

And certainly you can direct us to move ahead with the Sepulveda Corridor study without adopting a moratorium and allow development to continue and then implement the new measures when they are ready.

Or you can say, you know, it is important enough now that we not consider any additional development until we have made some of those policy decisions.

Would have the ability to extend -- we are suggesting the ten and a half months but you could also shorten the time.

Or you could narrow the uses that the moratorium would apply to.

>> S. Napolitano: Can we make a note, every time people jiggle that door and they can't make it through.

Can we fix that door?

Thank you.

Second of all, Mr. Whitman, he seemed confused at the end of his comments as to whether this would apply to the project that he is proposing, or is thinking of.

And I wasn't clear whether it does or not either.

>> It is the massage use.

Currently we include massage under medical uses.

Therapeutic massage.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Any other council questions or any other council members care to address this item?

>> R. Montgomery: I'm going to address it.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Napolitano.

>> S. Napolitano: Thank you, your Honor.

And really in talking about this, I feel like I'm talking about item 14, which is exactly what we were talking about earlier.

And also, Carol, your point, about doing something piecemeal, I don't agree with doing it piecemeal either.

And that is what my concern was with the projects coming forward as they are, because we have expressed concern about the overall.

And it is not just about money.

I want to say that.

It is not whether it is sales tax versus property tax.

We went through this exercise.

There was really a huge cry from a lot of folks about changes to our downtown.

And we said, okay, we are going to call a time out.

And what was going to be a certain plan morphed into a much larger plan, which is the downtown-specific plan to address a whole host of things and to provide guidance for the future of development down there because there was such concern.

To me Sepulveda is no different in terms of looking at the overall mix of things that has been neglected, as has been said for years.

We have toyed around with some things.

To me we do need better definitions to give better protections and understanding to our residents that are neighboring Sepulveda but we also want to recognize that Sepulveda is the major corridor in the South Bay.

It is zoned commercial.

And there needs to be a certain acceptance of that, and I think that is one of the reasons why Gelson's went through.

But in terms of this issue of senior living or assisted living, no one's against senior living or assisted living.

The project, the project that could be proposed to go on Sepulveda, isn't the only senior project that could go here and even that project doesn't necessarily have to go on Sepulveda.

Or they can be part of the project to discuss what the appropriate uses are, where things should be.

I have heard a lot about the market.

If we let the market run the way the market runs, well, what is good for the market isn't necessarily what is best for Manhattan Beach.

Downtown would look entirely different at this point if it were to continue on like it was.

So I think this is a time out.

I think it is a smart thing to do in terms of planning for the future of the entire corridor, which was narrowed down too.

It doesn't apply to the entire city commercial.

That was narrowed down the last time to just Sepulveda because there is something to the mix, there is something to the feel and something to the services that provide and what things can be accessed.

It might include senior housing, it might not.

Maybe there are better places for it.

But we haven't taken a look at that for some time.

I think this is a way to say, okay, we are going to take a moment, we are going to consider these things, what is best in going forward, I hope everyone participates.

And we come up with a better corridor because of it.

But not say, no, we are not going to do this.

The moratorium itself, I was fine with applying it to everybody and saying let's take a time out.

My colleagues didn't agree.

So this is what we are left with.

Thank you, your Honor.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: Thank you, your Honor, it is sort of like déjà vu for me again because we are back where we started the first time.

45 days later we still have no further definition than we had before and we are coming back now saying another ten months and here we go again.

I'm sticking with the original argument that we know there is the demand for senior housing.

We know we have an aging population.

Why wouldn't we at least look at the possibility?

We have zoning to look at and we will vet through council the projects that come through so why would we take anything off the table that is not there yet?

Why would we cut ourselves short?

Leave it alone, take item E, assisted care and residential care off the table.

Carol already mentioned Sepulveda is a hodgepodge.

We all know that.

You see the 2009 plan?

We looked at Sepulveda again and that got pushed aside because of the economy.

We shelved it.

But we are still no better off than we were back then.

And the driver of this was the urgent care thing that happened on Sepulveda, and the lame old council before didn't think about that

coming before but now we are reacting to one item, overreaction to one thing.

I'm not saying the reaction is not warranted.

I'm saying take your time on handling the one issue but don't throw the kitchen sink at everything else in the meantime.

I don't see Sepulveda as sacred or being ruined by assisted care.

If you do that, what if someone says I want to build a hotel there.

Will that ruin Sepulveda for a hotel as well?

I don't see that happening.

Someone said the market is telling you something, the word demand is there.

If it is not going to work they won't build it here or come here.

But do I want to be the person that drives it away?

No.

I think you let the market see what they want to do, zoning vets it and looks at it and council has the overall right to decide if it is a good fit for our city.

I don't want to limit myself before that.

I'm not in favor of the emergency ordinance.

I don't believe the language is a threat to public safety or health or anything else.

I know it is required language but I'm not a fan of putting language in that doesn't make any sense.

I'm not in favor of it.

If the council wants to go through with it against my one vote I'll ask to amend and exclude item D and E from the ordinance.

It makes no sense here whatsoever.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

>> A. Howorth: I'm not ready to discuss the alternate options, but I will say this.

We have talked a long time about the Sepulveda Corridor and a plan.

And we keep referring back to the downtown-specific plan, which I voted for.

I wanted to find some perhaps ways to codify certain issues that kept cropping up.

And I'm not sure it did that.

And keep in mind that we had an urgency ordinance, and then we had a downtown-specific plan, and it dragged on a lot longer than the ten months that is being proposed here.

And that was a much smaller area, which was a much smaller footprint.

And perhaps even less complex a use.

So I'm trying to figure out the problem and what we can do without, I agree, putting a halt on the.

I know when we were discussing the Gelson's project, I would like to at some point also hear an update on what is going to happen in how we are integrating the neighbors with the project and how we are going

to handle the concerns, etc. And one thing that I talked about at the staff level, behind the scenes, an appropriate conversation, do we have appropriate -- our parking codes up to snuff?

Do they meet with our 2017 way of life?

Are they 1950s parking requirements?

And in fact a lot of the stuff that we have on the books is fairly old and outdated.

And so that kind of stuff could definitely get worked out during this pause, but I think it could also get worked out without a pause.

I do.

And that is one of the things that I really would like to look at.

Richard, you mentioned the assisted living.

No matter what the issue or project that perhaps could go in that one spot, yes, there has been people who show interest in that.

With or without the zoning -- well -- without an urgency ordinance, anybody who wants to put in something like the sunrise that is down the street in Hermosa, which is very nice -- I'm not quite ready for it -- anyway -- it would be a year or two away from coming to council anyway because they would have to do an extensive EIR and outreach.

I'm not opposed to extending this urgency ordinance because I'm for the sunrise project.

I don't know if that is appropriate or not.

I don't know.

Right now there is no plans.

There has been no studies.

There has been no nothing.

But I don't see us giving it -- if we say it is ten months, ten and a half months and then if it is longer, and then if we do a plan, I think that we do run the risk of perhaps chilling some positive development.

We still have the ultimate control of development.

We can say that use don't look like us, that is not what we want to do.

The gentleman who spoke, and I believe it was you, sir, spoke about if you have, say, somebody who comes in and wants to put up a big senior assisted living place or something else.

That could improve that corridor and provide money to enhance it cosmetically.

Like for instance, maybe we say you have to put some benches out front of your property.

That would be cool because one of the things that they say makes someplace more walkable is benches.

Because folks, perhaps older folks, can't walk as far, it is counterintuitive.

But if you have more benches, people walk.

So I think we should try to do a Sepulveda Corridor plan.

I do not agree with the urgency ordinance.

If staff feels that -- maybe I should bring Director McIntosh up.

I want to call your director Simon because my children's eye doctor was Anne Simon.

So if that ever slips that is why.

>> I'll forgive you.

>> A. Howorth: You wear glasses and your name is Anne.

Let's say you got a big project that came in for some sort of approval or shepherding through a process.

Could you still be looking at like other changes that we are talking about?

I mean, would that preclude you from all of a sudden looking at improvements to Sepulveda or different ways to change it?

>> A. McIntosh: No.

We are planning to allocate staff resources to a Sepulveda study initiatives regardless.

>> A. Howorth: And I have a couple more comments.

Thank you.

I think you can sit down, Simon, McIntosh, whatever.

I always try to lighten the mood.

If we are looking at parking requirements, we are not necessarily just looking at them on Sepulveda.

Right?

We might be looking at them in other places in the city.

And that brings up my real concern, that if we put an urgency ordinance on Sepulveda, the folks who own property of the Manhattan side of Rosecrans suddenly have a buy to maybe grab business they wouldn't normally be up for because the folks can't do anything on Sepulveda and it is not really fair.

So that kind of popped up to me tonight.

There are some parcels over there that could be open for development and they don't have the same constrictions.

So I'm not in favor of this.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council member Hersman.

>> N. Hersman: Thank you.

We did pass this back in August.

Since that time I have also felt like in my gut it doesn't feel right that we are limiting health care.

We have heard all the discussion about we have too much in the city, what is too much?

We have heard Mr. Victor say, you know, we need it.

We have got the uses there and nobody's going to put it in if it is not going to be used.

So, I mean, just very quickly, I guess I'll just say that I also am not in favor of continuing this.

I would like to see our community development staff work on the land use issues that we have been talking about, the parking, the various things, putting together an ad hoc committee, a community committee to look at Sepulveda.

But I don't think we need to limit one use, health care, to do that.

I wasn't in favor of -- frankly, I wasn't in favor.

I wasn't on the council, so it didn't matter, but I wasn't in favor of the moratorium in the downtown when that happened.

It just doesn't feel right to limit development.

And we have enough issues with businesses not wanting to develop in our city because there is so much pushback.

And I think that they are going to go other places, and I think we do need to continue allowing development along Sepulveda, and we will work on the parking as was suggested, because that came up in the Gelson's issue, and work on some other things.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: As for my comments, I'm very much in favor of moving forward in extending the moratorium, even though I recognize there is an absence of support.

For members of the public which action will require a four-fifths vote in order to continue it.

I think it is important to express why and see if there isn't something this council can gravitate, or at least four members can gravitate around to move forward.

We need time to plan for Sepulveda Boulevard.

This is the tool available to all agencies, not just Manhattan Beach but it is embedded in the state law as to how municipalities, agencies, can plan.

Say see trends that as Council Member Napolitano just indicated, are in the marketplace but may not be right for the community.

This is a temporary halt.

It is not permanent.

It is temporary to allow staff or an outside consultant to examine, study, gather data, present different options.

In this case it is our city staff rather than bringing an outside consultant in that wants some time to gather data both on the markets, what is happening on the ground, as well as what our options are.

And further, it was mentioned in passing and I fully agree and I was going to suggest it in connection with the item that is coming later, to have some form of community workshop to get community input on visioning.

What do we want from Sepulveda Boulevard?

My big concern about not moving forward is because of these economic trends that we are seeing we don't have very many lots that are available that are left that represent Sepulveda.

And there are pending transactions that are going to preclude our planning on Sepulveda.

Frankly, I'm one who felt that we should have undertaken this effort years ago.

But here we are today, and by virtue of not taking the step, underlying circumstances will proceed, and we will not have an opportunity for a temporary time out.

This is not proposed as a permanent moratorium, and if anything, this item could come back allowing these usages.

The whole idea of this type of process, and it is the one that is authorized by law that we are limited to, is to allow time for planning.

We presently have a hopscotch of development.

We wanted to look at an overall plan.

We wanted to take a strategic approach to look at how these types of usages are impacting what had been our goal in the existing corridor guideline.

I would open it up for further conversation but I felt it was important to just present my point of view and see if we don't have some consensus.

And if not, we will move on to a broader conversation of Sepulveda in the item that is coming alert this evening.

But recognizing that we may have very little ability to implement whatever direction we give with that other item.

So with that stated, Council Member Napolitano.

>> S. Napolitano: Thank you, your Honor.

Just to follow up on something that Council Member Howorth said. Council has ultimate control.

We don't.

