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>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

WE'LL CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER THEN.

WELCOME TO YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 2022.

6 P.M. HERE IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

WE'RE GOING TO START WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND I'LL ASK OUR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR CARRIE TAI TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE TONIGHT.

>> STAND IF YOU'RE ABLE TO.

PUT YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND THEN BEGIN.

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

ROLL CALL, MADAM CITY CLERK.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: PRESENT.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: HERE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: HERE.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: HERE.

>> MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: HERE.

>> WE'LL GO TO APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES UNLESS ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES WANTS TO PULL SOMETHING UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR LATER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: NUMBER FIVE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: NUMBER FIVE.

ANYTHING ELSE FROM COUNCIL?

SEEING NONE, IS THERE A MOTION?

OKAY.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM.

WE'RE GOING TO DO VOICE VOTES TONIGHT BECAUSE COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN IS ELSEWHERE.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

>> YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES.

AND THANK YOU.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: YES.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND ORGANIZATION UPDATES.

THESE ARE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UP TO ONE MINUTE PER PERSON FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS.

IF YOU'VE GOT ANY COME ON DOWN.

>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

MY NAME IS JOSH MURRAY AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MANHATTAN BEACH LIBRARY.

CHILDREN 8 AND UP ARE INVITED TO AN AUTHOR TALK ON JANUARY 14th, 2023, AT 2 P.M.

AUTHOR ALEXANDER TEACHES A TOOL TO LEARN THROUGH STORY TELLING ABOUT A PIVOTAL CHALLENGE IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

THE STUNNING ILLUSTRATIONS OF THIS POWERFUL PICTURE BOOK TELLS A STORY OF AMERICAN SLAVERY THROUGH THE VOICE OF A TEACHER STRUGGLING TO HELP HER STUDENTS UNDERSTAND.

AND AGAIN THIS PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 14th AT 2 P.M. AND IS COSPONSORED BY MANHATTAN BEACH LIBRARY AND THE BOOK SCORE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, JOSH.

ANY OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE?

>> RACHEL JOHNSON, YOUR POLICE CHIEF.

AS WE HEAD INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND THE FINAL WEEK OF SCHOOL, I WANTED TO REMIND EVERYONE TO BE SAFE ON THEIR BIKES, BE THEY STANDARD BIKES OR ELECTRIC BIKES.

THIS WEEK AHEAD OF OUR WINTER RESOURCE OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND TRAFFIC DIVISION WILL BE OUT TO CONDUCT EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT WITH REGARD TO BICYCLE SAFETY.

THROUGHOUT THE FIRST HALF OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING A LOT OF BICYCLE TRAINING IN OUR SCHOOLS AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO CONDUCT THE EDUCATION PART.

BE SAFE ON THE ROADWAY.

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE AND WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON ON THEIR BIKES.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, CHIEF.

OTHER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

TURN TO ZOOM, THEN.

DAVID ARCHER.

>> GOOD EVENING, HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

DAVID ARCHER, MANHATTAN BEACH CHAMBER, PRESIDENT AND CEO.

I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR COMING OUT FOR OUR MIXER EXTRAVAGANZA A WEEK OR SO AGO.

I'D LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEW COUNCILMEMBERS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND WISH EVERYBODY A HAPPY HOLIDAY AND NEW YEAR.

SO LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU GUYS IN THE NEW YEAR.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, DAVID.

COUNCIL.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU.

A BIG SHOUT OUT TO PETE MOFFITT.

HIS SON DID A GREAT JOB.

A MAJOR SNAFU WITH THE MUSIC.

THEY'RE GOING TO FIX THAT NEXT YEAR.

SHOUT OUT TO PARKS AND REC, PD, FIRE, VOLUNTEERS, A LOT OF PEOPLE MAKE THAT HAPPEN HERE.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

ANYONE ELSE ON THE COUNCIL WITH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS?

SEEING NONE, WE'LL MOVE ON TO PUBLIC COMMENTS.

THESE ARE COMMENTS UP TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON WHERE SPEAKERS MAY PROVIDE COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, INCLUDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

IF YOU SPEAK ON ITEMS THAT ARE ON THE AGENDA LATER, WE ASK THAT YOU NOT REPEAT YOURSELF.

OKAY.

FIRST UP.

>> GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL.

MIKE MAKALSKI HERE.

I'M HERE IN MY HOODIE THIS EVENING.

ALL I NEED IS SOME ARMED HATS, A GOATEE AND AN OVERSIZED BULGE ON THE BACK OF MY NECK.

I DID WANT TO MAKE SOME SERIOUS POINTS.

I KNOW YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT DOWNTOWN SECURITY LATER.

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THREE POINTS.

IN PARTICULAR LIGHT OF THE SURGING CRIME WAVE HERE LOCALLY AND THE EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH IT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, ITEM 10, I REALIZE THAT 2020 BEING A LOCKDOWN YEAR WAS AN ANOMALY AND NATURALLY CRIME WAS HIGHER IN 2021.

HERE WU ARE AT THE END OF THE 2022 AND THE CITY HAS NOT UPDATED THE CRIME DATA ON THE WEBSITE FOR 2021.

WE HAVE SOME FOR BURGLARY AND MOTOR VEHICLE, WHICH ARE UP 37% LAST YEAR OVER 2020.

BUT THE LARGEST CATEGORY OF PROPERTY CRIME, LARCENY, IS ABSENT.

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS REGULARLY REPORTED IN THE 20 YEARS PRIOR TO THAT.

NOW I'VE SEEN THE RAW DATA AND LARCENY IS A PRETTY BIG CATEGORY.

WHEN YOU ADD ALL THAT TOGETHER WITH THE CRIME CATEGORIES, YOU'RE GOING TO GET ONE OF THE TOP SIX OR SEVEN YEARS FOR CRIME IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

NOW HAVE THINGS GOTTEN BETTER?

NOT IF YOU GO BY THE POLICE INCIDENT REPORTS THAT GO OUT, ALL OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORTS.

I ADDED UP ALL OF THE MONTHS' DATA FOR 2022 AND COMPARED IT TO 2021 AND THROUGH NOVEMBER WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 14% INCREASE IN PROPERTY CRIME OVER LAST YEAR.

BUT WHAT WAS MOST [INAUDIBLE] TO ME WAS LAST WEEK.

I DON'T KNOW YOU GET THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORTS, IF YOU BOTHER READING THEM.

I WOULD SUGGEST YOU DO IF YOU'RE NOT.

JUST LAST WEEK, THE WEEK ENDING ON WEDNESDAY, THE 15th, WE HAD TWO AUTO THEFTS AND THERE HAVE BEEN TWO MORE SINCE THEN, FIVE RESIDENTS BURGLARIES AND 20 VEHICLE BURGLARIES, ONLY FOUR OF WHICH WERE PREVENTABLE.

THAT'S A LOT OF RESIDENTS THAT ARE GOING TO EXPERIENCE A PRETTY LOUSY CHRISTMAS.

IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE THROWING UP OUR HANDS, IT'S GASCON, PROP 47, A LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROPERTY CRIMES.

I UNDERSTAND THE DEBATE TONIGHT IS ABOUT THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES.

I UNDERSTAND BOTH SIDES OF THE ARMED PRIVATE SECURITY ANSWER.

BUT THE ANSWER IS NOT DO NOTHING.

WHILE I'M HERE I THINK I NEED TO REMIND YOU ALL THAT THE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS ARE UNDER SIEGE AS WELL.

I SENT FOUR OF YOU SOME PICTURES.

THIS AFTERNOON AS WAS HEADING HOME I THOUGHT WHAT AM I GOING TO SAY AT THE MEETING.

I SAW THREE OR FOUR POLICE OFFICERS WITH A GUY IN HANDCUFFS A BLOCK WITH MY HOUSE.

I SHOULD BE GLAD ABOUT THAT, HE WAS IN HANDCUFFS.

IT'S A REAL PROBLEM AND I HOPE THIS COUNCIL WHICH AT LEAST HAS SAID

PUBLIC SECURITY IS YOUR NUMBER ONE ISSUE, I HOPE YOU PUT THAT INTO ACTION.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

OTHER SPEAKERS HERE IN THE AUDIENCE.

ALL RIGHT.

ZOOM?

OKAY.

iPAD 7.

>> HI, GOOD EVENING, CITY COUNCIL.

THIS IS HEIDI, TREE SECTION RESIDENT.

I DON'T HAVE THE SAME DATA THAT THE SPEAKER BEFORE ME JUST LISTED, BUT I WANTED TO SPEAK TO THAT SAME POINT.

MY PHONE WAS BLOWING UP WITH A TEXT LAST NIGHT ABOUT A SERIES OF ROBBERIES THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE TREE SECTION A FEW MINUTES AWAY FROM WHERE I LIVE.

AND THE ISSUE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND INCREASED CREAM IS WHAT GOT ME INVOLVED IN WATCHING CITY COUNCIL AND SPEAKING AND JUST BEING A MORE ACTIVE RESIDENT IN THAT REGARD.

AND I'M JUST HOPING WITH THIS NEW CITY COUNCIL THAT WE CAN COME UP WITH WAYS TO ACTUALLY BE UNITED AS A COMMUNITY AND NOT NORMALIZE THIS CRIME.

OBVIOUSLY, OUR HANDS ARE TIED WITH GASCON AND WITH ALL THIS WONDERFUL CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM THAT IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCREASE

IN CRIMES ACROSS THE CITY AND ACROSS THE COUNTY.

I'M JUST HOPING THAT WE CAN HAVE AN INCREASED POLICE PRESENCE IN OUR RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND WE CAN ALSO GO BACK TO PRACTICING BROKEN WINDOWS POLICING.

I'M NOT SURE IF WE'RE DOING THAT ANYMORE.

IT WAS SOMETHING THAT CHIEF ABLE ALWAYS, ALWAYS SPOKE ABOUT IN COUNCIL MEETINGS AND I KNOW THAT IN OUR AREA OF MANHATTAN BEACH WE'VE GOT A FELLOW WE CALL THE 17th STREET CREEPER THAT A FEW OF MY NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING MYSELF, ARE KIND OF MONITORING.

THERE WAS ONE INCIDENT WHERE I WAS COMING UP 17th STREET IN MY CAR AND HE WAS STANDING STARING AT THE KIDS FOR FAR TOO LONG THAT I WAS COMFORTABLE WITH WHILE THEY WERE ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

I ALERTED THE SCHOOL AND THEY WERE VERY CONCERNED.

I SAW HIM AGAIN AND I CALLED DISPATCH REQUESTING A DRIVE-BY AND I WAS GRILLED BY THE DISPATCH AT WHICH POINT I ACTUALLY REACHED OUT TO COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN AND WE HAD A CONVERSATION ABOUT IT.

SO I CALLED BACK AND I COMPLAINED AND THE SUPERVISOR OF DISPATCH SAID THAT'S NOT AT ALL HOW THE CALL SHOULD HAVE BEEN HANDLED.

ARE WE STILL PRACTICING IF WE SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING OR NOT? THAT'S THE LEAST WE CAN DO.

AND LASTLY I'LL JUST SAY IT'S SUPER CONCERNING AND IT'S MORE CONCERNING TO BE A WOMAN DEALING WITH ALL OF THIS BECAUSE WOMEN ARE JUST MORE SUSCEPTIBLE.

AND I HOPE COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, YOU WROTE WHEN YOU WERE PART OF MB

UNITED ABOUT REIMAGINING POLICING AND STATED THAT THAT WASN'T A NEED OR DESIRE TO DEFUND POLICE BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT IT IS.

I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT'S NOT STILL YOUR POSITION ON THAT OPINION.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

NO ADDITIONAL?

OKAY.

I'M GOING TO ASK THE CHIEF TO COME DOWN THEN.

WE'VE BEEN ACCUSED OF ABANDONING BROKEN WINDOWS POLICING AND OTHER ISSUES.

ARE WE NOT DOING ANYTHING?

>> THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, MAYOR.

I WILL TELL YOU THAT THIS AFTERNOON ONE OF OUR DETECTIVES WAS UNDERCOVER IN A PLAIN CLOTHES ASSIGNMENT LOOKING TO SOLVE SOME OF OUR THEFTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND HE ACTUALLY CONTACTED AND ARRESTED A SERIAL BURGLAR.

AT THIS TIME, THE DETECTIVES ARE STILL AT HIS RESIDENCE WHICH IS IN ANOTHER PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN AN ATTEMPT TO RECOVER STOLE LISTEN PROPERTY.

THAT'S WHY WE HAD THE UNDERCOVER DETAIL OUT THERE IN RESPONSE TO THE INCREASE IN CRIMES.

IT DOES MATTER TO US.

SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING WILL ALWAYS BE IMPORTANT.

WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY.

WE HAD A CALL YESTERDAY IN THE TREE SECTION VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING,
WE RECEIVED A CALL AND WENT OUT THERE.

WE WERE THERE IN ABOUT A MINUTE AND 26 SECONDS ARE FROM THE TIME WE
RECEIVED THE CALL TO THE TIME THE FIRST OFFICER ARRIVED AND WE WERE
ABLE TO MAKE TWO ARRESTS, ONE FOR POSSESSION OF BURGLARY ITEMS.

WE'RE MAKING ARRESTS EVERY DAY OF PEOPLE THAT COME TO DO HARM TO OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS AND WE'LL CONTINUE THAT FULL SPEED AHEAD.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I FAILED TO ASK THE CALLER -- MAYBE COUNCILMEMBER
FRANKLIN CAN TELL US WHETHER IT WAS A DISCUSSION WITH MANHATTAN BEACH
POLICE STAFF OR WHETHER IT WAS A DISCUSSION WITH 911, BECAUSE THOSE
ARE TWO DIFFERENT -- IF IT'S 911 WE WANT TO FOLLOW UP WITH THAT.

>> I HAVE INFORMATION, MR. MAYOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

>> THE FOLLOW-UP THAT OCCURRED WITH THE SUPERVISOR WAS A SUPERVISOR
FROM OUR DISPATCH CENTER.

HE DID FOLLOW UP WITH ME AND WAS APOLOGETIC FOR HOW THE CALL WAS
HANDLED.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THAT'S HERE IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

>> OUR REGIONAL CENTER.

WHEN THE RESIDENT CALLED BACK AND SPOKE WITH A SUPERVISOR, IT WAS
FOLLOWED UP ON AND HANDLED APPROPRIATELY THROUGH THEIR CHAIN OF
COMMAND AND HOW THEY RESPOND TO CITIZENS' COMPLAINTS.

AND THE DIRECTOR OF RCC WAS VERY APOLOGETIC FOR HOW THAT CALL WENT.
IT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED WITH THE DISPATCHER AS WELL ALREADY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: IS THE DIRECTOR OF RCC GOING TO FOLLOW UP WITH ALL OF THEIR DISPATCHER TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN PEOPLE CALL THEY ARE TREATED APPROPRIATELY?

>> YES, SIR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE HAVE A NEW REP FOR RCC. MAYBE YOU CAN PUT A BUG IN HIS EAR AS WELL TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE DISPATCH IS PROPERLY TRAINED FOR TAKING CALLS.

>> Councilmember Howorth: AND IF I MAY FOLLOW-UP, MR. MAYOR. I UNDERSTAND THE CALLER'S FRUSTRATION BECAUSE IN YEARS PAST, YOU KNOW, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING THAT ISN'T YET A CRIME AND YOU CALL THAT NUMBER -- SO, YOU KNOW, I HAVE SEEN SOMETHING THAT LOOKED VERY SUSPICIOUS TO ME AND THE PERSON -- AND THIS WAS RCC -- SAID, WELL THAT'S NOT A CRIME, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. AND I JUST -- I GUESS MAYBE SOME EDUCATION, IF YOU WILL, FOR MYSELF AND THE PUBLIC.

YOU KNOW, PEOPLE SAY CALL THE NONEMERGENCY NUMBER AT MANHATTAN BEACH. BUT, YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE THAT ON HAND, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? IT CAN BE FRUSTRATING TO SAY HEY, THIS LOOKS SUSPICIOUS. MAYBE IT'S TEENAGERS HANGING OUT.

CAN YOU SEND SOME PEOPLE OVER.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I GUESS THE MORE POINTED QUESTION IS, IS IT THE RCC'S DISPATCHER'S JOB TO DECIDE WHAT IS A CRIME AND WHAT'S NOT?

>> NO, IT'S NOT.

AND TO YOUR POINT, COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, WE RECEIVE A NUMBER OF CALLS

FOR SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR AND WE DO RESPOND TO THOSE.

OUR FOCUS IS ON -- YOU KNOW IT'S OUT OF PLACE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD,
PLEASE CALL US AND TELL US ABOUT IT.

IT'S UP TO US TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A CRIME IS IN PROGRESS.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU FOR THE FOLLOW-UP.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WHEN IS THE DATA GOING TO BE UPDATED, AND THEN
WHILE WE OF COURSE APPLAUD THE ARRESTS THAT WERE MADE AND EVERYTHING,
WHAT IS -- WILL WE BE GOING TO ADDRESS THE INCREASED CRIME?

>> THANK YOU FOR BOTH QUESTIONS.

SO WE DID UPDATE OUR 2021 DATA MAYBE TWO MONTHS AGO BUT IN LOOKING
AT IT JUST NOW IN RESPONSE TO HIS COMMENTS, THERE IS A CATEGORY MISSING
AND WE WILL FIX THAT.

THE REST OF THE STATISTICS FOR 2021 HAVE BEEN POSTED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS
NOW BUT WE'LL REMEDY THE OMISSION OF THE THEFT CATEGORY AND I TAKE
OWNERSHIP OF THAT.

AND WITH REGARD TO OUR ONGOING PROBLEMS WITH INCREASES IN CRIME AND
THEFT, WE HAVE BEEN PUTTING OUT ADDITIONAL PATROLS FOR THE HOLIDAY
SEASON TO ADDRESS NOT ONLY THE COMMERCIAL AREAS BUT ALSO TO ADDRESS
THINGS THAT OCCUR IN OUR RESIDENTIAL AREAS, SUCH AS PACKAGE THEFTS
AND THEFTS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES.

AS WE CONTINUE WITH THE HOLIDAY PERIOD WE'LL CONTINUE THOSE EFFORTS.
WE'VE ADDED A SWING SHIFT PATROL TO ALLOW MORE STAFF ON THE STREETS
AND HAVE MORE EYES ON OUR CITY.

WE ARE CONTINUES TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT AND PROVIDE VISIBLE DETER RANT

TO CRIMES IN PROGRESS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: HAVE WE IDENTIFIED ANY TRENDS?

ARE THEY RANDOM INDIVIDUALS COMING TO TOWN?

ORGANIZED THEFT RINGS?

ALL OF THE ABOVE?

>> A LITTLE OF ALL OF THE ABOVE BUT MOSTLY INDIVIDUALS COMING TO TOWN.

>> Mayor Napolitano: CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY.

>> YES, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I WOULD ADD TO SOME OF YOUR COMMENTS, THE GOOD DATA THAT YOU PUT ON THE REPORT ON PAGE FOUR, I WOULD TELL PEOPLE THAT JUMPED THE GUN, ESPECIALLY ON SOCIAL MEDIA, WHEN YOU BELIEVE SOCIAL MEDIA, SEND A SOMETHING TO THE CITY MANAGER OR POLICE CHIEF JOHNSON.

E-MAIL THEM.

THE SOCIAL MEDIA IS NOT THE FOUNTAIN OF TRUTH.

ANY DOUBTS, YOU HAVE A QUESTION, HAVE THE COURTESY TO SEND AN E-MAIL TO STAFF, CITY MANAGER, POLICE CHIEF AND/OR COUNCIL SO WE CAN ALL SEE. TODAY IS A GOOD EXAMPLE, CHIEF, OF WHAT HAPPENED TODAY.

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTED ONE THING, THE TRUTH IS COMPLETELY THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT THE SOCIAL MEDIA POST WAS.

BEFORE YOU REACT, REACH OUT AND FIND THE TRUTH AND THEN GO FROM THERE.

THANK YOU, CHIEF.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I KNOW THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENTS BUT WE ALL APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE HAVE TIME.
THERE'S NOT A LOT OF INFORMATION.

>> Councilmember Howorth: OKAY.
WELL, IN THAT CASE.

TO COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY'S POINT, TO EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS THAT FACEBOOK AND NEXT DOOR ARE ALSO NOT THE RECORD.

SO IF YOU SAY HOW COME COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH -- NO ONE DIDN'T SAY THIS TONIGHT -- DIDN'T RESPOND TO OUR FACEBOOK MESSAGE.

YOU HAVE TO E-MAIL US.

THAT'S ANOTHER THING TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA.

HE BROUGHT UP THE DASHBOARD HE RECEIVED.

IS THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE PUBLICLY?

ARE THERE PLANS TO PUT THAT ON OUR WEBSITE OR IS IT ON THE WEBSITE?

>> IT IS NOT ON OUR WEBSITE AT THIS TIME BUT WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS PUTTING DATA THAT IS DIFFERENT, THAT IS ACTUALLY -- THE WAY DATA WORKS, WE -- OUR POLICE OFFICERS TAKE REPORTS, SEND THEM THROUGH RECORDS AND BEFORE THEY'RE APPROVED THROUGH RECORDS THEY HAVE TO BE VERIFIED THAT'S THE APPROPRIATE CRIME THAT THE OFFICER WROTE ABOUT AND THAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF THE PROCESS.

SOME OF THE DATA WE'VE RECEIVED ON THE DASHBOARD IS BEFORE THAT AND IT MAY CONTAIN SOME INACCURACIES.

ONE OF THE PRIORITIES I'VE BEEN WORKING ON SINCE MY ARRIVAL IS GETTING

GOOD DATA OUT TO OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES AS WELL AND I HOPE TO HAVE THAT POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AND FOR EVERYONE'S REVIEW EARLY IN THE FIRST QUARTER ARE OF NEXT YEAR.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU FOR THAT INFORMATION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU, CHIEF.

>> Councilmember Franklin: MR. MAYOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES, COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES, THANK YOU.

SO I JUST WANTED TO GIVE SOME INPUT.

SHE DID REACH OUT TO ME AND EXPLAINED THAT SHE WAS JUST SAY SOMETHING DO SOMETHING.

AND HER CALL TO MBPD AND -- I THINK THEY WERE KIND OF ARGUING WITH HER ABOUT SENDING A DRIVE-BY.

I WANT TO COMMEND THE CHIEF BECAUSE I SAID TO HER, I SAID CALL BACK, ASK FOR THE SUPERVISOR AND DISCUSS IT WITH THEM.

SO WHEN SHE DID THAT, SHE GOT SATISFACTORY ANSWERS AND A SATISFACTORY RESPONSE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: LET'S BE CLEAR, THOUGH.

BECAUSE YOU JUST REPEATED WHAT WAS SAID BEFORE.

IT WASN'T MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE STAFF THAT TOOK THE PHONE CALL.

IT WAS 911.

IT WAS RCC.

>> Councilmember Franklin: WELL --

>> Mayor Napolitano: ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF IT WAS RCC.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY.

ACCORDING TO THE CALLER I THOUGHT SHE SAID IT WAS MBPD.

IN ANY CASE, THE CHIEF FOLLOWED UP, THE SUPERVISOR FOLLOWED UP AND THAT SHOWS GREAT RESPONSE AND I APPRECIATE IT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

THAT TAKES US TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR THEN.

THESE ARE ITEMS THAT ARE ROUTINE AND CUSTOMARY THAT ARE ENACTED WITH A SINGLE MOTION AND APPROVED AS SUCH UNLESS AN ITEM HAS BEEN PULLED. AND WE ALREADY HAVE FOREWARNING THAT COUNCILMEMBER LESSER IS PULLING ITEM FIVE, CORRECT?

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 5 CAN WE HAVE A MOTION.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: SO MOVED, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: AYE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: AYE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: AYE.

>> MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR WHICH IS ITEM FIVE AND I'LL TURN TO COUNCILMEMBER LESSER TO TELL US WHY WE --

>> Councilmember Lesser: BRIEFLY I INDICATED TO COMMUNITY DIRECTOR TAI THAT I WOULD BE PULLING THIS MATTER.

I'M IN FAVOR OF IT BUT I WANTED SOME CLARIFICATION.

CLARIFICATION BECAUSE THIS ITEM IS A CONTRACT WITH CIVIC SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES.

TO SUPPLEMENT STAFFING AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ONE THING I'M HEARING AND I SUSPECT ALL OF US ARE HEARING, THERE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGES IN PROCESSING BUILDING PERMITS BECAUSE OF STAFFING ISSUES AND I'M CURIOUS TO WHAT EXTENT HOW THIS WILL HELP PROCESSING BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND THEN ALSO SOME OF THE LARGER POLICY PRIORITIES OF COUNCIL WHICH INCLUDE OUTDOOR DINING WHICH HAS BEEN DELAYED IN PART BECAUSE THERE HAS NOT BEEN CITY STAFF AVAILABLE TO OVERSEE THE PROCESS FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND.