The reason this is here before us is because many of these uses don't require CUPs.

And because they are permitted uses they didn't come before council, and this is one of the reasons it came before us too, because there were issues that were brought up.

While I came forward to us because of one particular project, in my mind this isn't about urgent care at all.

Honestly as the mayor said, we have several things that are proposed or in the works or in someone's thoughts that would change the look, feel, services, businesses that are on Sepulveda.

And whatever we come up with after the point will not retroactively apply.

So I don't know what the point for item 14 would be, actually, in the future to talk about trying to come up with some grand plan.

So that might be an exercise of futility that I don't want to waste staff time going forward.

But in terms of limiting something, again, I think we are now taking the piecemeal approach, and it is whatever anyone applies for.

And some of those things will be permitted and we will not have control over it and you are not going to like it.

It sounds like we have approved a project here tonight.

And it sounds like we approved a project here tonight.

And as if this were the only place it could go.

And I think that is also short-sighted.

So with that, I'll wait to see what the motion is.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: Thank you, your Honor.

There are three things here.

I think I'm also concerned about anything that mine detrimental that might hit Sepulveda would take years to get there.

The EIR has to be done, the property has to be acquired.

It is a long ways away.

I don't know how long it will take staff to come back with the guidelines, which won't be inexpensive.

Any plan will take a year, year and a half at least to get that organized.

>> S. Napolitano: Not everybody needs those.

>> R. Montgomery: Maybe doesn't.

And we don't know what the next item will be back with the Sepulveda Corridor.

I didn't want to limit it and push someone away.

We have a bad taste in our mouth from Gelson's.

>> S. Napolitano: Remember that Gelson's was not an EIR.

>> R. Montgomery: The way the process slowed down the city to a standstill is not something to brag about.

The mistakes learned from that one, the downtown civic plan that most of us here weren't in favor of and it grew from an idea to a million dollar plan that is still going.

If you put in, look at pier avenue improvement project, beautified that whole stretch of pier avenue.

It used to be not really attractive stretch of the world but look what it is now.

>> S. Napolitano: We can put in park benches tomorrow if you want to.

>> R. Montgomery: There is more to it.

Here is a guy building an upscale spa here.

And we are saying no, you can't build one.

Go to El Segundo, go somewhere else.

Who would argue with a use like that?

He will not build a tin roof.

I am trying to say we don't know what else is coming.

I want to take the risk that we will have development that makes common sense.

Why would you put \$6 million on a project that will fail?

Walk away from the investment?

Obviously they will build something right for us here.

So I don't want to limit that.

Let's wait and see what is happening down the pike.

I don't see people are banging on the door to build urgent cares.

But take time for staff to give us what their suggestions R. That is all.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council member Hersman.

>> N. Hersman: Thank you, mayor.

One thing that I would like to see if we can propose, and I don't know if we can propose this with this ordinance sitting in front of us, but I would like to suggest that all of those uses, all health care facility, which is A-F, be required to have a CUP.

Because then that does bring it back to us and gives us some control.

Is there some way that we could -- I don't know whether we could suggest that tonight.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Anne says it will be on the next item.

You can discuss it and direct staff to come back with the necessary ordinances.

In fact, some of those do require a use permit right now.

But we will discuss it at 14.

>> N. Hersman: But I think that was the whole problem with the medical office and didn't need a use permit.

So if we had all of these as a use permit, it would go through the planning and then could come to us.

>> 14 still will take time.

I guess the question in response to that would be, can you leave the moratorium in until they come back with CUPs that apply to these uses?

>> That is one of your options, yes.

But if there is no moratorium, it is still going to take time to come back with the ordinance to make it a use permit.

>> So the ordinance takes the first cut through and then it has to be brought back for a second reading.

Is that right?

>> Yes, it has to go to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and then to the city council.

For first and second reading.

>> So to further complicate things, the Planning Commission actually had a hearing last week to discuss the urgent care item.

So we are going back to the Planning Commission already on October 11th with a proposed ordinance dealing with the medical uses.

And that definition, so that is something that is already in the works as well.

>> N. Hersman: So it will require a CUP for all the medical uses?

>> A. McIntosh: I think I can report that the Planning Commission did not recommend that.

But what I would suggest, because they did have a hearing and they have directed staff to come back with something, that we can present that to you after they have adopted, made their recommendation to you.

>> N. Hersman: Okay.

>> A. McIntosh: I would suggest that you, when you have your discussion about Sepulveda and we are talking about a number of directives about what we are going to do subsequently, that you can provide some further direction and we can share that with the Planning Commission.

But then they will be making a recommendation to the council.

>> N. Hersman: Okay.

So my only question is about how long would that take?

So that would we -- if we decided to keep the moratorium in place just to get that done.

>> A. McIntosh: So we are again going to the Planning Commission on the 11th of October, and if they make a recommendation to the council, we could have an ordinance, a first reading of an ordinance probably in November.

>> N. Hersman: Yes.

>> So another option is to amend this urgency ordinance to require a use permit for those uses, and then that could be adopted tonight.

So that is a true interim zoning ordinance.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: So let me clarify, if I can.

So we have some platforms or at least some understandings on council as two alternative ways of moving forward.

Aside from what is presented here.

One is it has been suggested that we could adopt this continued moratorium for a shorter period than ten months.

In fact, it could be as short as two months.

That is one option.

That goes to a question by council member Hersman.

The other option that the city attorney just indicated, I want to be clear on.

I think the public would want to be clear on as well.

I thought you indicated that we cannot necessarily modify this urgency ordinance.

Let me make sure I'm understanding.

How can we modify this urgency ordinance?

>> Earlier there was a question about how long it would take to amend the zoning ordinance to require a use permit.

I said it would go through a process.

The additional option now is you can amend this urgency ordinance, so there would be an interim requirement that such uses would have to go through a use permit be further established.

And that could be done tonight.

>> Just to clarify, because it was brought out that certain of these usages already require a use permit.

So obviously the urgency ordinance if council majority proceeded in that way, obviously there would be overlapping requirements for a use permit.

Is that correct, Mr. City attorney?

>> Q. Barrow: If we can just focus on the ones that don't have a use permit right now.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: That's fine.

Great.

Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: That is exactly where I was going, your Honor. Those properties that don't require a CUP today, that is where you focus our attention on.

It is the best of both worlds.

It is most of our concern, wrong place, right fit.

This will address all of that.

We don't take someone's rights away, we don't have everybody sit there and wonder what we are going to do.

It is a clear-cut CUP back to us.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: With that discussion in place then, is there a motion?

>> I'll make a motion.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I see a motion by Council Member Hersman.

The motion is...

>> N. Hersman: Motion is to amend ordinance number 17-0020-U -- help me, Mr. Bar row -- to require to skip the CUP process.

>> Require a use permit prior to the establishment of any such uses.

>> N. Hersman: And that would be A, B, and C.

D, E, F, already required, is that correct?

>> They do not.

>> Not B?

>> The lab.

>> We will say any of these that don't already require a use permit.

Any.

>> Any health care facility that does not -- we would require that.

>> Just to make it simple, require a use permit and some already require a use permit.

They won't have to apply for two use permits.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: It has been seconded by Council Member Montgomery and you wish to speak to it.

>> R. Montgomery: Maybe Anne could tell us what the answer is.

I heard the earlier statement that Mr. Whitman's project -- sorry to keep picking on your project but you are the only one here who has a use.

An upscale use is still considered therapeutic.

Now this would still let him move forward under the process.

>> With a use permit.

>> R. Montgomery: I'm good to go.

>> Let me ask one more question this is an interim ordinance until planning will go through the process that you suggested.

But this will take care of this for now.

Do we have a time limit on this?

>> Right now there is a limit of ten months.

>> It is not a moratorium.

>> Now it is an interim zoning ordinance.

>> So as soon as it comes back to us after planning we can make it a permanent ordinance, this goes away.

>> And very similar to the downtown-specific plan where we required a use permit, the city council required a use permit.

>> Not sure if we want to use that example.

Any other council discussion?

Questions?

If not, call for the question.

>> Clerk: Honorable mayor, all votes have been recorded.

Motion passes 5-0.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: There has been a request for a break.

We will stand in recess for ten minutes.

[RECESS.]

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Before we take up the next item, can we have order in the chamber?

My understanding is you wanted to clarify certain issues related to item number 11 we just heard.

>> Q. Barrow: That is correct.

I wanted to read into the record the amended title and have the council approve the amended title.

If you are ready, an interim ordinance of the City of Manhattan Beach extending and amending ordinance 17-0015-U prohibiting the establishment of new health care facilities on Sepulveda Boulevard without a use permit and declaring an emergency thereof.

If there is a motion and second.

There will be corresponding changes to the text of the ordinance.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I see that has been moved by Council Member Montgomery and seconded by council member Hersman.

>> Clerk: Honorable mayor, all votes have been recorded.

Motion passes 5-0.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

We will move to 12.

A public hearing to consider a resolution authorizing the allocation of community development block grant CDBG funds for fiscal year 2017/2008.

>> Good evening, mayor, members of council.

I will turn this presentation over to Prem Kumar.

It should be relatively brief in accepting the annual allocation of CDBG funds.

>> P. Kumar: Good evening, mayor and council.

This action before you tonight is the authorization of the community development block grant fund, also nope as CDBG funds, through 2017-2018.

This is a requirement of the CDBG program.

The CDBG program is part of the housing and community development act.

County of Los Angeles community development commission administers the program on behalf of 47 small participating cities throughout county, including Manhattan Beach.

The city council approved the current participating uh city cooperation agreement with the LACDC in April of 2014.

Each year the city's capital improvement plan has targeted the CDBG funds for construction of accessible curb ramps at various locations throughout the city to serve all city residents.

Especially the disabled community by limiting impediments to accessibility.

The city received \$101,350 for the fiscal year 2017-2018 and has an unallocated carryover balance of approximately \$114,733 from prior years.

According to the LACDC, these funds must be expended by April of 2018.

In order to comply with the requirements of the CDBG program, the city must conduct a public hearing to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed use of the CDBG funds.

A public notice was posted on August 17th in accordance with the requirements of the CDBG requirements.

Approving the subject resolution will allow the city to spend the CDBG funds in a timely manner.

City staff will be able to advertise the project for construction bids and return to city council for the construction contract award and complete the project by April 2018.

Staff recommends that the city council conduct a public hearing and adopt the resolution authorizing the expenditure of the approximately total of \$216,000 of CDBG funds in accordance with the approved capital improvement plan.

This concludes my report and I'm available for any questions.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

Council members, any questions?

>> R. Montgomery: I do, your Honor.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: If you didn't have this money, forget the money was there, was there money left over in the public works budget to handle this cost?

This money was not available through contract grant money, would you have money to pay for this?

>> There are other public funds that could be used to pay for this.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: My question for you, as stated, these monies will be used for curb cut ramps throughout the city that are ADA compliant.

And I just had a question, what criteria is used to prioritize which curb ramps you put in and where?

>> Sure.

What we do look is the impediments if there are no ramps by schools or pathways to schools.

Those are the priorities we pick out.

And there is a map attached to the staff report that shows the locations.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Napolitano.

>> S. Napolitano: I do remember when we gave CDBG funds.

My understanding, and correct me if I'm wrong, is that the criteria and what we can use this money for changed.

>> P. Kumar: A couple years back.

>> S. Napolitano: Yeah, years ago.

So we can't do that anymore.

>> Correct.

The provision as it is now for the agreement with the LACDC is that we can only allocate 15% of our yearly allocation.

So there is another provision --

>> S. Napolitano: We can get 15%?

>> P. Kumar: So we are getting \$100,000 a year.

We can only allocate \$15,000 for public service needs.

It is the restrictions that we have.

>> S. Napolitano: We can set aside 15% of that which we don't currently do?

>> P. Kumar: Currently not, yet.

We have not been doing it for a few years, is my understanding.

>> If I can quickly add even that 15% has requirements on what it can be used for.

It is not very broad.

>> P. Kumar: It is actually very stringent.