THOSE WERE THE QUESTIONS I WANTED TO SIMPLY ADDRESS UNLESS ANYONE ELSE HAD ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: LET'S START WITH THOSE.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTION, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

YES, THIS CONTRACT WITH CIVIC SOLUTIONS IS TO CONTINUE AND AUGMENT AN EXISTING CONTRACT THAT WE SIGNED A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO.

THAT WAS A RESULT OF IDENTIFICATION OF ONE CONTRACT PLANNER THAT COULD SUPPLEMENT EXISTING VACANCIES IN THE PLANNING DIVISION, PARTICULARLY TO REVIEW PLANS IN THE PROCESS OF THE BUILDING PERMIT ISSUANCE AS WELL AS PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

WE DID LOOK THOROUGHLY AT MANY DIFFERENT FIRMS AND CIVIC SOLUTIONS WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT HAD AVAILABILITY.

THE CURRENT CONTRACT DOES RUN OUT AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND THERE IS STILL A BACKLOG DUE TO VACANCIES AND THEREFORE WE'RE ASKING THAT THE CONTRACT BE AUGMENTED TO KEEP THE ONE CONTRACT PLAN ARE ON BOARD PAST THE NEW YEAR.

THAT CONTRACT PLANNER IS WORKING, LIKE I MENTIONED, SPECIFICALLY ON REVIEWING PLANS FOR BUILDING PERMITS AS WELL AS PLANNING APPLICATIONS LIKE LOCAL COASTAL -- COASTING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS, SORRY.

AND IN TERMS OF YOUR SECOND QUESTION, THE LONG-TERM POLICY WORK WAS SLATED TO BE HANDLED BY A SENIOR PLANNER.

THE STAFF HAS BEEN IN THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR THAT SINCE MARCH OF THIS YEAR.

WE HAVE HIRED SOMEBODY WHO IS SUPPOSED TO START THE FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY.

SO I HOPE THAT CLARIFIES WHO DOES WHAT AND I CAN ANSWER ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS THAT COME UP.

>> Councilmember Lesser: JUST AGAIN TO CONFIRM, THE EXPECTATION IS THE SENIOR PLANNER ONCE ON-BOARDED IS THE PERSON WHO WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXPLORING THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION FOR OUTDOOR

DINING AS OPPOSED TO HAVING THIS CONTRACTUAL FIRM SUPPLEMENT STAFF'S EFFORT, IS THAT RIGHT?

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

THE ROLE OF THE SENIOR PLANNER IS TO TAKE ON THE LONG-TERM POLICY WORK THAT HE'S IN THE CITY COUNCIL'S WORK PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE LONG-TERM OUTDOOR DINING WORK PLAN ITEM IS ONE OF SEVERAL WORK PLAN ITEMS THAT WE ANTICIPATE THE SENIOR PLANNER WILL BE WORKING ON.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I'M GOOD FOR NOW.

THANK YOU.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

SEEING NONE, WE'LL OPEN UP TO THE PUBLIC.

ANYONE FROM THE PUBLIC WANT TO COME DOWN AND SPEAK TO THIS?

DON'T RUSH DOWN, EVERYBODY.

ALL RIGHT.

ANYONE ON ZOOM?

OKAY.

COUNCIL, WE HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER WHICH --

>> Councilmember Lesser: MOTION TO APPROVE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: YES COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YES.

>> NUMBER NINE, CITY MANAGER MOE.

>> ALI WILL DO THE PRESENTATION.

AND I THINK WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE YOU REFLECTS NOT ONLY HER HARD WORK BUT THE PEOPLE THAT ASSISTED US WHICH YOU WILL MEET TONIGHT AND HEAR THEIR PERSPECTIVE.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, BRUCE.

MY NAME IS ALEXANDRIA LATRAGNA.

I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE NEW COUNCILMEMBERS ON BOARD.

THE ITEM BEFORE YOU IS THE CONSIDERATION OF THE LANDSCAPE AND HARDSCAPE PLANS FOR THE PLAQUE MONUMENT.

I WANTED TO SPEND A COUPLE OF COMMENTS CATCHING UP THE PUBLIC AND OUR NEW COUNCILMEMBERS ON THE ITEM AND HOW WE GOT HERE.

THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHED THE HISTORY ADVISORY BOARD AFTER BRUCE'S BEACH TASK FORCE WAS CREATED.

AND THEY WERE A COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO WERE TASKED WITH CREATING THE HISTORY REPORTS.

SO THEY DID A TON OF RESEARCH, CREATED A HISTORY REPORT THAT'S HOUSED ON OUR WEBSITE THAT YOU CAN TAKE A LOOK AT.

AND FROM THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ACTUALLY CREATED THE PLAQUE LANGUAGE THAT IS GOING TO BE INSTALLED.

SO THAT'S WHAT THIS ITEM IS ABOUT, IS PROPERLY ADDRESSING THE HISTORY OF BRUCE'S BEACH.

SO THE CITY COUNCIL THEN GAVE STAFF DIRECTION TO REMOVE THE PLAQUE THAT WAS THERE.

SO THAT'S DONE.

IF YOU DRIVE BY BRUCE'S BEACH PARK TODAY, YOU WON'T SEE THAT PLAQUE ANYMORE.

AND WE'VE STARTED TO PREPARE THE SITE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW PLAQUE.

THE ITEM BEFORE YOU TODAY IS THE HARDSCAPE AND LANDSCAPE PLAN FOR INSTALLATION.

SO THE CITY COUNCIL GAVE STAFF MORE SPECIFIC DIRECTION TO INSTALL THE NEW PLAQUE AT THE SAME LOCATION AS THE OLD PLAQUE AND INSTALL A WALKWAY FROM THE SIDEWALK APPROACHING THE PLAQUE.

CITY COUNCIL CHOSE A BRONZE PLAQUE AND CEMENT PEDESTAL.

SO THOSE HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND ARE SITTING IN OUR PUBLIC WORKS AREA READY TO BE INSTALLED.

AND THAT WAS KIND OF THE OVERALL DESIGN FOR THE MONUMENT.

AND DIRECTED STAFF TO ENGRAVE BRUCE'S BEACH PARK.

SO ADDITIONALLY THE CITY COUNCIL WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE FULL HISTORY WAS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

PART OF THE PLANS THAT YOU WON'T SEE ON HERE IS THEY'RE GOING TO CREATE

SMALL SIGNAGE AT THE LOCATION THAT HAS A QR CODE WHICH WILL LINK BACK TO OUR WEBSITE AND THE HISTORY REPORT THAT OUR HISTORY ADVISORY BOARD PRODUCED.

THERE WILL BE THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND ANY VISITORS WHO VISIT THE SITE.

SO IN RESEARCHING THIS PROJECT STAFF MET WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM THE MANHATTAN BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN AND ENDED UP CONTRACTING WITH ENVIROSCAPE LA.

AND SO JOINING US TONIGHT IS MIKE GARCIA, THE CEO, THE FOUNDER OF ENVIROSCAPE.

HE'S GOING TO PRESENT THESE THREE OPTIONS TO YOU.

OUR DESIRE WAS TO HAVE A DESIGN FOR A SENSE OF INCLUSIVITY AND HEALING AND PEACE.

AND SINCE WE'VE IN A DROUGHT RIGHT YOU, ANY LANDSCAPING CONSIDERED IS DROUGHT TALL RENT, LOW TO THE GROUND AND NOT OBSTRUCTING VIEWS. ALL THREE OF THE OPTIONS USE AS LITTLE GREEN SPACE AS POSSIBLE WHILE RESPECTING THE MESSAGE OF THE IMPORTANT HISTORY DESIGNED ON THE MONUMENT.

ALL HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO ALLOW PATHS FROM -- THIS IS A NOTE FOR FUTURE PLANNING.

BUT ALL THREE OPTIONS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO ALLOW FOR A PATH -- A POSSIBLE PATH IF THE CITY COUNCIL WANTS US TO CREATE ONE IN THE FUTURE LEADING FROM THE MONUMENT TO THE FUTURE ART PIECE WHICH IS STILL BEING PLANNED AND PREPARED FOR.

SO IT COULD EVENTUALLY CONNECT THE TWO PROJECTS WHICH IS A REALLY COOL FEATURE OUR DESIGN TEAM PUT TOGETHER.

AND ONE FINAL THING TO NOTE, WE'LL BE INSTALLING THE SMALL SIGNS WITH THE QR CODE.

WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, I WILL TURN IT OVER TO MIKE GARCIA.

>> THANK YOU.

I'M GLAD TO BE BEFORE EVERYONE AGAIN.

I THINK WE'VE ALL MET BEFORE.

AND I HAVE TO SAY IT WAS A REAL HONOR FOR ME TO BE INVOLVED WITH THIS PROJECT BECAUSE OF THE SCOPE AND THE HISTORY OF IT.

SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, LET'S GET RIGHT INTO THE -- THERE WE GO.

OKAY.

I THINK WE'VE ALL GONE TO HIGHLAND AND WE'VE SEEP WHAT WAS THERE BEFORE.

I THINK ORIGINALLY IT WAS CALLED PARK [INAUDIBLE], REMEMBER THOSE DAYS?

AND THEN BRUCE'S BEACH AND IT'S INTERESTING TO SEE HOW IT'S EVOLVED. WHEN WE WENT ORIGINALLY TO THE SITE, WE ACTUALLY WENT THERE FOR HOURS AND WE CONSIDERED AND JUST KIND OF TOOK IN WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON THE SITE.

AND, YOU KNOW, IT'S OBVIOUS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE PICTURE, THERE ARE MATURE TREES, THERE'S A HEAVY -- IT'S LIKE GRAND CENTRAL STATION, THE CARS THERE.

GOOD LUCK TRYING TO FIND PARKING, RIGHT?

HEAVY USAGE BETWEEN THE SURFERS AND THE RESIDENTS.

IT'S VERY HEAVILY USED.

ONE THING I HAD NEVER NOTICED UNTIL I HAD SPENT MORE THAN TEN MINUTES THERE BEFORE IS THIS WAS ACTUALLY A STOPPING SITE.

THIS WAS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WERE FROM OUT OF TOWN.

I HAD NO IDEA.

PEOPLE ACTUALLY CAME AND THEY WERE TAKING PICTURES OF IT.

AND ONE YOUNG LADY WAS TAKING PICTURES AND SHE WAS LIKE, I CAN'T BELIEVE.

SHE WAS CRYING.

WOW.

THIS IS A PRETTY TALL ORDER BECAUSE I KNOW THE MONUMENTS -- A PLAQUE HAS BEEN ORDERED, IT'S COME.

AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO DRESS IT UP.

THAT'S REALLY GOING TO MAKE THIS.

THIS IS DESIGN OPTION NUMBER ONE.

I REALLY LIKE THIS BECAUSE IT WAS VERY IMPACTFUL.

AND I HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT THIS UNTIL WE DID THE HELICOPTER VIEW LIKE YOU SEE BEFORE YOU RIGHT NOW.

BUT IT ALMOST LOOKS LIKE A KEYHOLE.

YOU COULD ALMOST SAY THIS IS THE KEY TO THE FUTURE.

WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS WE HAVE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE THERE'S THE CENTER PIECE AND THEN WE HAVE RAISED PLANTER BEDS -- AND I'LL GIVE SEVERAL OTHER VIEWS OF THIS FROM THE SIDE.

THERE'S GOING TO BE NATIVE PLANTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE AROUND IT.
FOR ADA PURPOSES WE HAD TO MAKE SURE IT WAS A PARTICULAR WIDTH SO THAT
IF YOU'RE IN A WHEELCHAIR YOU COULD TURN AROUND.

AND THERE'S FLAGSTONES SET IN DECOMPOSED GRANITE OR WHAT WE KNOW AS
DG

AND THERE'S FLAGSTONES IN GROUND COVER WHICH IS A VERY DROUGHT TOLERANT
GROUND COVER.

THIS GIVES YOU A BETTER VIEW.

THIS IS THE SOUTHWEST TOP VIEW, IF YOU'RE LOOKING TOWARD THE
SOUTHWEST.

YOU CAN SEE THE RAISED PLANTERS.

AND WE'RE GOING TO GET A CLOSER UP OF IT WITH THE HAND SCAPE OF WHAT
IT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE.

HERE IT IS IF YOU'RE LOOKING NORTH.

AND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WE'RE GOING TO GO FOR LIKE A CORK AND STEEL
LOOK.

IT'S A REAL COOL-LOOKING PLANTER MATERIAL, OR SOMETHING SIMILAR.

EXISTING TREES STAY.

WE LOVE TREES.

AND THEN YOU CAN SEE HERE THERE'S DIFFERENT USES.

THERE'S A BICYCLIST THERE ON THE UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER.

ON THE RIGHT-HAND CORNER THIS SHOW AS HELICOPTER VIEW AS YOU'RE
LOOKING STRAIGHT DOWN.

AND THE PLANTERS THEMSELVES, IN THE TOP RIGHT, YOU CAN SEE THE

STONEMWORK THAT IS GOING TO GO ON THE SIDE.

AND THE LEFT-HAND CORNER, THAT'S WHAT DG -- ARIZONA FLAGSTONE WITH DG LOOKS LIKE.

IT COULD BE ANOTHER TYPE OF STONE.

WE THOUGHT THE DG BECAUSE THERE'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE A LOT OF PEOPLE WALKING THEIR DOGS AND WE KNOW WHAT DOGS DO TO GRASS.

AND ON THE VERY BOTTOM IN THE MIDDLE THERE'S A BOULDER.

WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE REALLY COOL TO HAVE SOME SITTING BOULDERS, SO IF SOMEBODY WANTED TO MEANDER FOR A FEW MINUTES AND TAKE A REST, THERE YOU HAVE IT.

AND HERE'S THE BACK VIEW.

I THINK IF WE VISITED THE SITE WE KNOW THAT THERE'S STAIRS GOING DOWN TO THE LOWER AREA.

AND THEN THE EXISTING LAWN IS GOING TO STAY.

BUT THE PART WE'RE GOING TO TOUCH, AT LEAST IT'S GOING TO BE NATIVES.

AND THE VERY BACK, JUST AS YOU STEP OFF OF THE STAIRS, THERE'S GOING TO BE FLAGSTONE WITH THE GROUND COVER.

I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY HAVE HEARD OF KUROIPIA GROUND COVER.

IT NEEDS TO BE WATERED ONCE IT'S ESTABLISHED, ONCE A WEEK OR EVERY OTHER WEEK.

IT STAYS LOW SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO MOW IT.

WE THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THE SITE HERE.

I THINK THIS PARTICULAR DESIGN WITH THE ROUNDNESS, IT FUNCTIONS BEST FOR REFLECTION.

THE WHOLE REASON WHY PEOPLE COME HERE ISN'T JUST TO LOOK AT A PRETTY MONUMENT.

IT'S TO REFLECT ON WHATEVER THEY'VE READ, THEY'RE GOING TO BE REFLECTING.

LET'S GO TO THE NEXT ONE.

THIS IS DESIGN OPTION NUMBER TWO.

AND THIS IS DIFFERENT, AS YOU CAN SEE.

IT'S MORE OF A MODULAR AND MORE OF A CONTEMPORARY FEEL.

IT DOES HAVE A LOT.

IT'S A BIT BUSY BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE IT HAS THE PAVEMENT OR, EXCUSE ME, THE CONCRETE PAVERS.

AND THE PATHS ARE WIDER.

THE GARDEN BEDS ARE SLIGHTLY BIGGER.

IT'S MORE OF A JUMBO SIZE.

BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND, THE TOTAL AREA THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY DEALING WITH IS 30-BY-200 OVERALL.

THIS IS NOT A BIG FOOTPRINT BUT THIS IS A BIGGER FOOTPRINT THAN THE ORIGINAL ONE WE LOOKED AT.

HERE'S A SIDE VIEW OF IT AS YOU'RE LOOKING TOWARD THE BEACH.

AND YOU CAN SEE THE PLANTER IS A LITTLE BIGGER.

AND THEN THERE'S -- THIS IS ANOTHER VIEW OF IT KIND OF LOOKING SOUTH -- EXCUSE ME, WEST AND NORTHWEST.

AND YOU CAN SEE THE COMPUTER PUT THERE, THERE'S BOULDERS THERE IN THE LOWER AND THE UPPER PICTURE, THERE'S BOULDERS.

LOOKS LIKE MORE BOULDER WORK HERE.

AND THIS IS THE HELICOPTER VIEW.

YOU'RE LOOKING -- YOU'RE STRAIGHT UP.

YOU CAN SEE HOW IT'S MORE OF A SQUARE ANGULAR SHAPE THAT WRAPS AROUND WITH PLANTERS THAT ARE COLORED IN AND THEN THE GREEN LAWN, OF COURSE. AND THEN THIS IS NUMBER THREE.

ESSENTIALLY THIS IS -- IT HAS A RAISED PLANTER BED SET BACK AGAINST THE BASE OF THE MONUMENT AND IT HAS LAWN -- THIS IS A SIMPLER APPROACH BUT WE WANTED TO GIVE YOU SEVERAL OPTION TO LOOK AT.

CONCRETE PAVERS ON THE SIDES.

THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE FACING NORTH IN THE UPPER RIGHT-HAND CORNER. AND AGAIN SHOWING THE ROCK WORK.

AND THE BOULDERS ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE YOU CAN TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOULDERS.

AND THEN THIS IS THE HELICOPTER VIEW.

SO THIS DOESN'T GO AROUND THE ENTIRE MONUMENT.

IT BASICALLY STOPS.

THERE'S ONLY SO MANY THINGS YOU CAN DO -- THESE ARE SOME OF THE -- GETTING INTO THE NITTY-GRITTY TO COMPLIMENT THE MONUMENT MATERIAL, WE WANTED TO ADD SOME WARMTH TO IT SINCE IT'S BRONZE.

WE HAVE THIS WEATHERED CONCRETE ON THE LEFT.

IT HAS A TEXTURE.

IT'S A CONCRETE FINISH THAT -- IT ISN'T JUST CONCRETE BUT THERE'S GOING TO BE A SPECIAL CONCRETE FINISH WITH IT.

STACKED STONE TO A FOOT HIGH FOR THE PAVERS -- EXCUSE ME, FOR THE PLANTERS.

AND THEN CORTEN STEEL BECAUSE IT WEATHERS REALLY NICELY AND TURNS ORANGE.

AND THEN FLAGSTONE SET IN DECOMPOSED GRANITE.

AND LOW WATER USAGE PLANTS.

THIS IS WHAT I'M REALLY EXCITED ABOUT.

THE PLANTS ARE -- THESE ARE THE -- IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO PLANTS, I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE NATIVES.

AND WE HAVE THESE, ALL OF THESE AT THE MANHATTAN BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN.

AND MANHATTAN BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN IS THE JEWEL OF MANHATTAN BEACH, ACTUALLY THE ENTIRE SOUTH BAY -- OR I WOULD SAY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I THINK IT'S THE ONLY NATIVE COASTAL GARDEN PROBABLY IN ALL OF CALIFORNIA.

I DON'T KNOW OF ANY OTHER BOTANICAL GARDENS.

NEVER USED PESTICIDES.

THE REASONS WHY NATIVES ARE SO IMPORTANT IS BECAUSE INSECTS OR POLLINATORS, WE'LL CALL THEM.

THE BEE, IF IT DISAPPEARED, 80% OF THE FOOD IT BONDS WOULD DISAPPEAR WITHIN A YEAR.

AND IF ALL OF THE POLLINATORS DISAPPEARED FROM THE PLANET, ABOUT MANKIND -- WITHIN MONTHS, WOULD START EXPERIENCING EXTREME FOOD SHORTAGES, I'M TALKING EVERYBODY.

IF PEOPLE DISAPPEARED OFF OF THE PLANET, ALL 8 BILLION PEOPLE, ABOUT FIVE YEARS LATER YOU'D PROBABLY HAVE PARADISE.

SO WHO IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO THE PLANET?

THE POLLINATORS.

SO WHAT WE'VE DONE OVER THE LAST EIGHT YEARS IS WE'VE CREATED A FOOD DESERT FOR THE POLLINATORS BY TAKING OUT THE NATIVES.

YOU TAKE THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY, THEY ONLY EAT ONE PLANT ON THE PLANET AND IF THAT PLANT GOES AWAY, SO DO THEY.

WE NEED TO DO ALL WE CAN TO HELD.

POLLINATORS.

AND IF YOU WANT TO HELP SAVE THE PLANET, PLANT A NATIVE PLANT.

THAT'S WHY THERE'S A PLETHORA OF NATIVE PLANTS -- AND PLUS THEY LOOK BEAUTIFUL.

AND REMEMBER 30-YEARS-AGO.

PLUS, WE ASKED CITY COUNCIL TO CREATE A BOTANICAL GARDEN IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

THE QUESTION IS WHY.

TO SAVE WATER.

WATER IS SO CHEAP.

WELL, TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND NOW WE REALIZE IT'S MORE THAN JUST WATER.

IT'S ABOUT SAVING THE POLLINATORS.

HERE'S MORE PLANTS FOR POLLINATORS.

YOU CAN SEE MORE EXAMPLES OF THESE AT THE MANHATTAN BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN.

WE HAVE BIG PLAQUES THERE THAT GIVE A LIST OF THE PLANTS AND THE POLLINATORS THAT THEY HELP.

SO BESIDES THAT, NATIVE PLANTS ARE LOW MAINTENANCE --

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE'RE SOLD ON NATIVE PLANTS AND POLLINATION.

>> THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

OKAY.

SO THEN, YEAH, ALL YEAR LONG THEY GROW.

NOW HERE'S AN IMPORTANT -- THIS IS WHAT I WAS MENTIONING ABOUT KUROPIA GROUND COVER.

IF YOU HAVE A HILLSIDE -- IF YOU'RE DOING THE CASH FOR GRASS PROGRAM, YOU CAN ACTUALLY USE THIS AS A REPLACEMENT FOR GRASS AND GET THE CASH REBATE.

SO THIS IS CALL KUROPIA GROUND COVER AND THE POLLINATORS LOVE IT AND YOU NEVER NEED TO MOW IT.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

THIS IS THE LAST SLIDE.

THIS IS THE MOST, I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.

THE GARDEN WE REALIZE THAT WE WANT IT TO BE EDUCATIONAL, WHICH IS WHY THE POLLINATORS ARE GOING TO BE THERE.

IT'S GOING TO HAVE THE COMMUNITY THAT'S GOING TO COME, THAT IT'S GOING TO HELP.

IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT.

IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT HEALING.

AND THESE ARE ALL THINGS THAT WE'VE LEARNED AT THE MANHATTAN BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN.

EVER FRIDAY WE HAVE VOLUNTEERS THAT COME THERE AND THERE'S AN AMAZING GROUP THAT MEETS THERE EVERY SINGLE FRIDAY.

SO I JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT IN THERE TOO, THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT THIS AS SOMEWHAT OF AN EXTENSION OF THE BOTANICAL GARDEN.

SO YOUR CHOICES FOR THE BRUCE'S BEACH, IT'S EITHER THE ROUND OR IT'S THE --

>> Mayor Napolitano: ONE, TWO OR THREE.

>> WHICH DOOR WILL YOU CHOOSE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: QUESTIONS.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: MIKE, GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

NOT USED TO SEEING YOU IN A COAT AND TIE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL YOUR STAFF IS LAUGHING IN THE BACKGROUND.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: TWO YEARS AGO, THEY WERE GRATEFUL ENOUGH TO HAVE A TASK FORCE.

TWO QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

I DIDN'T SEE A BREAKDOWN.

IS THERE A DISCUSSION OF LIGHTING HERE OR DRAINAGE HERE OR CAMERA OR ANY PROTECTION OF THE ACTUAL BRASS PLAQUE?

THAT'S ONE.

MIKE, YOU CAN ADDRESS THE DRAINAGE ISSUE.

WE WATER THIS WITH THE POTABLE WATER.

SO HOW DOES YOUR ONE, TWO AND THREE DESIGNS HANDLE THAT AND HAVE YOU TAKEN THAT INTO ACCOUNT?

HOW DO THEY SUSTAIN THEMSELVES.

I KNOW IT SAYS DROUGHT TOLERANT.

ZERO WATER?

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE WATER.

>> GOOD QUESTION.

THANK YOU FOR ASKING THAT.

I'M GOING TO ADDRESS THAT.

I HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH RAIN GUARD SPRINKLERS AND THEY WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO DONATE THE DRIP IRRIGATION THAT WOULD GO IN THE PLANTERS.

WE'RE WORKING ON GETTING DONATIONS IF NEED BE.

THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE WILLING TO JUST, HEY, YOU KNOW, WE'D LIKE TO BE A PART OF THIS AND GIVE BACK.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: AND AS FAR AS THE DESIGN OF THE BASE ITSELF, THE BASE BEING THE FLOORING PART, THE WATER THAT COMES FROM, NOT FOR THE PLANTS, THAT COME FOR THE PARK ITSELF, WE HAVE TO AIM OUR SPRINKLERS FOR THE PARK AWAY FROM YOUR MONUMENT OR FIND A WAY FOR DRAINAGE.

NOTHING ADDRESSED DRAINAGE.

>> WHAT HAPPENS IS WE HAVE SANDY SOIL THERE.

DRAINAGE IS INCREDIBLE.

WATER GOES RIGHT THROUGH.

THAT'S NEVER BEEN A PROBLEM.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: LET ME ASK ALI THE NEXT QUESTION ABOUT CAMERAS, LIGHTING WITH, THE GRAFFITI COVERING.

WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED IN BEVERLY HILLS LAST NIGHT.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THAT NEXT STEP?

IS THE BRASS PROTECTED?

>> VERY GOOD QUESTION.

WE DIDN'T WANT TO INSTALL -- I'LL ADDRESS THE LIGHTING FIRST.

YOU ASKED ABOUT THAT AS WELL.

WE DIDN'T HAVE A PLAN FOR INSTALLING LIGHTING BECAUSE IT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK AND I THINK IT PROBABLY WOULD POSSIBLY BE DISRUPTIVE.

IF I HAD A HOUSE OUT THERE, I WOULDN'T WANT A BUNCH OF LIGHTS SHINING ON IT.

THAT WASN'T CONTEMPLATED IN THE PLANS.

IT'S NOT IN THERE.

AS FAR AS GRAFFITI, THE MONUMENT ITSELF I BELIEVE IS COATED WITH AN ANTI-GRAFFITI COATING AROUND IT, AROUND THE PEDESTAL ITSELF AND THE BRONZE.

I'M LOOKING AT ERICK.

>> Mayor Napolitano: HE'S SHAKING HIS HEAD YES.

>> WE WILL DO SOMETHING.

>> I BELIEVE IT WAS ORDERED THAT WAY.

WE'LL MAKE SURE, IF IT'S NOT.

BUT MY RECOLLECTION IS IT WAS ORDERED WITH THE CEMENT WITH ANTI-GRAFFITI ON IT AS WELL AS THE BRONZE ITSELF.

>> DIRECTOR LEE TO FINISH OUT THAT LAST QUESTION.

>> WE'VE GOT GOOD SUCCESS WITH ANTI-GRAFFITI AGENTS THAT WE PREAPPLY TO PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES.

WE'LL MAKE SURE IT'S TREATED THAT WAY AND BE VIGILANT IN KEEPING IT KEEPING.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I DID NOT SEE A COMPARISON OF THE SCALE, THE CIRCLE VERSUS OPTIONS TWO AND THREE.

CAN YOU POINT ME TO WHERE THERE'S A DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THE WIDTH WOULD BE?

ARE THEY ALL ROUGHLY THE SAME?

IT LOOKS LIKE ONE IS LARGER THAN THE OTHER.

>> THE MODULAR IS A LITTLE BIGGER.

IT'S WIDER THAN THE ROUND ONE.

>> Councilmember Lesser: AND THEN WITH REGARD TO THE PLANTS, NATIVE PLANTS IN RAISED BENDS CAN BE A MIXED BAG IN CERTAIN TIMES OF THE YEAR, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY DIE OUT.

WHAT WOULD BE PLAN BE.

NATIVE PLANTS HAVE CERTAIN LIFE CYCLE.

WHAT IS THE VISION HERE WITH REGARD TO THE NATIVE PLANTS THAT ARE PROMINENTLY PART OF THIS MONUMENT?

>> GOOD QUESTION.

THE NATIVE PLANTS, A LOT OF THEM LOOK GOOD IN THE SPRING, SOME LOOK GOOD IN THE SUMMER AND SOME IN THE FALL.

MOST OF THE TIME NONE LOOK GOOD IN THE WINTER.

IF YOU GO TO THE MANHATTAN BEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN THERE'S A BIG EDUCATIONAL SIGN THAT TALKS ABOUT HOW -- IF YOU GO TO A RESTAURANT YOU DON'T ORDER A WHOLE APPLE PIE FOR YOUR DINNER BUT YOU HAVE A SLICE AND YOU HAVE NUTRIENT DENSE FOOD.

IN THIS CASE WE HAVE MOSTLY NATIVE PLANTS AND WE KNOW THE NATIVES ARE NOT GOING TO LOOK GOOD IN THE WINTERTIME.

WE COULD HAVE LAVENDER WHICH LOOKS GOOD OR SOME KIND OF PLANT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I SAW A HAND FOR COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

THAT'S THIS ITEM?

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES, THANK YOU.

ALONG THE LINES OF MY COLLEAGUE, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER, YOU DID MENTION, I THINK FOR OPTION TWO, THE SCALE WAS 6,000 SQUARE FEET, AS FAR AS COVERAGE?

DO YOU REMEMBER SAYING THAT, MIKE?

>> NO.

NO.

IT WASN'T 6,000.

>> Councilmember Franklin: 30-BY-200.

>> YES, THAT WAS OVERALL THE AREA FROM STREET TO TREAT IS -- CORRECT,
IT'S 30-BY --

>> Councilmember Franklin: OH, OKAY.

>> FROM STREET TO STREET, THE OVERALL.

>> Councilmember Franklin: GOT YOU.

I THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY BIG.

BUT DO YOU HAVE THOSE FIGURES AS FAR AS, YOU KNOW, RELATIVE SCALE OF
OPTION ONE, OPTION TWO, OPTION THREE IN TERMS OF SQUARE FOOTAGE?

>> THAT'S A REALLY GOOD QUESTION, COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, AND THANK
YOU FOR ASKING.

BECAUSE I WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE SCALE AND MAKING SURE IT DIDN'T
TAKE UP SO MUCH GREEN SPACE ESPECIALLY THAT THE PUBLIC PLACES
COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING AN ART PIECE ON THAT SAME PLAT AS YOU KNOW,
COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, AS PART OF OUR COMMITTEE.

SO WE WENT OUT THERE WITH MIKE AND WE -- WHICH I JUST WANT TO GIVE
A SHOUT OUT TO MIMI WHO CREATED THESE PLANS FOR US.

WE WENT OUT TO THE PARK AND SPRAY-PAINTED IT, YOU KNOW, WITH WASHABLE
PAINT, EACH OF THE PLANS JUST TO SEE THE SCALE BECAUSE IT'S EASY TO
LOOK AT A PLAN AND SAY OH, IT'S, YOU KNOW, ROUGHLY 30 FEET ACROSS BUT
TO SEE IT IN PERSON I THINK IS IMPORTANT.

SO WE DID SEE THE DIFFERENT SCALE OF HOW LARGE THEY WERE.

THE BIGGEST ONE IS 35 FEET, YOU KNOW, WITH BASICALLY FLAGSTONE TO
FLAGSTONE.

SOME OF THIS IS GOING TO BE DG AND SOME OF IT IS GOING TO BE FLAGSTONE.

BUT THAT ENTIRE FLAT IS 200 FEET ACROSS.

SO FROM STREET TO STREET IT'S 200 FEET ACROSS.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT JUST 30 TO 35 FEET FOR THE WIDTH OF THE LARGEST ONE.

THAT'S OPTION TWO.

OPTION NUMBER ONE IS PROBABLY THE SMALLEST ONE.

IT'S THE ROUND OPTION.

MAYBE WE CAN BRING THAT ONE UP.

WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE OPTIONS FIT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND ALLOW THE COMMUNITY TO GATHER AND USE THE GREEN SPACES.

WE KNOW THAT GREEN SPACES ARE HARD TO COME BY AND WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE IT FIT IN THE LANDSCAPE.

OPTIONS ONE, TWO AND THREE DON'T GO PAST THAT TREE THAT'S THERE NEXT TO THE BIKER IN THIS PHOTO.

THEY DON'T GO PAST THERE.

AT THAT THREE IS THE LARGEST.

HOPEFULLY, THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION, COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: SO WE DON'T KNOW THE EXACT DIMENSIONS IS BASICALLY WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

>> WE HAVE THEM WRITTEN DOWN BUT WE'RE JUST TRYING TO TALK ABOUT CONCEPTS TONIGHT.

BUT WE DO HAVE THOSE AVAILABLE.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY.

>> I DON'T HAVE THEM WITH ME RIGHT NOW BUT WE CAN MAKE THOSE AVAILABLE.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY.

LET ME SEE.

THE OTHER QUESTION FOR YOU, MIKE, I THINK THAT'S IT.

YEAH, THAT'S IT FOR NOW.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: JUST A QUICK QUESTION, MIKE.

NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

AND THAT IS, AS YOU MENTIONED, THE CORTEN STEEL AND HOW IT WILL AGE NICELY, ET CETERA.

AT SOME POINT IT WILL START TO RUST, IS THAT CORRECT?

>> THAT'S WHY YOU USE -- AND THEN IT TURNS ORANGE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I GET THAT BUT DOES IT START TO BECOME HOLES, LIKE THE TRASH BARREL THAT SOMEBODY MIGHT USE?

>> IT'S THICK.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW.

I LIKE AN ORANGE STEEL.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: IT ACTUALLY PROLONGS THE LIFE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: GREAT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'VE GOT MORE COMMENTS THAN QUESTIONS BUT GO AHEAD, MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I HAVE A QUESTION FOR ALI BY MAYBE YOU CAN ANSWER IT, MIKE.

THERE'S A BENCH TO THE RIGHT.

YOU DESIGNED THIS WITHOUT ANY IDEA OF SPACE.

THERE'S NO SITTING AREA AROUND THE BRASS PLAQUE.

YOUR INTENTION ARE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO MOVE AROUND WHETHER ON FOOT OR WHEELCHAIR ON ALL THREE DESIGNS.

I SAY WE HAVE ONE BENCH --

>> THERE'S ONE ON THE NORTH SIDE AND THE SOUTH SIDE.

THOSE ARE CURRENTLY THERE.

SO WE DON'T CONTEMPLATE ADDITIONAL BENCHES.

I THINK THERE'S ENOUGH SEATING THERE, YOU KNOW, TO START WITH.

I MEAN COUNCIL CAN CERTAINLY ADD MORE SEATING IF THAT'S YOUR PREROGATIVE.

THERE'S AN IDEA THAT SOME OF THOSE BOULDERS WOULD BE A PLACE WHERE -- AND LARGE ENOUGH WHERE YOU COULD SIT DOWN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THAT WAS A QUESTION, IS THAT A SEATING AREA.

BESIDES WHAT YOU SEE HERE, YOU COULD SIT ON THE BOULDERS?

>> THEY'RE GOING TO BE LARGE.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: VERY BRIEF.

FOLLOWING UP ON MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY, THE PEOPLE, WOULDN'T THEY

USE THE PLANTER TO SIT ON TOO?

THAT'S ONE QUESTION.

THE SECOND QUESTION IS DG.

I'VE USED IT ADJACENT TO LAWNS AND SEE HOW IT CAN BLEED IF IT'S NOT IMPACTED AND ENDS UP ON THE GRASS AND IF EVEN IF THERE'S GOOD DRAINAGE, DG CAN SPREAD.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTION.

WE WERE GOING TO USE A COMPOSITE BORDER AS A DIVISION BETWEEN THE GRASS AND THE DG.

WE'RE GOING TO PUT LANDSCAPE FABRIC ON THE BOTTOM AND COMPACT IT DOWN. WHOEVER DOES IT.

THERE WON'T BE ANY BLEEDING.

>> Councilmember Lesser: AND USE OF THE PLANTERS AS ESSENTIALLY BENCHES?

>> THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE BENCHES.

THE REASON WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, THE PLANTERS THERE TO BEGIN WITH IS TO PUT PLANTS ON.

BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF EDGES AND SO PLANTS WILL HAVE A TENDENCY, ESPECIALLY THE NATIVE PLANTS.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.

>> GOING BACK TO THE QUESTION ABOUT SCALE, SO I HAVE SOME ROUGH ESTIMATES OF HOW LARGE THIS OPTION IS.

SO THE AREA AROUND, BETWEEN THE PLAQUE AND -- ACTUALLY MIGHT BE EASIER IF I USE THIS POINTER.

SO THIS WALKWAY RIGHT HERE, THE TURN AROUND, A ROUGHLY FOUR TO FIVE FEET.