Just to mention, the second criteria, if we are going to give it to a recipient, the minimum that we need to give is \$10,000.

So essentially you can only give it to one recipient because you have the \$15,000 allocation that is maximum that you can give for a public

service and then the second criteria is whomever you are giving to, you need to give a minimum of \$10,000.

So essentially you are down to one recipient for \$15,000.

>> S. Napolitano: This is for the community development commission?

>> P. Kumar: Yeah, the LACDC.

And then to tack on to what city manager mentioned, there are very, very stringent requirements and monitoring.

So that would be tremendous involvement in terms of staff, in terms of vetting and doing an RFP process to go through that, because it is federal funds, to go through and request for proposal types of scenarios to be able to give everyone an opportunity, a chance to select through a vetting process and then once you have identified the person, to monitor them and report on them and actually audit the books on a monthly basis to make sure they are doing the work.

Essentially there is a tremendous opportunity cost in terms of overseeing this \$15,000 that you would need to give someone.

That needs to be in the deliberation and discussion if you are considering that as well.

>> Thank you.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: I'm not sure it is an issue for PREM.

It is more of a policy question.

I'll wait until we bring it back.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Any further questions?

I'll open it up for the public.

Any member of the public wish to address the comment?

We will close public comment.

>> Using Prem's numbers, \$200,000, and years on council we used to do it every year, and David and Amy, you were here.

\$0.65 on the dollar we used to give from community block grant money to the local nonprofits.

I know there is a change.

Now it is only max of 15% what you can take out of that number and donate that to a registered local non-profit, whether it is SELPA family center or Ridgeton.

-- -- the federal government says you can't give more than 15% away.

Do we set aside monies for something else?

I just want to talk about it tonight.

>> Mr. Mayor, if I can add, as I understand, we have direction to come back separate from the CDBG from the last budget process to prepare for next fiscal year for guidelines for awarding grants if the council wants to establish some sort of grant budget.

And I think the forecast has us coming back in December to establish a process that maybe you choose to use in the next fiscal year.

So I just want to put that context there as a referral from the last budget process.

>> I would just add that this wasn't touched as of 2015.

So that means we wait two years and not catch up to them.

I just want to make sure we understand, get the system in place now.

>> M. Danaj: Just telling you it is currently agendized to come back.

>> R. Montgomery: I appreciate that.

>> M. Danaj: I just want to underscore if Stephanie doesn't do this already.

The previous city had a large CDBG grant, and it became smaller but it was still a sizable amount of dollars.

The dollars can only be used in very specific purposes.

There is not open-ended areas where you can award to certain charities unless they are serving specific tracts within the city.

>> S. Katsouleas: I think it was 2013 they changed their policy.

So prior to that it was very common for cities like Manhattan Beach and other South Bay communities to do an exchange on those dollars so the exchange would be about \$0.80 on the dollar.

So you would exchange your restricted dollars for unrestricted dollars and then you can give those out to whoever you wanted to without any qualifying criteria.

But what PREM mentioned with the federalization of this money, when they took away that option to exchange funds, they said you have to keep your own funds and you must use it within these boundaries.

Disadvantaged communities or low income families.

The overwhelming list of opportunities that you could spend these funds on, Manhattan Beach doesn't have.

And so this is one of the very few items that we can actually spend these monies on.

But we can't exchange them for any other purpose.

>> I also just want to note we don't have a budget per se in the CIP for curb cuts.

Could you go allocate CIP dollars for curb cuts instead of spending this money?

Yes.

But you'll crowd out the opportunities that you can be spending the CIP dollars on.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Napolitano.

>> S. Napolitano: Thank you, mayor.

From all accounts, it really sounds like the opportunity costs are too high and the monitoring is too involved to try and go down the road of CDBG.

I would approve this as-is, and we can come back and talk about our own establishment or consideration of a grant process if we want to do that, which also deserves some caution, because there is never enough.

We do support several charities in town already through the council contingency fund.

Opening it up to a whole lot more is going to probably create more ill feelings than good.

But with that, I think we should move forward on this, because this does serve a really good purpose, though, in addressing our ADA needs and requirements in the city.

And so I would just make a motion to approve it.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I see that motion has been made and seconded by Council Member Hersman.

Any other discussion?

Seeing none, we call for the question.

>> Clerk: Honorable Mayor, all votes have been recorded.

Motion passes 5-0.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

We next move on to our general business items.

I do see that the first item is 13, but, Mr. City manager, is there a change there?

>> M. Danaj: Yes.

The appellant had to leave for a business trip, and so he is requesting a continuance.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Just for the record for the public, this is item number 13, the shade hotel appeal of transient occupancy tax audit findings, and that item has been continued to a future date, is that correct?

>> Yes, Mr. Mayor.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: All right.

In which case we move on to item number 14, which is sort of a continuation of our discussion we started earlier as part of our public hearing discussion of item number 11.

This is item number 14.

Sepulveda Corridor planning initiatives.

>> A. McIntosh: Good evening, mayor and members of the city council.

I'm Anne McIntosh, director of community development.

I'm pleased to bring this item to you tonight.

As I mentioned earlier, when I came to the city in January the work plan for the department had an item called Sepulveda-specific plan on it.

When I first got to the office and talked to the staff about what this was, I immediately had an instinct that maybe specific plan would not be the right tool to implement a new vision and policies for the corridor.

Having done specific plans on large streets in the past, I have just had the experience that it is not a successful way to do the planning for a corridor such as Sepulveda.

It is too big an area and does not and probably will not have a cohesive land use pattern.

In May the city council had a retreat to discuss the work plan and agreed that Sepulveda should be addressed in a different way.

We have included a lot of background information in this report that lays the groundwork for city council to provide the following direction, and I'm going to start with what we have stated in the staff report as a recommendation.

There is a lot of information.

You can drill down into lots of details, and we are not asking you to do that tonight.

We are providing you a lot of information so that if you want to provide some general direction you can, but there is in no way any need to give us really, really specific direction about what to do next other than starting the process.

So what we are looking for tonight, we are recommending that the city council initiates a zone text amendment, and this would be to the commercial general zone, which is the zone along Sepulveda Boulevard.

There is an example for opportunity sites.

And briefly that would lead to provide maybe special development guidelines that can be used if a proposal came in that had a desirable use that the city is looking to try to attract.

There are different ways you can do that.

You can do it with an overlay zone, you can do it by identifying specific sites that could be conducive to the uses.

There are several ways that we could look at to do that.

But essentially tonight we are asking that you bless the idea of establishing some incentives for some opportunity sites.

The second item would be to possibly limit new office uses in some way.

We are not recommending that they be prohibited, but you could.

Again, an example would be to put a cap on the total amount of square footage of office uses or to require that office uses be included in mixed use projects.

There is a number of ways you could address office uses.

Three, to update the commercial parking requirements.

And I think this was mentioned by a couple of you previously.

That was something that came up in the Gelson's hearing several times.

So we heard that loud and clear, and that would be a third item that we would include in the zoning amendment.

And finally, something separate from the zone text amendment would be to amend the Sepulveda development guidelines.

One of the things that came up again in the Gelson's hearing was to address the commercial interface when you have projects along Sepulveda.

There is not any lot there that doesn't have residential properties adjacent to it, at least to the rear.

So there is a consistent concern that will come up with residents that live adjacent to those properties.

And we feel that there are probably both procedures and maybe even some development standards that could be implemented that could start to address some of those concerns.

And then the last item in the recommendation is to provide some direction on how we should engage the community during this process.

I want to correct my wording slightly that appears in the staff report.

I use the term "ad hoc committee," which in my experience in other cities has meant a committee of community stakeholders that is put together for a specific purpose.

And I know in Manhattan Beach it has been used to identify a council subcommittee.

But my thought was to have it be a broader group of community stakeholders.

So again, we are recommending these three actions.

One is to initiate the zone text amendment.

Two is to initiate an amendment to the Sepulveda guidelines.

And three is to provide direction on community engagement.

The staff report, as I said, includes a number of questions.

Some of these came up at your joint session with both the Planning Commission and the PPIC back in June.

And if you want to discuss some of the issues it can give you an opportunity to narrow the scope or include some specific goals such as do we want to consider housing in some locations?

Do we want to provide increased height for the right development projects such as hotels, which is something we have heard?

How much office is too much office?

Those types of questions.

Andisy back is here tonight.

He can provide information about the items we provide in the report.

And Laurie Jester can comment on past initiatives to address the Sepulveda planning issues or talk a little bit about some other experiences we have had in looking at development projects on Sepulveda.

We are bringing this to you in a fashion that would allow us to not hire consultants.

Possibly we would need to do some environmental work.

But we actually think by doing a zone text amendment we could probably come back with something that just based on our experience or collective experience doing this work for many years that would be fairly simple.

And we could try it and if it doesn't work or garner the results we are looking for, we could always make some tweaks.

But we do have a lot of good resources in the community.

We have residents in the community who are Realtors and who are finance people and who I think can probably give us probably just as good information as we could get from hiring consultants.

So with that, if you would like to have more information, Andy is prepared with a PowerPoint presentation he can make, or you can just ask subsequent questions.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: First of all, thank you very much for a concise presentation.

Let me see if there is council member interest in having a fuller presentation or if there is just questions at this time and then we can open it up for public comment and then have a discussion amongst ourselves.

Is there any interest in having a fuller discussion?

I think this is a good start myself.

I think it is sufficient.

Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: I had questions for Anne.

On page 314 you go through the design and guidelines and specific plans.

The plan cost millions and takes years.

That to me is not an interesting choice.

Time and cost of the overlay district, just an estimate.

>> A. McIntosh: That we could do as part of a zone text amendment where we would create language in the code.

And again, it would provide an opportunity for a developer to ask to have a separate set of development standards apply to a certain site if they meet a certain set of criteria.

>> R. Montgomery: Would you also include -- and you probably remember.

Laurie remembers this.

I'm not a big fan of parking on Sepulveda.

Never have been.

I know we took some parking away, and the prior council took some more parking away on Sepulveda.

Does the overlay district allow you to along the Sepulveda Corridor address on-street parking as part of the an overlay or plan?

>> A. McIntosh: It is something that we could include.

I think on some of the larger parcels that would require a use permit currently, you could probably already look at that as an issue relative to a proposed development.

>> R. Montgomery: And a new development would require onsite parking, have to provide onsite parking as opposed to using street retail or street curb parking?

>> A. McIntosh: Right.

>> R. Montgomery: Thank you.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I have heard the term development opportunity reserve.

And I'm not sure if at the appropriate for Sepulveda, but can you describe what it is and whether staff can at least review it and present it to council?

>> A. McIntosh: I think that is a term that applies when you allocate, again -- and I stated it as maybe a cap on a certain amount of square footage for certain types of uses.

And then when somebody wants to use some of that allocation, then it gets taken out of the total.

So that if somebody comes in with a project and they use X amount of square feet of office, if you have a cap on office, then you could say, okay, that project used up that amount, and then that makes for less for others.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Too cumbersome and inappropriate, but it might be something we look at

>> A. McIntosh: Right.

And we are looking at those.

I think what we are looking at more than applying additional regulations that restrict what people can do, we are looking at trying to find ways that you can incentivize the kind of development you want.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Very good.

Council Member Napolitano.

>> S. Napolitano: I just want to clarify, because we don't have control of the street itself.

It is Caltrans.

If we want to change any parking we have to go through Caltrans.

Currently we don't count any parking as a city requirement.

That is a separate consideration

>> A. McIntosh: Yes.

>> S. Napolitano: What you were referring to, Mr. Mayor, I have dealt with in other areas.

Sometimes you are creating and incentivizing zones, city attorney types of uses, whether it could be retail here and office there, eating other places.

So that is something they can look at too.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

Any other questions at this point?

Thank you.

Seeing none, we will open it up for public comment.

Any members of the public care to address this item?

I see some movement.

>> Carol Glover.

I didn't fill out a little yellow card again.

My apologies to that.

Just briefly, I am glad this process is here.

I'm happy to see some movement on this.

It is very needed.