THEN THIS FIRST PLANTER IS ABOUT TWO FEET.

AND THEN I THINK THIS IS A LITTLE MORE THAN TWO FEET RIGHT HERE.

SO THAT MIGHT GIVE YOU AN ESTIMATE ABOUT THE DIAMETER OF, YOU KNOW, HOW MUCH SPACE IT TAKES FROM THIS SPOT TO THIS SPOT.

BUT THEN, AGAIN, THIS IS -- THIS AREA IS FLAT AND WALKABLE.

SO IT'S NOT GOING TO TAKE UP SO MUCH SPACE THAT'S NOT USABLE OR WALKABLE AND ENJOYED BY VISITORS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU.

WE'LL OPEN UP TO THE PUBLIC THEN.

ANYONE FROM THE PUBLIC WANT TO COME DOWN TO SPEAK TO THIS ITEM?

OKAY.

SEEING NONE, ANYONE ON ZOOM?

ALL RIGHT.

I SEE YOU MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY, I AM GOING TO JUMP IN FIRST.

A COUPLE OF COMMENTS HERE.

FIRST I WOULD GO WITH NUMBER ONE.

I WOULD GO WITH THE ROUND DESIGN.

HOWEVER, I'VE LEARNED OVER THE YEARS, ESPECIALLY HERE IN MANHATTAN BEACH, DON'T MESS WITH THE VIEW.

THE VIEW IS THE BEST THING.

SO A PLANTER THAT BLOCKS THE PATH TO THAT STAIRCASE I DON'T THINK WORKS.

I THINK YOU SHOULD HAVE A SPLIT BETWEEN THE PLANTERS THERE. AND FRANKLY I AGREE WITH THE IDEA OF THE SEATING AROUND IT. IF YOU WANT TO BE CONTEMPLATIVE, YOU NEED SEATING AROUND IT. ROCKS DON'T DO IT FOR ME.

WE'VE TRIED THAT ON THE VETERANS PARKWAY.

NO ONE USES THEM.

AND IF SOMEONE IS VISITS IN A WHEELCHAIR, THEY HAVE TO SIT SOMEWHERE ELSEWHERE SOMEBODY ELSE WANTS TO SEE.

IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT CONTEMPLATIVE, SOME COMBINATION OF SEATING AND PLANTER NEEDS TO HAPPEN WHERE THE FIRST FOOT OR FOOT AND A HALF OF THAT PLANTER SPACE SHOULD BE SOME TYPE OF MATERIAL, WHETHER CONCRETE OR WHAT.

AND I SAY THAT ALSO BECAUSE I THINK YOU CAN PUSH IT OUT A LITTLE BIT.

I DON'T PERSONALLY SEE THE POINT OF HAVING THE FLAGSTONE DG PATHWAY AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF IT, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE AN OPENING THAT MATCHES THE ONE FROM THE EASTERN SIDE TO THE WESTERN SIDE.

IF YOU OPEN UP THAT WESTERN SIDE TO WHERE THE STAIRWELL IS, I THINK YOU CONNECT THE PATH BETWEEN THE CONCRETE THERE TO THE STAIRS THAT ARE EXISTING THERE.

I DON'T SEE THE NEED FOR THAT DG PATH AROUND IT.

I DON'T SEE THE NEED FOR THE ROCKS.

I DO SEE A NEED FOR SEATING AROUND IT WHERE PEOPLE SIT AND LIKE I SAID,

DON'T BLOCK THE VIEW.

OTHERWISE, THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

GREAT DESIGN.

I'M WITH THE MAYOR ON THIS ONE.

THAT'S WHY I ASKED ABOUT THE BENCH.

THAT WAS THE FIRST THING PEOPLE SAW WHEN THEY READ THIS.

THEY ASKED ABOUT THE BENCH SEATING.

NOT JUST THE TWO, ALI MENTIONED THE 1960 SIT-DOWN CONCRETE BENCH.

THEY'RE NOT COMFORTABLE TO SIT ON.

THAT WAS THE POINT.

IT WORKS.

BUT I THINK A LOW BENCH SHOULD BE THERE IF NOT INCLUDED IN THE DESIGN.

MY FAVORITE IS NUMBER THREE AND I'LL TELL YOU WHY.

NUMBER ONE IS TOO LIMITING, TOO CONFINING.

PEOPLE ARE GOING TO USE IT.

CROWDS ARE GOING TO SHOW UP.

NO MATTER WHAT SIZE, THEY'RE GOING TO SHOW UP.

NUMBER ONE LIMITS IT.

AND THEY'RE GOING TO SPREAD OUT.

THERE GOES YOUR PLANT MATERIAL OUT THE WINDOW.

MY FAVORITE IS THREE.

IT'S A BROADER DESIGN.

IT DOESN'T PUSH PEOPLE IN LIKE THIS.

CAN YOU IMAGINE A WHEELCHAIR AND PEOPLE WALKING, THERE'S IN WHERE TO GO.

YOU'RE STUCK IN A CIRCLE.

IT JAMS EVERYBODY UP.

THERE IS MORE OF AN OPEN-FLOW DESIGN.

THAT WITH THE BENCHES AND AS STEVE SAID, LET THE VIEW CAPTURE EVERYTHING ELSE FOR YOU.

I THINK IT WOULD BE FANTASTIC.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

I DIDN'T SEE WHEN YOU PUSHED IT.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, GO AHEAD.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES, THANK YOU.

SO THANK YOU, STAFF, ALI, AND MIKE.

YOU REALLY BROUGHT SOME GOOD VISUALIZATION HERE TO THE PURPOSE OF HAVING PEOPLE FIND A SENSE OF COMMUNITY WHEN THEY'RE THERE LOOKING AT THE PLAQUE.

AND MIKE, YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T HAVE THE EXPRESSION BUT YOU'VE JUST GIVEN IT TO ME BECAUSE I PASS BY THAT SPOT DOZENS AND DOZENS OF TIMES OVER THE LAST YEAR AND EVEN BEFORE THAT AND WHENEVER THERE WERE PEOPLE THERE, I EXPERIENCED WHAT YOU EXPERIENCED.

IT TOOK YOU TEN MINUTES.

I'VE SEEN IT COUNTLESS TIMES.

IT'S A STOPPING SITE FOR PEOPLE TO COME TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.

THEY'RE TAKING PICTURES.

THEY'RE LAYING OUT PICNIC BLANKETS.

THEY'RE, YOU KNOW, TALKING AND MEETING AND IT'S JUST A WONDERFUL THING TO SEE.

I'VE ACTUALLY STOPPED ON MY BIKE AND, YOU KNOW, OFFERED TO TAKE PICTURES BECAUSE THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE WHO NEVER GETS IN THE PICTURE.

I'VE DONE THAT SEVERAL TIMES WITH GROUPS MEETING THERE.

THAT'S A GREAT EXPRESSION.

IT'S A STOPPING SITE.

I ALSO AGREE THAT, YOU KNOW, WITH MAYOR NAPOLITANO, THAT THE LANDSCAPE SORT OF GETS IN THE WAY.

THERE'S NOTHING MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN IF YOU WERE STANDING IN FRONT OF THAT, YOU KNOW, PLAQUE AND READING IT AND YOU JUST LOOK UP AND YOU SEE THAT OCEAN, YOU SEE THE PARK, YOU SEE THE CASCADING GRASS AS IT GOES DOWN.

AND I JUST DON'T THINK IT NEEDS ANY ENHANCEMENT.

I THINK, YOU KNOW, MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY SAID, IT SORT OF GETS IN THE WAY.

SOME OF THE STUFF GETS IN THE WAY, LIKE MIKE SAW AND ALL OF US HAVE SEEN, PEOPLE ENJOYING THAT SPOT.

YOU TAKE AWAY THE SPONTANEITY.

PEOPLE ARE THERE, THEY'RE BRINGING FOOT FOOD, THEY'RE BRINGING BLANKETS.

KIDS ARE PLAYING, RUNNING BACK AND FORTH.

IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO SORT OF HAVE ANYTHING GET IN THEIR WAY.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE DESIGN TOO CONSTRICTIVE FOR THOSE KIND OF SPONTANEOUS MOMENTS.

AND YOU KNOW, THE PLAQUE IS GOING TO BE STUNNING.

WE SPENT A LONG TIME DEBATING WHAT WAS GOING TO BE ON THE PLAQUE AND IT'S ACCURATE.

IT'S GOT A LOT MORE INFORMATION THAN THE OLD ONE DOES.

IT DOESN'T TAKE UP THE VIEW AS THE OLD ONE DOES.

SO IT REALLY IS GOING TO BE A NICE AREA TO COME AND VISIT AND LEARN THE HISTORY.

AND WITH THE ADDITION OF THE QR CODE YOU CAN GET, I THINK IT'S UP TO 88 PAGES OF HISTORY.

YOU KNOW, THE HISTORY REPORT.

SO IN TERMS OF FITTING IT INTO THE DESIGNS -- OH, THE OTHER THING I JUST WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT AND THAT'S WHY I WAS ASKING ABOUT THE SQUARE FOOTAGE.

FOR THE REASONS I MENTIONED EARLIER, PEOPLE ENJOY SITTING ON THE GRASS.

YOU KNOW, MAYOR NAPOLITANO, YOU SAID IT CORRECTLY.

THEY DON'T LIKE SITTING ON ROCKS.

ROCKS ARE UNCOMFORTABLE.

THEY CAN SIT ON THE GRASS WITH THEIR CHAIRS OR BLANKETS.

DESIGN OPTION ONE WITHOUT THE PLANNER BOX TO THE WEST, BECAUSE AGAIN, I SAW FAMILIES MINE UP AND SPREAD ACROSS, YOU KNOW, FAMILIES AND

FRIENDS SPREAD ACROSS WITH THE MONUMENT IN THE CENTER, YOU KNOW, WITH NOW THE PLAQUE IN THE CENTER.

YOU KNOW, THERE COULD BE MAYBE MANY, MANY PEOPLE THERE.

AND YOU WANT TO GIVE THEM ROOM.

YOU DON'T WANT TO IMPEDE WHAT THEY WANT TO DO, YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF TAKING A PICTURE THERE.

SO IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE SMALLER FOOTPRINT IN TERMS OF TAKING UP LESS GRASS WITHOUT THE DG WOULD BE OPTION NUMBER ONE.

OPTION NUMBER THREE, PARDON ME, I'M SWITCHING BACK AND FORTH HERE.

OPTION NUMBER THREE, AGAIN, IT'S A LOWER PROFILE.

I DON'T THINK WE NEED, YOU KNOW, THE PLANTS ON THE PLANTER TO THE WEST.

REALLY WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CRITERIA THAT I WAS CONSIDERING, PROBABLY NUMBER ONE WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS WOULD BE THE BEST CHOICE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, AND THANK YOU, MIKE, AND ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

I'M VERY PLEASED WITH THE NATIVE PLANTS.

AND I LOVED WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW THE BOTANICAL GARDEN HAS, YOU KNOW, VOLUNTEERS ON FRIDAYS AND THIS COULD BE AN EXTENSION OF THAT.

AND THEN SO IT'S COMMUNITY BUILDING IN ANOTHER WAY.

SO I LOVE THAT INTENTIONALITY.

I AGREE WITH THE MAYOR ON THE SHAPER AND DESIGN OF OPTION ONE.

IT'S THE MOST INTENTIONAL, RIGHT.

AND WE'RE TRYING TO BE INTENTIONAL HERE.

WE WANT THE MEAN IT.

AND I THINK -- I THINK THE MAYOR -- CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG.

I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU NOT HAVING THE PLANTER DIRECTLY BEHIND THE MONUMENT, BUT YOU COULD HAVE A GAP THERE.

A GAP.

IT'S NOT THAT YOU GET RID TO HAVE PLANTER TOTALLY.

JUST WHERE THE MONUMENT IS -- I KNOW WE'RE OVER -- WE'RE IN THE WEEDS.

HA HA.

THANK YOU, MR. MOE.

YOU COULD CLOSE UP THE SIDE, I AGREE PUT IN, INSTEAD OF ROCKS, LOW BENCHES.

THAT WAY PEOPLE CAN SIT AND CONTEMPLATE.

BUT MAYBE WHAT WE DO, TO COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY'S POINT, YOU PUSH OUT THE PLANTERS TO THE EDGE OF WHERE THE DG IS NOW, RIGHT.

SO IT'S A SLIGHTLY BIGGER AREA INSIDE.

IT DOESN'T TAKE UP ANY MORE FOOTPRINT THAN THE DESIGN CURRENTLY DOES, IT DOES AWAY WITH THE DG.