And I just want to echo what has already been said here tonight by your staff.

This city is just so deep and rich with talent and people who have the ability to contribute to this, whether you call it an ad hoc committee or whatever you call it, I just urge the council to draw deeply on the residents and the professionals in this area to move this process along.

So thank you.

Carol Glover.

>> Carl Glover, volunteer.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Any other members of the public?

>> Mr. Mayor, council, Mark Lipps with the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce.

>> Volunteer.

>> A little bit of everything.

I had a whole host of notes on Sepulveda and what I thought could be done and all of that.

But to cut to the quick, what if we created a B.I.D. for Sepulveda?

Has that been something that has been considered?

That could put some --

>> Dies for a lack of interest at this point.

>> Perhaps we could go back and revisit that.

One of the things they say in creating a B.I.D., the checklist is if you are less than 20% public offices or non-profits.

I think we fit there.

If there is engagement by your city to want to do something like that.

Obviously if your business is wanted.

You want to get them.

That gives them a voice.

It also allows you to let the city know, let its citizens know that you are getting their input on what should happen to Sepulveda, the people who live and work there and own buildings there.

So that gives them an opportunity, or at least the citizens around us to see that it isn't just done in a vacuum in a city council chambers or anywhere else within the city, that there is input coming from people who live and breathe on Sepulveda.

So I would like to offer up that if perhaps the chamber could be involved in that process in helping gather those forces, because what you would have to do first is, of course you have to get a database of everything, and Andy could help out with that, of all the business and owners.

You have to hold public meetings and have a steering committee and all of that.

So we would certainly volunteer our services to help with that process with the city.

Thank you.

>> Good evening, councilpeople.

I find this extremely interesting because I think you are talking way beyond your outlook, way beyond your knowledge, for that matter.

As you know, this is nothing new.

For that to help you a little bit, as you know, I just finished writing the history of Sepulveda Boulevard.

And listening tonight, I realize how naive you are.

>> Thank you.

>> We appreciate that.

>> To help you out with your history, which way am I going to go?

There is one for each one of you.

Now, David has been kind enough to purchase one, but you can give it to someone.

>> Are they signed?

>> No, they are not.

I would be more than happy to.

>> You have to earn that.

>> Dear naive Amy.

>> The history of Sepulveda is a wonderful, wonderful history.

And it lends so much to this community, to its character, to its philosophy, to the way we think of Manhattan Beach.

Now, I have been here, as you probably know, 56 years.

Doesn't make me a native, but I'm probably older than -- I know I'm older than all of you.

But the thing that you are missing here is you are way ahead of your game, and I must compliment, and I always don't agree with the staff.

However, in this case they really hit it on the head.

Because you are looking in the dark.

You are not really thinking about -- you are thinking about, gosh, there is Sepulveda out there.

We are inundated by traffic.

You are never going to change that unless you go underground with Sepulveda Boulevard, which is a possibility.

But the fact is learn, realize what is going on in this town, why certain things were done.

Oh, I'm sorry.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: If you can finish.

>> I will assist staff in any way I can.

But the thing being staff is right.

You are putting the cart before the horse here.

And to get to it and really get that feeling.

And let the poor people build.

Because if you are in business, you know, if you do something, it is not successful or people don't respect it, you are going out of business.

So as I just told Mark, if you followed what you folks said tonight, there wouldn't be a chamber.

You wouldn't need a chamber because you wouldn't have any business.

Sepulveda Boulevard was developed by people who said we are going to go out.

We are not going downtown.

We are going out to people.

As you know, Sepulveda runs right down the middle.

You had east Sepulveda, you had west Sepulveda.

There was one philosophy on east Sepulveda and one philosophy on west Sepulveda.

Now, when people started developing Sepulveda, they knew they had most, and when you look into it, staff probably knows it, most of your land is owned on Sepulveda by a very few people.

So to take that away from them and say, no, we don't like that project, but you can have this one, we don't want to build that one.

So we will go, as someone said, we will go to Torrance or we will go somewhere and you can forget about Manhattan Beach.

You do your own little thing.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Can you wind up, please?

>> Anyway, that's it.

Enjoy.

Enjoy the book, but learn something.

Because I'm right on.

It took me a year to research this book.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Great.

Thank you.

Are there any other members of the public that would like to address council?

Seeing none, we will close public comment.

Council comments.

I'll start with a compliment of our city staff to address some of the comments we heard from.

I give our staff, particularly the community development director, huge credit for seeking to come up with a more comprehensive plan, seeking to gain more of that knowledge and not only give us the history, but really look at economic trends and give our council and give our community an opportunity to envision the future.

So with that, I'm very much in favor of moving forward, consistent with how it is laid out in the front of the presentation.

The biggest issue for me is just process.

Obviously I want to make sure that we capture any further council direction of what should be studied.

But for me I very much want to have some form, at least one community workshop where we obtain some community feedback on some of these larger concepts that have been discussed here.

We asked that city staff come to council first with some more specific, cogent possibilities so that members of the public have something more specific to comment on.

I'm not sure.

Second, there was the discussion of either an ad hoc group in the context of a community group.

I just wonder whether from a time and efficiency standpoint we make better use of our Planning Commission in conjunction with a public workshop so we can get members of the public who don't feel like they have to come to a more formal setting like this and can have a more facilitated discussion with a more dedicated presentation.

I really am open to my council colleagues' suggestions and comments of what the order is, but I think we are very much on the right track of addressing Sepulveda.

Council Member Napolitano.

>> S. Napolitano: Thank you.

My motion would be to proceed as staff recommended, including an ad hoc committee and appoint that.

The Planning Commission will see this, but I think what they will see is the work of ad hoc.

They will open the whole committee to more than just the Planning Commission.

I wanted to open it up to the property owners up there, to the residents who live next to it, to business owners who aren't necessarily the property owners, to our chamber, to other folks who might want to serve.

As was said, we have a wealth of knowledge, land use attorneys. We have a wealth of knowledge here and we should take advantage of that.

I also want to proceed with not a whole lot of guidance to them.

I will say that I am not a fan of residential on Sepulveda.

I don't think that mix works well.

I think that the drive this far in communities, especially where you are next to, immediately next to what is essentially a freeway in terms of capacity of moving residential away from there for basically socioeconomic justice reasons and pollution.

So I'm not a fan of that.

I'll say that here.

I'll let the process proceed, though.

And I wish that just giving folks an open end to develop what they want results in great things, but it doesn't always.

And we have an empty lot which is an eyesore on the busiest corner in the city as a result of that, and other reasons as well.

There are properties that need and should be developed.

And some of them are existing that just need a facelift.

And if we can incentivize that as well.

I would be looking forward to that.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: Thank you, your Honor.

Three things.

I think it is a good setup.

I like Steve's supporting the ad hoc and I don't want any restrictions on who they are, except they are residents or business owners.

I know Phil and Lily and Mark Lipps of the chamber raised their hands already.

The only thing that I say past that, Steve talked about not residential.

I think right now don't put any caps on them.

Let's see what they talk about.

But I'm a big fan of having off-street parking.

Steve is correct.

Caltrans has never turned us down from the city request to move on-street parking from Sepulveda.

Look at El Segundo.

Hermosa wishes they had that kind of through-way.

It is not a freeway on Sepulveda, trust me.

Go from 11:00 in the morning to 1:00 you cannot move.

That is why people in El Segundo have a hard time eating here, because they can't get out.

Traffic is terrible.

From 3:00 on and northbound in the morning.

It is a jammed-up shop.

If you want people to eat and shop here you need to move traffic through.

It is the opposite of a freeway, except the 405 at rush hour.

>> Sounds like a freeway.

>> R. Montgomery: Not a normal freeway but that is a mistake we are trying to correct.

I think the prior council did open up part of Sepulveda by making it red curb.

So I think don't restrict the ad hoc committee.

Let them go with all options.

Look at on Street, blocking on Street parking on Sepulveda.

Even if it is more limited hours than we have now to get traffic through to get back and forth.

That is a big issue.

Past that point, I like your east/west interface.

People on Firestone always tell, Richard, why do we get the cars parking on my street, why not Sepulveda?

It is limited, number one, number two, they are parking on the cut-through street on the middle.

Somehow find a resolution, unless the city looks at opening up or buying up and acquiring lots like Beverly Hills does for public parking.

All those options are there.

I just don't want to see the ad hoc committee restricted on what they should and should not look at.

>> S. Napolitano: No restrictions except for parking.
>> R. Montgomery: Except for opening up parking.
>> A. Howorth: Are you finished?
>> R. Montgomery: Yes.
>> A. Howorth: I'm going to support -- oh, it is you next.

Go.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Hersman.

>> I just want to talk right over you.

>> So one of the questions you asked, Anne, was the questions that are in here in the staff report.

And I would suggest that we make sure that those sort of drive the -- once we get this group, that those drive the discussion.

I think these are very helpful.

We had the page 317 issues raised by council and there were a number of questions in there.

I felt those were wonderful.

And also what is the vision, the guidelines, and then under the parking, you know, the questions that you had in here.

I think instead of just wide-open, go, you know, what do you want to talk about for Sepulveda, I think this will be a really great way for them to start, looking at some of these things and kind of going from there.

So I would support the motion with the questions that were raised by staff as being sort of the guiding force on that committee.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Great.

Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

>> A. Howorth: I'm so sorry, Council Member Hersman.

So anxious.

Actually, not at all.

Yeah, support what staff has done and the direction given and the motion.

And I disagree with Council Member Napolitano in that we should not consider --

>> Shocking.

>> A. Howorth: -- we actually agree more than one might think.

But I'm not saying I want mixed use and residential on Sepulveda, but I don't want to rule it out.

And I do think that housing is definitely a problem in Southern California, and when you are talking about young professionals, your grown children trying to find places to live, I think we should consider it.

But I just want to throw that out to staff.

And I would love to look at the recommendations.

So I would not be part of a majority giving that direction.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I have seconded the motion by Council Member Napolitano but I want to come back with a few mechanical issues.

We do have the EDAC, which has been suspended, the Economic Development Advisory Council.

My only question, obviously this is a group -- not obviously, but for those who might not know, this is a group of professionals who might want to participate in the discussion.

I just want to raise for council, does anyone see a role for them?

Or do we want to come up first and foremost with a community group that we will designate?

That leads to my next comment.

We will need to come up with a process for appointing people to this group, and then also having had the privilege of serving on our machinization committee, one of the reasons we talked to the group, staff will have to staff this, as well as the Planning Commission.

It will involve time.

Time which is worthy of our staff because this is an issue which we have long deferred.

And there are now specific templates that has been developed that Council Member Hersman suggested we use as a basis.

I will observe having served on the machinization committee, and thank you for Council Member Montgomery for putting me on that body before I was on council, it is led by two council members.

So I think there will need to be some direction that will be helpful tonight so this item doesn't have to come back to council as to how we structure it.

Is this something that we want a council ad hoc to participate in?

Or staff participate in?

I will not state a position, but with the machinization committee, we had two staff members who were able to come to the meeting who were able to drive it and keep it moving.

I see the city manager would like to say something and I will turn over to Council Member Napolitano.

>> M. Danaj: I just wanted to add context.

It is staff's recommendation with the development of the ad hoc committee we would bring back a list for you and we would validate it and you would add or subtract from it.

If you are willing, we feel we have enough feedback to identify the diversity.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I know for myself just my position, and I would open it up to colleagues, I would want to allow interested residents to have an opportunity to be considered if they want to participate on this body.

>> A. McIntosh: I think what we would like to know is the idea of the best way to get people to tell us they want to be on it.

So if you have ideas for that.

If we would go to certain groups.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Napolitano.

>> S. Napolitano: Thank you, your Honor. That is what I was going to address.

The other thing I'll just throw out first is you want to increase by a wide margin in Manhattan Beach the housing stock.

You are talking about in terms of process, you don't want to open that up.

In terms of process, yes, I would appoint two council members to the ad hoc committee to run the thing.

I think somebody should be in charge of it to keep things moving.

I think -- well, I think it could be run similar to what we did for the general plan update that we did several years ago.

But let's open it up to as many as possible.

Take your suggestions, I think it is on everyone here to Troy and push people forward.

We can put an ad in the paper for people who want to serve, do a little one-sheet resume and move forward.

However many people we want, nine, 12, 13, I suppose we want it an odd number.

13 is odd.

>> It's unlucky.

>> S. Napolitano: Derailed here.

>> It is only 9:00.

>> It is past my bedtime.

>> One additional thing that I would suggest is we establish a time frame as well so that the people know how long we are asking them to serve.

>> (Inaudible).

>> Right.

That was funny.

>> A. McIntosh: I'm a big fan of sticking to a schedule with these things.

>> I love that.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

>> A. Howorth: I know, Mayor Lesser, you were talking about the EDAC committee.

They are great people but I think this is not just a business concern.

And also the way that came about, to me that popped up one day and it was like, oh, hello, what is this?

I would like it to be a public -- the public can submit applications and if we have to have a process, let us try when we are finally selecting, if there is a pool of people.

Homeowners, property owners, business owner, this one is young, this one might be that gender or that one might be that gender and that one might be this other gender.

Let's look for a good mix.

It is a thing.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: Thank you, your Honor.

Three things.

I would say I don't think it is good for us to have any current commissioners on there.

Keep them separate.

If you are on a city commission, Anne, you are knocked out of the box already.

No current city commissioners should be on there.

The EDAC wasn't vetted.

Vet these people.

I think we will put Kendra.

You have social media, put it out there, Facebook, blast it out.

[OFF MIC].

On social media and put it out there.

I think our service groups, rotary, everybody else can have a shot and I will tell them all about.

They will always read the beach reporter and see what is going on, or easy reader, see what is happening.

Steve talked about the property at Sepulveda that is under lease with Rite-Aid, so we can't jump that one.

That is a private property owner.

I wish we owned it, but we don't.

The last piece was -- I can't remember what it was.

Sepulveda has changed.

Jean is not here anymore.

Sepulveda has changed.

It is not what it was 30 years ago, 50 years ago, 100 years ago.

We have to change for the times.

We can't talk about what could have been 50 years ago.

We have to talk about it today going forward.

We have three volunteers here in the crowd.

I don't know what the number is. I don't know if we are looking at a cap on the number of people.

Amy's idea, if you want business owners and everybody else.

Are we looking for a cap or whoever applies?

>> A. Howorth: Going back to -- see what we get.

If you do get a lot of people applying, look for a balance.

And I know that on the school board when we hired both -- hired -- accepted applications for bond oversight committee and in 7-11, and it was a very public process.

It was very intentional to get people from different backgrounds.

>> Ten people, 12?

>> A. Howorth: It is always like 11 or nine or 13.

>> I think we should go large on this, depending on how many we get.

>> Go big or go home.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Hersman.

>> N. Hersman: So my only point is I don't think we should appoint us to this.

I really think we need to have a community-driven and directed by staff.

If one of us, two of us are sitting on there and somebody said directing it, well, you get intimidation, you get -- you know, I don't think that is a good flow.

But I think we hear from our community and the staff runs it with direction.

And go from there.

>> Steve and Amy will cancel each other out.

>> We don't always.

Gosh.

>> As soon as you said it, my reaction was no.

I don't think we should be on there.

I don't think we are going to add anything.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I would say this to move this forward.

Just from my experience, I think it is helpful to have council members and moreover it becomes an open process, and it moves.

It is more capable of getting done within a set time frame.

But I truly am receptive, and as a result, we have a motion that is on the table, which I have seconded.

But perhaps what we can include in the motion subject to the maker of the motion is to have staff come back very quickly with alternative structures based on what you have heard.

One is without council members and one is with.

And also opportunities for allowing members of the public who would participate to participate.

Council Member Napolitano, how would you propose to proceed?

>> S. Napolitano: That is fine.

And we can come back with both.

I only say with the inclusion of council or not I also don't want folks to go too down the road in one direction and have a lot of false expectations which oftentimes happens when something gets to council and everyone wakes up and says, wait and we don't do what the recommendation is and everyone feels like they wasted their time.

Come back with alternatives.

I am good with that.

We talked about moving and I'm ready to move.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: At this time before we call for the question does staff seek any further direction on the motion that has been made?

>> M. Danaj: I would just offer, when you say alternatives, we will put together the committee based on the community outreach suggested, the diversity suggested, and we will bring it forward and it will be up to you to add council members or not.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: That is fine.

And we can bring that back how soon?

>> A. McIntosh: If we are going to put an ad in the paper and give people a chance, that will take a couple weeks.

>> S. Napolitano: I'm fine.

I don't need a date certain.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I just want to be mindful.

>> It is not going anywhere.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: These are issues that we have had for years.

I just want to observe that we are approaching the holidays and we need to be mindful of that.

Any further comments?

Call for the question.

>> Clerk: Honorable mayor, all votes have been recorded.

Motion passes 5-0.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

We next move on to item number 15, public art trust fund update and request to allocate \$168,000 towards public art projects.

>> Good evening, honorable Mayor Lesser, members of council.

I'm Martin Betz.

Our cultural arts manager will be giving the presentation.

>> Thank you, city council, for giving me this opportunity to talk to you a little bit about our request for the \$168,000 to provide six programs and projects within the community in the arts.

This is something that the cultural arts commission has been working on very diligently.

We feel this is a best practices for the commission.

And would be very enthusiastic to move forward with these projects.

As listed, the first project is sculpture garden, which we have been working on since 2009.

And we want to make a couple changes to that program to kind of revitalize it quickly.

We are requesting \$38,000 and what we want to do, currently the program calls for six artists to be chosen.

We would like to whittle that down to half and twice as much money to do an exciting program.

We also want to do a conservation assessment of the works that the city currently.

We propose to request \$20,000 to do that.

That would include developing an RFP to get an organization or conservationist to come out and take a look at all the works and come to the council with a report on what the recommendation from council ought to do with it or not.

As discussed with the joint meeting with the cultural arts commission, we propose to put \$30,000 towards the utility box enhancement

project where we would choose local artists to design and have ten utility boxes wrapped within the city.

We also request \$45,000 to put together a community grant program where the cultural arts commission can fund some of the smaller projects in a more -- how would you say -- holistic way where we are getting the one-offs coming to us out of the blue.

We would like to formalize the process, once a year, everybody comes and proposes projects.

The recommendations come from the commission and goes to council for approval.

Another option we want to explore, explore \$30,000 for an AR virtual reality project.

It is a little more innovative than we might be used to but it is something that we want to explore with Southern California California institute of architecture downtown with their students to develop a 3D model of the plaza and have artists inject into the sculpture which we will be able to see with the Google, if you are familiar with the AR glasses that go on your cell phone.

We would like to explore that project.

And then last we would like to request \$5,000 be put towards the beginning of a collaboration with the historical society to present nine, if you are not familiar, we have nine incredible paintings by an artist named A.C. Conner, one of the founders of Manhattan Beach.

And we would like to explore that more extensively and start working on that project, along with the historical society.

So those are the six projects that we are requesting funding for and would like direction from you on how to proceed.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Great.

Thank you.

Council member questions?

Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: Thank you, Martin.

A question for you.

Since our council in 2009 was the one who did the inaugural sculpture garden, rented these pieces around the city, why would I want to decrease them from six to three?

In my mind there is plenty of room to do this.

Doesn't talk about it here but we have the right to purchase the sculptures we liked.

We have plenty money to do it.

I'm saying why would I want to do it?

We can find more than three artists in the city alone that can have great pieces of art that we can look at.

If money is not the issue, dedicated public art, why would it restrict it from six to three?

>> Here is our rationale.

What we have been doing is giving six artists \$3,000 to develop an art piece.

What typically has happened in the past is a lot of cities were doing this program.

So it really made sense for the artist to rent their pieces out over a different time period to each different city to get their money back in the investment of building it.

To be honest with you, for \$3,000 you won't get a whole lot these days fabrication wise for sculpture.

So we thought it might be better to up the quality by giving the artist the amount of money they can use to build a piece for us.

Because the cities aren't doing that anymore so artists are having a real difficult time recouping their costs.

They are just not applying it.

>> R. Montgomery: I'm not debating the value of the money.

I'm just saying why would I cut it from six to three?

If the money is there, dedicated for public art, why would I restrict it?

Still paying them the same.

>> What you are saying is why not give six artists \$12,000?

I'm fine with that.

We were just trying to be cost-conscious and stay within the parameters of the history of the program.

>> R. Montgomery: Even with all of these there is still money left over.

I'm saying why restrict it from six to three.

You have answered my question.

That is all I want to know.

Nothing other than the obvious point of trying to be conservative.

>> Yeah, trying to be conservative.

Typically not my thing, but we can do it.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Napolitano.

>> S. Napolitano: It goes to the point, we have \$670,000 or something in the fund.

And nothing has been going on with it that much for the last several years.

And that is why we accumulated that much.

Now we are just spending \$168,000.

Why not more?

>> I think part of that is probably the same reason here.

We are being a little conservative maybe, but this is also sort of what the current staff and the current commission can handle project-wise administratively.

Without changes, this is kind of what we have sort of determined what we can do well.

>> This is a recommendation to be able to spend down a modest amount on a few items.

But to the larger questions if the first time this new council has had the opportunity to address this subject.

So this is also the time where you can give us direction to perhaps look at commissioning larger pieces or other things.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: My comments.

The Manhattan Beach mall will be subject to the 1% for art fund requirement, correct?

>> It is our understanding, yes.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: So there may well be quite a larger sum coming into this fund, so it is appropriate to begin thinking along the lines suggested by both Council Member Montgomery and Council Member Napolitano in terms of thinking of a more lasting public art project beyond just temporary pieces and thinking small, correct?

>> Yes, of course.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: What would be the platform for considering those given starting here, and I actually want to compliment you for trying to be economical and staying within a budget and focused, starting small.

But what would be a prospective platform for embracing something more robust and ambitious?

>> Well, I mean, that is a direction from you to do that.

And we have a pretty good understanding of what it takes to do that and could lay that out for you no problem.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Let me ask some specific questions about what is proposed here.

I had asked for a number times of the breakdown of expiring funds.

That 1% for art ordinance provides for the expiration of those funds within five years and we have to return those.

So I was expecting upon asking that for a list showing immediately a breakdown of the funds and expiration dates.

Is that list available or someone has that?

>> We did speak to Bruce about that and that schedule is being put together.

We are not in jeopardy of losing funds at this time but we are putting together a specific schedule for your review.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: That plays into the \$168,000 and might explain why there is a desire to at least spend funds that might be on the verge of expiring, but that is not the case?

>> This just puts us in sort of a comfort zone for that and we wouldn't have to worry about it.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Consistent with specific questions among the proposals, utility box artist competition.

It is focused on local Manhattan Beach artists, and I love the idea of that, but I'm just wondering about why not open it up to an RFP or an RFQ, which would of course include local artists but also might capture some really good ideas maybe from some former residents or otherwise.

And then separate related to that is the city of Hermosa Beach did a project similar to this and I'm just curious, did they have a similar restriction to just local artists or was it broader?

>> I'm not aware of what the mechanics were.

But typically you would probably do it that way.

I just thought since we were test driving the system, so to speak, sort of celebrate our own artists, which a lot of times we don't.

And be really more direct in how those designs come together about the history of Manhattan Beach.

Those were the thoughts.

But there is no reason why we couldn't open it up under your direction to do that.

I don't see any problems with that.

I just thought initially to test run it over the first year and we would do it and that way we would have more control over it.

It is more feasible administratively.

That is probably why I went down there.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I was just a little unclear about how the ten would be selected, whether it was open, or would there be a select few invited.

>> My thoughts were to invite them.

We have a pretty good handle on who is capable in the community.

That was my initial thought.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

Thank you.

>> A. Howorth: Thank you.

And I am very excited.

And I like that you are being conservative.

Yes, we could spend more.

We could do some more things.

But let's decide something maybe bigger that we want to do with some of those funds.