IF YOU'RE WALKING YOUR DOG AND IT HAPPENS TO RELIEVE ITSELF, IT'S RELIEVING ITSELF IN THE PARK.

I'M JUST SAYING.

YOU GET THE ROOM THAT COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY WANTED, YOU KEEP THE

SHAPE THAT WE LIKE AND, YOU KNOW, THERE YOU GO.

THAT'S WHAT I WOULD VOTE FOR.

BUT I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT IT.

AND ALSO GRATEFUL TO YOU, SOMEONE WHO HAS DONE SO MUCH SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY.

WE'RE SO LUCKY TO HAVE YOU.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: JUST TO ECHO THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN STATED AND THEN COME UP WITH AN IDEA FOR MOVING FORWARD.

THANK YOU TO THE TEAM FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER.

IT IS A BEAUTIFUL REFLECTION OF THE HISTORY THAT'S OCCURRED THERE AND AN ARTISTIC NATURE-BASED WAY TO COMMEMORATE IT.

I USED TO LIVE THREE BLOCKS FROM THERE AND WOULD GO TO THE PARK AND TAKE IN THE OCEAN.

THE OCEAN ITSELF AND THAT VISTA AND HORIZON IS SO POWERFUL.

ADD TO THAT NOW THE HISTORY THAT WE KNOW OF THERE, IT TAKES A SPECIAL PROJECT LIKE THIS ONE TO TRY TO BRING IT ALL TOGETHER.

AND I HATE TO IMPEDE THAT BECAUSE THERE'S THIS NATURAL BEAUTY OF THAT SITE.

SO MAYBE ONE WAY FORWARD -- I WOULD LIKE EITHER OPTION ONE AS SUGGESTED BY MAYOR.

I HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE DG.

I LIKE THE IDEA OF THE GRASS, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE WE DO WANT OPEN SPACE.

THAT'S BEEN A CHRONIC ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR SO LONG.

ONE IDEA FOR MOVING FORWARD WOULD BE REVISED DRAWINGS WHICH DOES HAVE THE DIMENSIONS.

I ALSO LIKE OPTION THREE BECAUSE IT HAD LESS OF AN IMPACT AND FOCUSED ON THE HORIZON.

SO THE QUESTION IS WHETHER WE WANT FURTHER WORKUP ON OPTION THREE OR STICK WITH ONE BECAUSE OF THE POWER OF THE CIRCLE.

I WOULD BE FINE WITH THAT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MY PREFERENCE WOULD BE ONE.

BUT I DO TAKE TO HEART THE IDEA THAT WAS DISCUSSED OF THE NATIVES AND PLANTINGS.

AND FRANKLY I'M OPENING TO FINDING OTHER SPACE IN THAT PARK FOR ADDITIONAL PLANTING OR CHANGING OUT THE TURF FOR THE GROUND COVER BECAUSE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING THAT AND THAT IS A BIG GREEN SPACE WE HAVEN'T ADDRESSED AND THERE ARE SOME BARE SPOTS ALONG THE WAY THAT NEED HELP AS WELL.

THERE'S PLACES TO DO PLANTINGS THERE.

BUT I WOULD KEEP THE FOCUS ON THE HORIZON AND THE MONUMENT.

AND I DO AGREE WITH MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY'S POINT THOUGH ABOUT HAVING -- AND COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN'S POINT TOP I REMEMBER HERMOSA REDOING THEIR PIER, SHOULD WE HAVE SOMETHING AT THE END.

NO, DON'T MESS WITH THE VIEW.

WE HAD THE REDO OF OUR ROUND HOUSE WITH A CAFE THAT IMPEDED THE VIEW OF IT AND HAVE A CLEAR VIEW NOW.

STICK WITH THE VIEW.

I DO THINK IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOMETHING RAISED THERE, CIRCULAR BENCH AROUND IT WHERE THE PLANTERS WOULD BE WITH GAPS BETWEEN THEM AND IF YOU WANT TO INCORPORATE SOME LOW-LEVEL PLANTS AS PART OF THAT, AGAIN, LEAVING THE GAP IN THE MIDDLE TO BE ABLE TO SEE THROUGH THE SPACE, THAT'S FINE WITH ME TOO.

THAT'S WHAT I THROW OUT THERE.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I AGREE WITH ALL OF THAT.

I ASK THAT YOU COME BACK WHEN YOU DESIGN THE CIRCLE -- ENLARGEMENT SCARES US.

ONCE YOU BUILD IT AND GO BACK TO FIX IT, IT'S TOO LATE.

IF YOU'VE EVER WALKED ANYBODY IN A WHEELCHAIR AND I HAVE, THERE'S NOT MUCH SPACE.

THE DESIGN OF ONE WORKS WITH ALL OF THE MODIFICATIONS THAT WERE SAID. ENLARGE IT SO YOU'RE NOT LIKE THIS.

ENLARGE THE FOOTPRINT OF THE CIRCLE ALONG WITH EVERYTHING ELSE AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO BE THERE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I GUESS THE END RESULT IS I THINK YOU HEARD FROM EVERYBODY.

SO IF WE CAN GIVE YOU THAT DIRECTION AND COME BACK WITH A MODIFIED DESIGN ALONG THOSE LINES FOR ANOTHER CONSIDERATION.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, DOES THAT WORK FOR YOU?

>> Councilmember Franklin: ACTUALLY I JUST WANTED TO FIND OUT, ARE WE GOING TO BE NOTICING THE NEIGHBORS THERE?

>> Mayor Napolitano: WHEN ARE WE GOING TO DO THAT?

>> I SENT OUT A NOTICE TO ALL OF THE NEIGHBORS WITHIN 500 FEET LETTING THEM KNOW THAT WE HAD BEGUN THIS PROCESS AND THAT WE HAD REMOVED -- THAT WE WERE GOING TO START REMOVING THE PLAQUE THAT'S CURRENTLY THERE.

SO THAT THEY WERE AWARE THAT THIS PROJECT IS ONGOING.

AND CURRENTLY THERE'S SIGNAGE RIGHT THERE.

SO ANYONE WHO IS VISITING, EITHER IT'S A NEIGHBOR OR WHOEVER, CAN GO TO THE SITE, GET A QR CODE THAT LINKS THEM BACK TO OUR WEBSITE WHICH WE'LL BE UPDATING WITH ADDITIONAL PROGRESS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: DID WE RECEIVE ANY FEEDBACK FROM THE NOTICE SENT OUT?

>> I DIDN'T RECEIVE FEEDBACK BUT I DID RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM NEIGHBORS WHO WERE VISITING WHEN I WAS VISITING THE SITE.

>> Councilmember Franklin: WERE THEY NOTIFIED OF THESE THREE DESIGN OPTIONS?

>> OKAY.

SO I SENT OUT A NOTICE TO THE NEIGHBORS WITHIN 500 FEET LETTING THEM KNOW THAT WE WERE REMOVING THE CURRENT PLAQUE AND BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF THE NEW ONE.

THE AGENDA WAS POSTED JUST AS IT NORMALLY IS.

IF THEY WERE RECEIVING NOTICES, THEY WOULD HAVE RECEIVED THAT.
BUT IT WAS PUBLICLY NOTICED JUST LIKE OUR REGULAR AGENDAS ARE.

>> Councilmember Franklin: WELL, MAYOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YEAH.

>> Councilmember Franklin: SO MY CONCERN IS THAT, YOU KNOW, THERE
IS -- THIS IS A BUSY TIME OF YEAR.

LIKE ME, PROBABLY A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE TRAVELING AND NOT EVEN AT HOME.
THIS IS A PROJECT.

THIS IS GOING TO BE A BIG PROJECT.

IT'S NOT JUST SIMPLY TAKING OUT THE OLD PLAQUE AND PUTTING IN ANOTHER
ONE.

QUITE FRANKLY, AT FIRST WHEN I SAW THIS I WAS A LITTLE SURPRISED.
I DIDN'T THINK THAT WE HAD TALKED ABOUT ADDING LANDSCAPING AND
EXPANDING THIS AREA SO MUCH.

SO I WOULD JUST -- IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE IF THE NEIGHBORS DIDN'T
REALIZE IT WAS GOING TO BE A PROJECT OF THIS SCALE AND SCOPE.

SO I FEEL THAT THEY SHOULD BE NOTIFIED AGAIN OR SOMEHOW, YOU KNOW,
WE COULD BLOW THESE UP AND PUT THEM IN CITY HALL OR SOMETHING.

>> Mayor Napolitano: SURE.

AND I THINK WHAT WE CAN DO IS ONCE THE NEW CONCEPT IS MADE, WE CAN
NOTIFY THE NEIGHBORS AGAIN AND PROVIDE THEM WITH A COPY OF WHAT THAT
CONCEPT IS BEFORE THE NEXT -- IT'S NEXT AGENDAIZED.

>> Councilmember Franklin: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ANY OTHER INPUT ON THIS?

ALL RIGHT.

SEEING NONE, THANK YOU.

>> FANTASTIC.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

THAT TAKES US TO ITEM 10.

DISCUSSION REGARDING HIRING OUTSIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR DOWNTOWN.

POLICE CHIEF JOHNSON.

>> GOOD EVENING.

RACHEL JOHNSON, YOUR POLICE CHIEF.

I WAS BEFORE THIS BODY ON NOVEMBER 1st TO DISCUSS THE HIRING OF ARMED SECURITY FOR OUR DOWNTOWN AREA.

FOLLOWING THAT DISCUSSION THE COUNCIL ASKED ME TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING HIRING OUTSIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT ON AN ONGOING BASIS TO SUPPLEMENT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING HERE IN MANHATTAN BEACH. AND I'M HERE BEFORE YOU TONIGHT FOR THAT DISCUSSION.

IN GENERAL THE HIRING OF OUTSIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OUTSIDE OF THE CITIES THAT CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IS LIMITED TO EVENTS OF SHORT DURATION, SUCH AS EVERY YEAR IN HERMOSA BEACH CONTRACTS WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE FIREWORKS OR PROTESTS OR OTHER THINGS THAT PEOPLE ARE CONSTITUTIONALLY ABLE TO DO.

WE RELY ON THE MUTUAL AID RESPONSE FROM OUR PARTNERS IN OUR REGION TO AID US IN RESOLVING THE EVENT SAFELY.

WHILE THESE CAN LAST SEVERAL DAYS, THEY'RE NOT MEANT TO ADDRESS STRUCTURE STAFFING CHANGES.

WE LEARNED OF ONE INCIDENT WHERE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PROVIDED NIGHTTIME COVERAGE FOR A CITY DURING A PERIOD WHEN SWORN STAFFING WAS A CRITICALLY LOW 50%.

THIS WAS AN ANOMALY.

WHILE THIS ARRANGEMENT DID LAST FOR SEVEN MONTHS, IT'S WORTH NOTING IT TOOK THEM FOUR MONTHS TO GET THINGS IN PLUS TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES.

IN SPEAKING WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THEIR ABILITY TO ACCOMMODATE US FOR ADDITIONAL PATROLS IN OUR CITY, WE LEARNED THEY'RE SUFFERING FROM AN EXTRAORDINARY NUMBER OF VACANCIES AND CURRENTLY UNABLE TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL CONTRACTING SERVICES.

THE OTHER CITIES SURVEYED WERE IN THE SAME BOAT BECAUSE OF THEIR STAFFING CHALLENGES AND THEIR NEED OF THEIR OWN JURISDICTIONS.

ALL AGENCIES THAT WE SURVEYED INDICATED THEY'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR UNPLANNED EVENTS REQUIRING A LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE.

A RECENT EXAMPLE OF THIS CAN BE FOUND AT THE FIREWORKS SHOW LAST WEEK WHEN WE ARE ADDITIONAL OFFICERS HERE TO HELP US IN THE SAFE EXECUTION OF THIS EVENT.

AS YOU ALL KNOW, OUR CITY COUNCIL INCREASED OUR ABILITY TO OVERHIRE BY FIVE TO BRING OUR COMPLIMENT TO 70.

WE HAVE 43 SWORN MEMBERS AND PLANNING TO SEND AT LEAST TWO TRAINEES

TO THE ACADEMY IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2023.

WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FULL SPEED AHEAD WITH HIRING.

WHEN WE ARE BE LOUD.

THE AUTHORIZED COMPLIMENT OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS ALSO TO STAFF PATROL.

WE'LL LEAVE SPECIALTIES VACANT, RECALL OFFICERS IN SPECIALTIES AND RETURN THEM TO PATROL AND CURTAIL LEAVE REQUESTS TO MEET THE CORE FUNCTION.