In terms of what the mayor was talking about in terms of why limit it to local artists, I think I'm more concerned about the subjects of the wraps of the utility boxes because we could have local artists and they can be a pier, a round house, and a wave.

I would want us to have a discussion or the arts commission have a discussion on do we want to capture certain moments in Manhattan Beach history?

Do we want to capture certain cultural icons or things that have come from here?

Not necessarily it has to be a local artist, but something that represents Manhattan Beach.

That is what I love about the Hermosa Beach ones, I feel like I learn something and it really represents their culture.

So I would throw that into the mix.

It is not necessarily just a local artist, but something of local interest or history or current culture.

That is number one.

Then number two, I'm going to bring this up here with this area and funds.

I'm not just interested in replacing the city pin -- I have been interested --

>> [OFF MIC].

>> A. Howorth: I don't have mine on either.

It is fine.

I don't really get too into pins.

But when I am at these conferences or when I see other people and I see like the Hermosa Beach pin, the Beverly Hills pin, it says something about the community right away.

And I think this would be -- it doesn't cost that much.

The pin center who did ours I know because I saw them at the trade show.

And I think that would be a fun thing to do.

Maybe it is a contest.

But let's think about something that really represents us and has our seal on it, etc.

>> Some of the other pins, like city branding that are already branded with certain icons.

>> A. Howorth: Possibly.

And listen, I have ideas.

You put the roundhouse on there, it pretty much says Manhattan Beach, right?

>> Pretty much.

>> A. Howorth: I was thinking of using a few thousand dollars on there.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Before I open it up for public comment are there other questions or initial comments that council members have?

Council member Hersman.

>> N. Hersman: I forgot we weren't into public comment yet.

I would suggest, the utility box, I would like to see a whole lot more than ten.

Once you go through the process and you have chosen the designs, you can repeat the designs.

I'm imagining ten boxes downtown.

And we have to go citywide.

We need to make sure the east side gets those done as well.

And ten is not going to go very far.

So I would suggest that we could put some.

>> If we went through ten designs, we could put the designs on 30 boxes.

>> Ten designs, but not ten boxes.

>> N. Hersman: You said ten predetermined electrical boxes.

>> What I'm saying, if we have ten designs, like you are saying --

>> Yeah, you can put them on 100 boxes.

Yeah, that would be another way to spend that money and make sure that it covers all of Manhattan Beach and not just downtown.

>> I think the idea was to introduce it and to the extent it is successful it could be adapted or modified to cover the entire city.

>> N. Hersman: People go, oh, this looks great just like we do when we are in Hermosa.

This looks great.

>> One thing that I would like to add in thinking about your comment, why don't we spend more money and do a bigger thing, we do have a history of doing some great sculpture work in this town.

There is a precedent.

So we have the process in place and if the direction was to do that, we would be able to handle it.

I just want to make sure you know that.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Great.

Council Member Napolitano.

>> S. Napolitano: I'll wait until after public comment.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

In which case we will open it up for public comment.

Members of the public care to address this item.

If you haven't already, fill out a card.

>> I didn't fill out a card for this.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: We know who you are.

>> We would like to comment.

The utility box art in Hermosa Beach was actually done by leadership Hermosa.

And it also, recall, there was a mayor Napolitano, I believe, some 14 years ago who made a statement.

Manhattan Beach is not a brushed aluminum kind of city, when the class I was in spoke about the plaques on plaques program.

I understand that mayor Napolitano was an artist too.

So interesting how perspectives come and how the process has grown and sophisticated since then.

That is all I wanted to say.

>> S. Napolitano: I wanted bronze.

That's why.

>> And that's what you got.

And I designed them.

>> A. Howorth: I'm sure those were cheap.

>> Council, Mr. Mayor, city, Mark Lipps, Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce.

One of the things that we discovered if you look around, and Martin can tell you exactly where the cities are.

He has been there and done it.

Many times art will lift your areas.

And I think one thing that wasn't mentioned that I would like to see mentioned or at least researched is what areas of Manhattan Beach could use that?

And I have been a big proponent.

I have talked to Martin about this.

We have talked to the north end about it a couple times.

But there is an opportunity right there to create a destination, an arts district that would lift those businesses there, might bring more galleries up to that area.

But they really have that feel of an arts district and could be turned into something like that.

The other, as far as the east side, obviously Polliwog Park and a lot of the pocket parks that you have around there are good opportunities for art as well beyond just the boxes.

But I think we should really also geotarget where we want this art as it relates to the city and how can we lift the city in some of these areas and create awareness.

And the north end to me is low-hanging fruit.

Thanks.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you.

Any other members of the public care to address this item?

Seeing none, we will close public comment.

Council Member Napolitano.

>> S. Napolitano: Uh-oh.

All right.

Where do I begin?

I like that we are finally getting to this.

I wanted to for quite a while.

We have this money saved up and we need to show the public and the developers that we are doing something.

In looking at some of the stuff, we will start with 20% of the funds to be allocated to administrative costs.

That is too high.

Sorry, but I'm going to use my experience at the county.

10% is typical for administrative costs.

20% is way too much for administrative costs.

Now the actual proposals themselves, going down the list.

Sculpture garden, still not a fan.

I know we talked about the art on poles, temporary art.

I want to take money and I want to make things permanent around here.

And there are ways to do that.

We can try this.

I'm not really for throwing more money at this particular part of the program because I want to see what is going to come away with this two-year commitment, what the product we get for it.

But I would rather actually not do it at all and add to the \$30,000, whatever it is, to have an RFQ go out to artists to propose a piece of artwork that will be in the community.

We pick some sites for it and review the past work and choose someone to go down the road with.

I would rather do that and have a permanent piece than keep cycling through stuff that frankly people forget.

The one that is etched in people's minds, man-hat-tan.

I want to show that there is long-term value to art as there are in many communities where there are sculptures there year after year after year and enjoyed by people continuously.

Number two, public arts conservation assessment.

I will push back on this.

First we need a volunteer effort or staff effort to go out and inventory what we have.

God knows we don't have much, so I don't think it is that hard.

And then take an initial swipe at what things might need conserving or conservation and what do not.

And then engage with a conservator over any specific piece that does rather than front-load it and have the person come back.

Then there is going to be a whole lot of costs that goes to the conservation as well.

I would rather save some of that money up front and put it into conservation.

Maybe there is the butterfly piece down and around the walkway.

Mariposa.

The poles, it is rusting, the poles are bent on some of them.

That is an obvious one that will need to be considered decommissioning, going forward, conserving.

James, I see, you are here.

I know you want that painting behind there.

We are going to decommission that, cut it up and give it to you,
as far as I'm concerned.

So you can look at that all day long.

We need something better here for city hall out in front too.

Terrible entry to city hall.

Is that a fountain or a dog dish?

Front?

I can't figure it out.

>> It is both.

>> Utility box, I'm fine with using Manhattan Beach artists.

I think you should do an RFQ and see what the proposals are,
either RFP or RFQ as to what they would propose for ahead of time.

Where did I write it, I can't even read my own writing.

Based on past work.

We have \$500 for the design.

Great.

That is fine.

The wrap, you say \$3,000 for the balance for fabrication.

Does it cost that much?

I don't know.

Is that something -- because it seems like we would be doing the
wrap part of it.

It wouldn't be part of the artist.

>> That was just the idea for the budget.

>> S. Napolitano: It is a guesstimate.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: If that is a question I would have you come up so members of the public can hear you.

Just comments at this point.

>> S. Napolitano: Most of my questions are rhetorical.

Cultural arts trust fund grant program.

I'm all for this.

I'm going to say I would like to see some guidelines on this, though.

Actually some rules.

All these sound great, community murals.

I want to make sure that what we are funding is open to the public and is done in public areas.

Except for the school projects.

Those in-the-classroom projects.

But if this is going to be public money, community money put towards public art projects, I don't want it to be a ticketed event.

Certainly not something that is not open to an unlimited number of people.

We can talk about whether it is in one of our auditoriums or not.

But it needs to be open to the public, widely accessible.

Social media engaged to get people to show up to this.

But I want it to be something that really benefits and is open and accessible to everyone and not a ticketed just a champagne reception for the ten people that are engaged in every art opening in Manhattan Beach.

So that would be my suggestion there.

Number five, the projection sculpture collaboration.

I'm not sure I need \$30,000 Pokemon.

But again, if that is something that really is accessible to everyone, I worry about vandalism for the glasses, where the glasses are going to be, how the folks who don't have a smartphone are going to access this.

I would rather put the brakes on and put the money somewhere else.

It is intriguing.

I'm not sure we are there yet.

And I will give you an alternative.

The exhibition for AC Conner, absolutely yes with that one.

And then frankly, I would like to take or bring in, augment this budget or take away from some of these like the projection project and the sculpture garden or add to it.

\$150,000 set aside for a series of murals in Manhattan Beach.

We do public/private partnership with buildings.

Hopefully we have enough public buildings.

Where there aren't public buildings we can parent with private partners who want these and would sign an agreement to keep it for ten years or whatever amount that we want to stipulate.

But seriously, we talk about not just the north end.

I want east Sepulveda, south, north, east, west.

But a mural project in Manhattan Beach reflective of our culture, Hermosa has a very good project.

It pains me to point to other cities and say how great their projects are.

And I would like to adopt some of those here.

Shh.

>> Instagramable, baby.

>> S. Napolitano: Other than that, I have nothing to say.

>> You haven't thought about this, have you?

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: I think it is great.

Hey, Martin, two things that I want to talk about first.

I think when we did the sculpture garden, it was the first time we had seen it.

Although Steve doesn't remember what the projects were, those of us who were here, everybody heard the comments.

I wish we purchased the ones we wanted to buy.

The bicycle, the other ones we had with that.

I still think I believe was a great one.

>> I loved it.

>> R. Montgomery: We made a mistake.

A, the artist wouldn't sell it, it was on the rotation program, or we couldn't get enough votes to get it.

This program allows us to purchase those.

When you find those people, sign them up, ask them if purchasing is an option for us.

I'm with Steve.

I don't mind acquiring them.

In fact, I hope we acquire some of them.

So in the agreement we signed, ask them if there is purchase available.

That is key.

And also the east end of the city, east side and north end needs to have a permanent structure.

Our mistake was not extending it all the way out to the east side.

We didn't know to do it.

It was a trial period.

So we learned the lesson.

But then we were successful.

Let's see what else they are going to say about it.

I still think we should do more than three.

I'll hold my guns on that.

There are plenty places to go citywide to make more than three art projects work.

That was item number one.

Item two, I had a problem with the assessment part of it.

I don't know to Steve's point whether we can use someone commission-wise to do it or go right to it and decommission the ones that require high maintenance.

It is a that simple.

I'll defer to the people that know better than I do.

Utility boxes are great.

We never knew, all of a sudden there were paintings they made themselves of people who lived in the city.

I don't think you'll have a hard time finding local talent.

The next one, you have met with them before and talked about what they want to do.

Four is right up our alley.

There is so much talent that we don't know of.

In public, I agree.

Accessible and free.

I don't know why we don't illuminate some of them.

Why not illuminate the structures, if we can, without going through public works and tying up everything else to do it.

Item number five, I have no problem.

Neutral on number five.

I don't know enough about it to give you good.

I have seen Beverly Hills and West Hollywood what they do, but I don't know what it would be here.

Number six, I think it is great.

The work AC Conner, that is a great idea.

The last part.

City hall entryway.

If you go to Cerritos, their artwork is fantastic and they have the money from the old dairy farms, redevelopment money.

Back in those days.

At this level as well.

I agree.

Chop everything up into artwork.

You did a great job on the next level up with rotating art and your artwork but somehow this piece got left out and I would take everything off this level and get rid of the 1930s curtains you have here and gut it all.

And the entryway.

I think this side of the street is nothing.

You wouldn't know where you are at.

And not just this side on the parking lot but the Highland side.

We have plenty of funds to do it.

And for some reason we never moved in the past four years, why it never happened.

I think we want to see things get started and go and open up everything, get them involved.

I know FOLA is heavily involved here.

But Denise's group and everything else, turn them loose and see what shakes up.

That is all.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Hersman.

>> N. Hersman: You know, when I put my name in there it was a while ago.

>> I knew you had questions.

>> N. Hersman: Everything that has been said, great, terrific.

I wanted to ask about murals.

We don't have them.

Do we have some prohibition on murals?

I'm thrilled you mentioned that because I think there are a lot of places that we could add some.

I mean, just add some color.

Just even walking down Manhattan Beach Boulevard, by the bank, Manhattan avenue.

There is just a big white wall just nothing there.

A great place.

To add the color and adding these utility boxes.

I think it just really is going to be exciting.

And we have to spend this money.

Let's do it.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I'm just going to make brief comments because I see Mayor Pro Tem Howorth would like to speak.

What a new day.

I very much enjoy serving with all of my colleagues but in particular Council Member Napolitano who for members of the public who don't know, let me explain why.

>> You missed him.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: They don't realize he is a fine artist and in fact studied art and is really quite a painter himself.

And I can recall as a resident long before I became interested in city government listening to the discussions that he would lead when you were in your prior council service about the larger vision for our city and how it could embrace the arts more.

I'm pleased that we as a council collectively together are trying to claw ourselves back in.

>> Whatever you want, I'm against.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: We are exploring how we move forward.

And after Mayor Pro Tem Howorth I would suggest someone make a motion to encapsulate some of the specifics.

And I heard specifics from Council Member Napolitano.

Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

>> A. Howorth: I won't go through each one and I am thrilled as well.

It is truly an honor to serve with such a fine artist as Council Member Napolitano.

I'm teasing you all.

What Mark Lipps brought up, and I was in the meeting and maybe you were too, Steve, the north end business.

We will have to work with people to get them on board.

Downtown L.A., I go down there a lot on the weekends.

And it is so fun to discover the pieces of art that just are there.

And it is a lot of the painting that is on the walls, a lot of murals.

And one of the things when Mark was saying it can drive to businesses.

That is not why we are doing this.

I feel very strongly about art as a public good.

But that is why people go to certain places, because they have these painted angel wings on the side of the building.

Everybody wants their picture with the angel wings.

And then you go and you have a coffee and you buy a shirt and have dinner.

So there is a lot of economical reasons.

And I don't want to micromanage staff.

I want to look at all kinds of art.

I would like to decommission this.

Every time we talk about it is like it is too hard, we don't know if the artist is living.

Let's figure that out so we can use that as a canvas and do things.

And I think my last comment would be in reference to, I think, mayor, you said something about maybe doing some bigger pieces at some point.

And that is great too.

And in casual conversations with my friend the artist, Council Member Napolitano, we have talked about some of the smaller things that you can do as a community to show art.

And again you see that, like in downtown L.A., a lot.

And let's, yes, we should be a community that is known for beach volleyball and the pier and our good school systems and our art.

Let's do that.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Napolitano and then we will talk about motions.

>> S. Napolitano: Since everyone else is talking about me.

Let me try and make a motion here.

I appreciate also -- you made a motion for what?

I don't know you made a motion.

>> That is all right.

>> S. Napolitano: What did you make the motion on?

I didn't hear the motion.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I see there is a motion that has been proposed.

Although the motion has now been cleared.

>> N. Hersman: My motion was going to suggest we spend \$200,000 and make it a bronze statue of you.

>> I think that would be a great art piece.

Make a motion.

>> S. Napolitano: First of all, I want to say -- and Martin, if you are hearing anything here, I think you are hearing a lot of pent-up desire to do art here in this city.

And I don't want to discount music, dance, the others, but I think that we seem to be focused on visual arts because we see it in other communities, we don't see it here, and we really want to.

I walk around the arts district too.

You see stuff spraypainted, not graffiti, but you see neat stuff.

>> Love it.

>> S. Napolitano: We should allow that in certain areas.

I said Banksy.

I read it on the Internet.

It must be true.

I'm willing to go for the sculpture garden.

We will do that on the proviso that I'm looking forward to another proposal coming from staff as to a program to buy a permanent piece or commission a permanent piece in the near future.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Just to provide some structure do you want to make a motion and we can go through each?

>> S. Napolitano: I'm making a motion.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: You were on a roll there.

>> Public art conservation.

I already talked about that.

I think they understand the direction.

Let's start with staff and then we will engage a conservator as we see fit.

Utility box local artist competition, yes on that.

We will come back with the estimate on the installation.

Because the lower the installation is the more we can put in more places.

Let's nail that down.

Cultural arts trust fund, why cheap out?

Let's round it up to \$50,000?

How about that?

Also, though, I do want to make sure there is some criteria there that the recipients, except for the school class projects, the others are going to be performing or doing whatever it is in public and accessible to as many people as possible.

I'm going to take a pass and say no on number five, unless my colleagues want to beat me up about that.

Number six, yes.

And then I would direct staff to allocate \$150,000 and come back with a program to establish a mural project program here in Manhattan Beach.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Anything further on city hall?

>> S. Napolitano: No.

Not right now.

That can be separate.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Montgomery, I see you have seconded the motion.

>> R. Montgomery: A friendly amendment.

Maybe in the sculpture garden make sure we have the right to purchase if we do find art we want to purchase.

Make sure that is in there.

Other than that I'm good to go.

>> Do you want to change the 20% to 10%?

>> S. Napolitano: Yeah.

>> The 10% is a unicode provision.

It doesn't mean we have to spend it.

>> S. Napolitano: Shooting for ten.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: My question is, I'm not sure why the utility box is only open to local Manhattan Beach artists and only ten of them bothers me.

I want some form of RFQ, something that makes it open.

Even set up criteria or defer to the cultural arts commission to look for local artists.

But I want it open.

>> S. Napolitano: I agree with that.

>> Any objection?

>> A. Howorth: It is fine.

I don't think they have to be bound exactly.

>> Just not limiting it to two people we know.

Open it up to a process and ten, 12, whatever it is.

>> It could be outside of Manhattan Beach, is what you are saying.

>> Doesn't have to be local.

>> That is what I hear you saying.

>> I would rather it be local for the first year.

>> That is the staff recommendation.

>> I don't want to get in the weeds of it.

>> I don't want to limit it to ten people.

I know it was discussed, yeah, we know ten artists.

I think they should be able to submit or if they are outside artists who want to move to Manhattan Beach and live on Sepulveda that is fine too.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Set up the criteria that expresses a preference for local but doesn't require it?

>> Preference for local.

But also the subject matter, let's make it --

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Any further conversation on this item, discussion.

If not, call for the question.

>> Clerk: Honorable Mayor, all votes have been recorded.

Motion passes 5-0.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: In which case we next move on to item K, city council reports and committee reports, including AB1234 reports.

First why don't we address the agenda item, 16, and then we can move on to city council 1234 reports.

Item 16 is discuss the city's mission statement and provide direction, continued from the September 5th, 2017, city council meeting, and discuss next steps regarding the city's strategic plan.

>> Mr. Mayor, council, this was requested by the council.

So we have a brief introduction if you like or you can begin your discussion.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I'm not sure if we need much but maybe for the members of the public who might be tuning in for the first time.

Let's let her, Kendra Davis, address council.

Good evening.

>> Good evening, mayor, members of council.

Kendra Davis, management analyst in the city manager's office.

A very brief introduction.

We heard introduced a discussion of the mission statement that was requested by city council.

You have before you three alternatives, but of course the council is welcome to recommend additional options of the previous mission statement, the mission statement that was updated as per the most recent strategic planning process, and then Council Member Napolitano's suggestion at a previous council meeting.

This is also, if you would like, there is a brief introduction for the city's strategic plan.

Council requested the opportunity to discuss the previous strategic plan adopted in 2016.

I don't know if you are interested in an introduction for that, or I can wait.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Why don't we start with the mission statement and maybe just for the members of the public, understand why we are having this conversation, can you please read the current mission statement?

>> I would be happy to.

I have it right here.

I should have memorized it just for that.

The city's current mission statement is the City of Manhattan Beach is recognized for providing exemplary municipal services and contributing to the exceptional quality of life afforded to residents, businesses and visitor who is enjoy living and visiting California's safest beach community.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Rolls right off the tongue.

In which case, thank you very much.

Are there questions before I open it up for public comment?

We will close public comment.

Council Member Hersman man.

>> N. Hersman: So I have another alternative.

Taking the bronze statue here, look.

I took that and went back to the original.

I'm sorry, guys.

But I did not like what you did with it.

The safest beach community, where did that come from?

And we are recognized?

That is not a mission statement.

So I thought that one is out.

What I came up with was, and I have two alternatives.

Our mission is to provide you, the residents, businesses, visitors, with excellent municipal services while preserving our small beach town character and enhancing your quality of life.

>> That is pretty good.

I mean, I still prefer our mission is you.

I do, I love it.

But I really like that a lot.

>> I also had one more.

With excellent fiscally responsible municipal services.

Maybe that gets too wordy.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Thank you, Council Member Hersman man.

Really a great improvement, although it wouldn't take much to improve upon the current one.

I should say just for myself having participated in the approval of the last mission statement there were a lot of issues we were dealing with with the prior council and this was one that wasn't the highest priority.

I always dislike the revised mission statement.

If anything just for simplicity I would propose to go back to what we had before it was tinkered with by the last council.

The one that existed for a number of years before it was tinkered with reads the City of Manhattan Beach is dedicated to providing exemplary municipal services, preserving our small beach town character, and enhancing the quality of life for our residents, businesses, and visitors.

I think it captures it all.

Sometimes the best approach is to leave things alone.

I think it still exists on a number of business cards.

And that would probably be what I would -- as much as I like what Council Member Hersman has come up with.

Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: That alternative is the one that happened on our council.

We revised the previous one.

It captured, Steve, your smalltown beach character.

It was simplistic.

It applied to us.

The other one is too generic.

That could be Laguna and anybody else and say the same thing.

It had to be tied to what we represent.

And that is why we went with the simple one in my mind.

The alternate one is terrible.

Alternative two is the way it was before and I'm cool with that one.

Still open to the first idea.

Where it is tied to make us unique.

It is not too long, not too short, hits the high points and stops.

And it only applies to where people know it is us.

And you can't really say that of a lot of places in California, small beach cities.

You can't say that.

So I'm okay with going back to two and I'm open for another suggestion that captures the imagination yet that is not very lengthy.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

>> A. Howorth: May I hear but still reserve the right to comment?

May I hear -- is this it?

Is this Council Member Hersman?

>> The second one is fiscally responsible.

>> A. Howorth: And I will read it as well.

Our mission is to provide you, the residents, businesses, and visitors with excellent municipal services while preserving the small town beach character and enhancing your quality of life.

What I like better about that than alternative two, dedicated to providing exemplary, first of all, I hate that, municipal services and contributing to the exceptional quality of life afforded to residents.

Actually starts to come off as as an elitist statement.

Exceptional quality of life afforded to residents, visitors and businesses -- that is the first one, sorry.

City of Manhattan Beach is dedicated to providing exemplary municipal services preserving our small beach town character and enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

I don't know.

To me Nancy's is friendlier because it says our mission is to provide you with these great services while preserving our small beach town character and enhancing your quality of life.

>> They are both good.

>> A. Howorth: They are both good.

Sorry I got confused and went back to one.

>> N. Hersman: I just wanted to give an alternative.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Can I ask a practical question to the city manager?

My understanding is the older mission statement is still on business cards or have they been all updated with the new one, which is one that clearly this council is not happy with?

>> M. Danaj: Both.

To the extent new business cards are ordered, the new mission statement is on them.

But there are also a lot of people including myself who still have my original box or two.

So I still have the old one.

>> I don't care so much about that.

>> M. Danaj: I think there is probably more with the older one than the newer one.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: My comment is I want to get on with the work.

I don't want to get hung up on this.

I think we had a perfectly good one that we had before that shouldn't have been tinkered with.

And to continually go back and forth, I would rather spend our time on other issues and not really spend so much time on this, like the former council did.

>> If we get rid of the word exemplary I would go with alternative two.

But the word exemplary makes me very uncomfortable.

I don't feel safe with the word exemplary.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I see Council Member Napolitano has made a motion.

The motion is...

I see Council Member Napolitano instead would like to speak.

>> S. Napolitano: Well, alternative two, if you hate exemplary --

>> I don't like it.

>> S. Napolitano: You could simply switch out excellent.

>> We could.

>> S. Napolitano: I guess I would love to consider myself grammatically correct at all times.

But knowing I'm not, looking at Council Member Hersman's, our mission is to provide you, our residents, businesses, and visitors, with

excellent municipal services while preserving our small town character and enhancing your quality of life.

Since we say our small beach town should we say enhancing our quality of life?

>> No.

Because it is saying our residents -- our small town beach character.

>> S. Napolitano: But we do say you in the first.

Anyone want to check that on Microsoft Word?

>> Let us have the conversation --

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Is there a grammartician.

City manager?

>> S. Napolitano: I think both of these are excellent.

I could go with either one.

I could go with Council Member Hersman's or with alternative two and switch out exemplary for excellent.

>> A. Howorth: Thank you.

I feel safer.

>> N. Hersman: Can I just say I think part of what you didn't like with either one of these is how wordy it is.

So we were trying to cut down the words.

So you could -- I mean, instead of the City of Manhattan Beach is dedicated, do we need to say that?

Can we just say our mission is...

>> To provide excellent municipal services, preserve our small beach town and enhance?

So that becomes not passive.

That is what I wasn't liking.

So our mission --

>> S. Napolitano: Hold on.

Write that down.

>> A. Howorth: I'm going to read it and somebody write it.

Our mission is to provide excellent municipal services, preserve our small beach town character, and enhance the quality of life for our residents, businesses, and visitors.

>> Sold and moved.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: We get the small town piece?

>> I'll make the motion, your Honor.

>> S. Napolitano: We know what we are doing?

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Our mission is to provide excellent municipal services, preserve our small beach town character, and enhance the quality of life for our residents, businesses, and visitors.

>> S. Napolitano: Perfect.

>> A. Howorth: I feel all happy.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Any further discussion?

Call for the question.

>> A. Howorth: Can we call it the Amy alternative?

>> Clerk: Honorable mayor, all votes being recorded motion passes 5-0.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: All right.

In which case we -- Mr. City manager.

>> M. Danaj: This item also had, depending on the hour was, it is not required you take action, to see if we could have you revisit some of the elements of the strategic plan, which you already did by changing the mission statement.

So we can bring that back at a future date or you could start that discussion.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Napolitano.

>> S. Napolitano: I would say bring the back because it deserves a separate consideration.

In looking at what is here, because I remember our work plan meeting, and where there were several things that we talked about that didn't fit in the six categories.

And in looking at the eight, which includes meaningful resident engagement, which is part of the strong governance -- bring it back.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I have a question just to follow up on that. In terms of bringing it back, and we will hear what you have to say.

Is this a productive forum?

Do we want more public input by doing this, bringing this back in some other way?

Or is your vision just to bring it back on the council agenda near the end of a council meeting regular agenda?

>> Good point.

It was subject to a great deal of public input for a variety of meetings.

There were graphics that came out of those meetings.

The word graphics where they were taking people's ideas and categorizing them.

Perhaps you can bring it back with a brief introduction of how it was put together and then obviously give you an opportunity to put your own fingerprints on it.

>> I'm not a fan of pillars of success.

Sounds like some --

>> -- -- book.

>> Sounds like some infomercial.

>> M. Danaj: Those things can change.

The question is do the six elements, we will decide to talk, fit?

Is there anything missing?

>> Bring it back in a later agenda.

>> Bronze statues.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: So ordered.

In which case we now move on to other city council reports, including travel reports.

Council member pro tem Howorth do you want to start?

>> A. Howorth: I did.

And I think we will all have a similar one.

I want to say I typed it up and sent it to city staff just tonight before the meeting.

But I did attend the league of California cities.

We all five were there at one point in time.

I think there was some overlap.

I flew up on Wednesday and flew back Friday morning.

And there were two keynotes that were great but the things that I got a lot, out of the coastal cities issue group meeting.

It was a group made up of elected from all the coastal cities.

And they had a representative there from the coastal commission who talked a lot about sea level rise and how that is going to be impacting decisions the coastal commission makes going forward.

And it was fascinating because there were people there from like Dana Point who were realizing that certain roads that they have may not be approved in the future because of sea level rise.

That was fascinating.

Then I'm going to really stay involved in that group and bring our issues there, and the others back here.

And then with I think a few of you who attended the wireless facilities and the public right of way, which was sort of an industry presentation and yet it got beyond that.

It was very interesting.

We let the state legislators know we were all opposed to 649.

And there were other things that I sent to staff.

Is it true.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: I will make a similar report.

I too was at the California league of cities annual meeting in Sacramento and Mayor Pro Tem Howorth captured it well.

I found it a informative meeting.

In particular the sessions impactful to me were the wireless telecommunications proceeding because it is a topical consideration in the community.

And as Mayor Pro Tem Howorth just indicated it included both the industry perspective as well as those that were critical of it.

But I think the central thesis of the moderator was this is likely going to be going forward, starting with the need for more antenna sites.

The presentation started with a discussion of how prevalent wireless communications now are and are going to be growing exponentially in the future.

When you call an uber, when you order something online invariably you are using cellular bandwidth.

And to the extent there are gaps in coverage the wireless companies aren't looking to build out the infrastructure for their own profits alone, obviously they are doing that, but it is because it is such demand and it will be only growing further.

I thought it was an interesting session and some very interesting viewpoints were discussed.

The keynote presentation, I don't remember the name of the speaker exactly, he was exploring how so many Americans are disenfranchised from the larger political conversation.

Those that are elected really need to make a greater effort to reach them because they are essentially not disenfranchised, but we need to do more to reach the people.

Nothing new there but he put nit a new light talking about the way newspapers have gone down in their distribution and their reliance.

That was just one example.

And then also, as Mayor Pro Tem Howorth indicated, we had an opportunity to meet with our legislators.

And in particular they really heard us in terms of our opposition to the cellular bill that did ultimately pass with their no votes.

It was a great meeting.

That is my report.

Council Member Napolitano.

>> S. Napolitano: Thank you, your Honor.

I don't want to repeat everything that was said but I did attend the league of California cities conference as well.

First time, actually, that I have done that.

And found it very informative.

Some millions more than the other conferences that we have attended.

But I think the real value to this one was attending, having the conference, having the local leaders there during the last three days of the legislature and though we didn't get everything we want, we did make ourselves heard.

And so that, I appreciated the opportunity.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Council Member Hersman.

Sorry.

Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: I'll go last.

>> N. Hersman: I too attended the league of California cities,
my first time as well.

I won't repeat everything.

But one of the highlights was standing on the capitol steps
protesting SB649.

And the league had a press conference.

And we were all out there on the steps and voicing our
disapproval and asking the governor to veto that.

And we were there with our city attorney.

We were concerned we were going to be arrested.

We needed him to bail us out.

But he was with us.

>> Resist.

>> N. Hersman: So it was a great conference, and I really
enjoyed meeting everybody there.

Terrific.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Okay.

Council Member Montgomery.

>> R. Montgomery: Thank you, your Honor.

Mine is a little different.

I attended along with the city manager and city attorney the
coastal committee meeting.

Flew up we understand.

This is the Harrison green berg roundhouse project.

Those who haven't seen the coastal commission meeting, you are in for a treat.

It is something to see and watch and listen to. We were item 14B so we ended our turn right before lunchtime they squeezed us in.

So my goal, and Stephanie Katsouleas, our public works director did a great presentation.

Michael Greenberg.

They limited the people's time to speak.

There were some people in the audience that were against the project.

Not so much the project itself but a piece of the project.

They spoke 15 minutes.

They let me back up clean on the rebuttal, cleaned up the comments and we were successful with an 8-0 vote in our favor, fantastic news.

As soon as that was over I jumped in the car with the city attorney and we drove from there to Sacramento to attend the league meeting.

I will limit it to one class, the crisis management class, which was good.

The highlight to me was the whole focus on senate bill 649, the cellular bill.

Like Nancy mentioned we got to stand on the steps with the league people and city of L.A. and others that said, hey, look, we lost this vote barely but now is the time to get the news out and get the veto from the governor to stop it.

The finance division in California state also said no.

So maybe we get lucky.

I have heard they are trying to revise the actual wording in that see what happens.

I spoke with the city assembly member and said they are trying to revise it.

And I told everybody don't take it for granted.

Send the information to the governor.

It was fantastic to have us all there.

And I hope it happens again in the future.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Any other reports?

All right.

Seeing none, we will now move on to future agenda items.

Item L.

And I just had a question, if I could, for the city manager.

And that is thank you for allowing the community development director to introduce our new environmental programs manager but can you confirm when the item is coming back to council to discuss essentially the priorities this council sees for different environmental initiatives? And I ask in particular because this council authorized me to sign on to the mayor's climate accord.

Paris climate accord.

The mayor is in favor of that.

And I would like to have a more robust conversation on that.

I believe it is in November.

But I wanted to make sure that we have and the community have an opportunity to discuss what that all means, because it is one thing to now join on and sign letters but what are some of the next steps and what are some of the choices that we really should make as a policy body as to which initiatives to pursue and which not?

I just wanted to confirm the tentative date.

>> M. Danaj: The date is scheduled on our forecast for November 8th.

It was just for that particular purpose, Mr. Mayor.

It will be an introduction of the environmental work plan which gives you an opportunity to validate it, add to it, subtract from it.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Great.

Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

>> A. Howorth: And I guess I'll bring it up again if that I was serious about wanting to have a new pin and I wanted to know if anybody else wanted to bring that forward for discussion or to discuss that.

Let's discuss it.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Let's be artistic here.

Any other future agenda items anyone would like to raise at this time?

Seeing none, move on to item M, the city manager report.

>> M. Danaj: Mr. Mayor, members of council, I just wanted to underscore the announcement that Council Member Montgomery made that the California coastal commission unanimously approved our application for the Harrison Greenberg foundation roundhouse Aquarium beautification project.

It was very much a partnership with OTC, the Greenberg foundation, and city staff, Stephanie our public works director was the lead and Council Member Montgomery played a very crucial role at the end as well.

This was a very critical milestone to be met.

It is very difficult to get it in the coastal commission agenda that quickly much less to get the staff's recommendation.

It was very critical because if we didn't have this particular date it very well may have put the project at jeopardy and we are past that and moving forward.

So I just want to thank Council Member Montgomery and Stephanie and her staff.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Great.

Thank you.

Moving on to N.

City attorney's report.

Is there a report tonight?

>> Q. Barrow: Not tonight.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: Informational items.

Council Member Napolitano would like to say something at this time.

>> S. Napolitano: We are done with closed session?

>> Mayor D. Lesser: There is no closed session.

The next item would be in adjournment.

>> S. Napolitano: If I can ask everyone to rise with me and please indulge.

In adjourning this I would like to ask that we adjourn in the memory of a very good friend of mine and a very good friend of this city, former longtime El Segundo council member and mayor Kelly McDowell, who died way too early.

-- -- it was under his leadership that the city did an exchange with the city of haw torn to consolidate and keep that base in El Segundo and to benefit, which is an economic general for this area to the tune of \$6 billion and more.

And also the modernization, not the expansion, of Los Angeles International Airport.

For those, this is all ancient history, but for a long time L.A. wanted to expand LAX and invade the neighborhoods surrounding it which would have been more noise, more traffic.

And because of Kelly's efforts, that expansion did not take place.

And the lawsuit and Villaraigosa saw the light of day and Kelly faced him on a daily basis and really beat him down to make them modernize it and not expand it.

In memory of Mayor McDowell, I just ask that we adjourn in his memory and have a moment of silence.

[Moment of Silence.]

Thank you.

>> Mayor D. Lesser: We are adjourned.