OUR ENDURING AND OVERARCHING MISSION IS TO BE THERE WHEN YOU CALL US AND WE TAKE ALL MEASURE TO ENSURE THAT WE MEET THAT MISSION.

WE HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED A PERIOD OF CRITICAL STAFFING SHORTAGE IN THE PAST BUT I WANTED TO INFORM THE COUNCIL OF THE MEASURES AVAILABLE TO US TO PROPERLY STAFF THE PATROL SHOULD THE NEED ARISE AND THE ABILITIES OF THE OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ON AN ONGOING BASIS.

I'M PLEASED TO SUPPORT TO OUR STAFFING IN THE PATROL IS HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR.

THIS INCREASE IN PATROL STAFFING ALLOWED US TO FILL THE SECOND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER VACANCY AND BRING BACK OUR SWING SHIFT.

ADDITIONALLY FOR THIS HOLIDAY PERIOD WE'VE BROUGHT IN OFFICERS ON AN OVERTIME BASIS TO PATROL THE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF OUR CITY TO ADDRESS ISSUES THAT GENERALLY INCREASE DURING THIS TIME PERIOD, TO INCLUDE SHOPLIFTING AND PACKAGE THEFT.

THE INDUSTRY METRIC FOR THIS TYPE OF CALL IS FIVE MINUTES.

WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE PATROLS DOWNTOWN AND HAVE OFFICERS PATROLLING ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS.

THIS IS SUPPORTED BY OUR AMBASSADORS AND POLICE VOLUNTEERS.

I UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE TO HEAR OR READ DATA BUT TO FILL POLICE PRESENCE AT THIS END.

WE ARE ABLE TO ENGAGE MORE WITH OUR COMMUNITY ON CRIME PREVENTION AND PROVIDE FOR MORE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

WE'RE IN THE PLANNING STAGES FOR THE FIRST OF TWO TOWN HALL MEETINGS NEXT YEAR SLATED FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2023.

WHILE OUR RESEARCH DID NOT YIELD AVAILABILITY FOR ADDITIONAL STAFFING FROM OUTSIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, REMAIN GRATEFUL FOR THE ONGOING SUPPORT.

THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

QUESTIONS COUNCIL.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: WHAT RESOURCES DOES THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FEEL IT NEEDS TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT CONDITIONS THAT WE'RE ALL SEEING? I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT HOW THIS ITEM CAM TO COUNCIL AND WENT BACK AND SAW THE ORIGINAL DISCUSSION OF COUNCIL WHERE COUNCILMEMBERS FELT THERE NEEDED TO BE A SUPPLEMENTAL POLICE PRESENCE AS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RAMPS UP TO MEET ITS 65 OFFICERS AUTHORIZED PLUS THE FIVE OVERHIRES.

IS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE VIEW THAT IT NEEDS SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES BEYOND THOSE THAT IT CURRENTLY HAS?

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER, FOR THE QUESTION.

WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

WHILE WE ARE STILL NOT AT OUR AUTHORIZED COMPLIMENT, WE'VE SUPPLEMENTED OUR REGULAR SERVICES BY EXTRA PATROLS AND ENSURING THAT WE HAVE EXTRA OFFICERS ON THE STREET.

SO AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME I FEEL GOOD ABOUT OUR STAFFING.

I FEEL THAT WE ARE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PATROLS ON AN ONGOING BASIS THROUGH DOWNTOWN, ON FOOT, ON BICYCLES AND IN VEHICLES AS WELL.

I FEEL THAT WE'RE SUFFICIENTLY STAFFED AT THIS TIME.

I'LL NEVER SAY NO TO MORE STAFFING.

BUT WE ARE STAFFED AT THIS TIME.

>> Councilmember Lesser: WE HAD AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION ABOUT NOT JUST DOWNTOWN BUT THE CITY AS A WHOLE AS TO HOW THE CITY -- THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS ARRIVED AT THE 65 NUMBER.

YOU AND I HAD A BRIEF EXCHANGE ABOUT MY PROPOSAL TO HAVE THAT DISCUSSION IN THE BUDGET REVIEW.

WOULD THAT BE A TIME THAT WE CAN DISCUSS FOR THE COMMUNITY WHERE DOES THIS NUMBER COME FROM?

FRANKLY DURING THE LAST COUNCIL ELECTION THAT JUST CONCLUDED, THERE WERE SOME CANDIDATES THAT DISCUSSED A RANDOM NUMBER THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SOME OF US WERE CONCERNED THAT THERE WASN'T ENOUGH DATA FOR THAT.

AND I WOULD IN THE BUDGET REVIEW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME FOR THAT DISCUSSION.

>> YES, SIR, I THINK THAT'S A WONDERFUL TIME FOR THAT DISCUSSION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU.

CHIEF, TO COUNCILMEMBER LESSER'S COMMENT, I ATTENDED A CONFERENCE AND BEVERLY HILLS WERE PRESENTING AND THE CHIEF WAS THERE AND THE CITY MANAGER SAYING WE HIRED THIS COMPANY THAT BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED ON RODEO DRIVE, THE SHOOTING AT THE RESTAURANT, THEY WENT AND HIRED ARMED SECURITY TO PATROL THEIR DOWNTOWN DISTRICT WHICH SPREAD INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD, A MILLION PLUS A YEAR.

I BROUGHT THE PRESENTATION AND PRESENTED IT TO CHIEF JOHN AND EVERYONE GOT TO SEE IT.

WE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE IDEA.

WE WEREN'T SURE ABOUT IT.

BUT THEN WE TALKED ABOUT THE DOWNSIDE.

YOU WEREN'T THERE, DAVID.

BUT THE ARMED SECURITY PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE POWERS OF ARREST.

THEY HAVE TO CALL IN.

THERE WASN'T A BENEFIT TO US MOVING FORWARD.

SO THE MAYOR SUGGESTED THAT WE LOOK AT L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF OR HERMOSA PD OR SOMEONE TO SUPPLEMENT.

THAT'S WHERE IT ALL STARTED FROM.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: RIGHT.

AND FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND.

IT WAS ALSO WHILE WE CURRENTLY HAVE CSC, THE IDEA OF ARMED, BASICALLY

ARMED CSC, I KNOW PEOPLE DON'T LIKE THAT, MALL COP, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL THEM, AT THE PRICE IT WAS GOING TO BE WITH, A MILLION TO A MILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS FOR A STAFF THAT CAN'T MAKE ARRESTS AND BASICALLY WOULD BE -- I DARE TO SAY WE WOULD WORRY ABOUT LIABILITY OF ARMED FOLKS WHO HAVEN'T GONE THROUGH THE SAME TRAINING AS POLICE HAVE TO GO THROUGH AND EVERYTHING POSSIBLY GETTING INVOLVED IN A SHOOTING DOWNTOWN WHERE INNOCENT BYSTANDERS ARE AS OPPOSED TO OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED.

WE HAVE THE MULTIPLIER OF THE CSC NOW THAT CALL IN EVENTS AND DO -- THERE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE FOR THAT PRICE TO BE THAT MUCH MORE BENEFIT TO HAVE CSC WITH GUNS.

I'M SORRY, DID YOU HAVE --

>> Councilmember Howorth: I JUST SAID THAT WAS A GOOD POINT YOU MADE ABOUT WORRYING --

>> Mayor Napolitano: PAUL BLART.

>> Councilmember Howorth: NEVER SAW THE MOVIE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

LET'S OPEN UP TO THE PUBLIC THOUGH.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

I DON'T SEE ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE RUSHING DOWN.

DO WE HAVE ANY ZOOM?

OKAY.

SEEING NONE, COUNCIL.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: NOTHING CHANGED MY MIND.

DID WE FIND OUT IF SOMEBODY ELSE WOULD BE AVAILABLE IF THE SHERIFF IS NOT.

EVERYBODY IS UNDER A MANPOWER SHORT AND.

THE FACT THAT WE'VE HIRED EXTRA OFFICERS.

WE'RE STILL LOOKING TOO.

IF PEOPLE WOULD READ THE ACTUAL STAFF REPORT -- THANK YOU, CHIEF, FOR WRITING THIS, CAPTAIN, WHOEVER WROTE THIS.

PAGE TWO, LET'S SEE, FIFTH PARAGRAPH, LAST LINE.

HEADED INTO THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY SEASON WE ARE ABLE TO ASSIGN MORE OFFICERS TO PATROL AND TRAFFIC BOTH UNDERCOVER AND IN UNIFORM THAN IN RECENT YEARS.

STOP THERE.

INCLUDING STAFFING AND A SWING PATROL SHIFT.

IF THAT DOESN'T TELL YOU WHAT WE'VE DONE AND WHAT THE CHIEF IS DOING, READ THE NOTES OF WHAT'S GOING ON.

YES, WE'RE STILL HIRING, YES WE HAVE BIKE PATROL.

YOU'RE DOING EXTRA PATROLS DOWNTOWN.

WE HIRE MORE OFFICERS AND THE FIGHTING GOES AWAY.

THAT'S NOT THE WAY IT WORKS.

AND BRINGING IN ARMED SECURITY REQUEST NO POWERS OF ARREST.

THERE'S NO BENEFIT TO US.

NOT THE MENTION THE MILLION DOLLARS PRICE TAG.

OUR GOAL, HIRE PD THAT YOU'RE COMFORTABLE WITH, 65, 70, 72, LET HER MAKE THE DECISION.

WE BACK THAT UP WITH WHATEVER SHE NEEDS.

WE'RE ON THE WAY THERE.

BUT TO THE COMMENT THAT SOMEONE SAYS THAT OUR POLICE AREN'T GOING THINGS OR NOT DOING THINGS THE RIGHT WAY, ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE.

MISREPRESENTATION.

ESPECIALLY SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE SAYING VERSUS REALITY.

IF YOU'RE UNHAPPY WITH ANYTHING OUR POLICE SAY OR DO, E-MAIL CHIEF JOHNSON, E-MAIL THE CITY MANAGER, E-MAIL CITY COUNCIL.

DO NOT BELIEVE WHAT YOU'RE READING ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

IT'S COMPLETELY INACCURATE.

IF YOU'RE UPSET ABOUT SOMETHING, HAVE THE COURTESY AND THE COURAGE TO E-MAIL THEM AND/OR COUNCIL TO FIND THE ANSWER OUT.

I'LL STOP THERE.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I DON'T KNOW.

ELON MUSK TOLD ME EVERYTHING ON THE INTERNET IS TRUE.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I WANT TO THANK THE CHIEF FOR THE REPORT.

AND TO AMPLIFY WHAT COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY SAID, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CHIEF HAS HEARD OUR RESIDENTS WHO HAVE SAID THEY WANT TO FEEL SAFE.

AND IT'S NOT JUST DOWNTOWN.

IT IS IN THEIR HOMES AND OF COURSE DURING THE HOLIDAYS WE DO SEE A LOT OF THOSE CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY, IF YOU WILL.

SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL COMMUNICATE.

THERE HAS BEEN A SWING PATROL SHIFT ADDED.

THEY ARE DOING EXTRA PATROLS.

BECAUSE MY GOAL IS THAT RESIDENTS ARE SAFE AND FEEL SAFE.

AND THEN I WANT TO -- THE TACTIC IS TO GIVE THE CHIEF WHAT SHE NEEDS TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

SO WE ARE LISTENING TO RESIDENTS.

NOBODY WANTS THESE THINGS TO HAPPEN.

AND THANK YOU FOR HEARING THE RESIDENTS.

NOW LET'S ALL LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT THIS IS HAPPENING.

THAT'S PART OF OUR JOB TOO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES, THANK YOU, MAYOR.

YOU KNOW, I'M ALWAYS TAKEN -- WHEN I LOOK AT THE CRIME REPORTS, YOU KNOW, THAT ARE REPORTED TO THE PUBLIC OF -- I BELIEVE IT CATEGORIZES THEM AS PREVENTABLE THEFT.

SO A LOT OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FALLS UPON US AS RESIDENTS.

I'M GOING TO EVEN SAY MYSELF, I HAD LEFT MY CAR UNLOCKED AND UNFORTUNATELY THAT PARTICULAR NIGHT SOMEBODY CAME THROUGH AND RIFLED THROUGH IT.

NANCY WOULD SAY THAT I DIDN'T NOTICE IT BECAUSE OF THE CONDITION MY CAR USUALLY IS IN, BUT SOMEONE KID BREAK INTO MY CAR.

SO IT'S REALLY UPON US.

AND I THINK THIS EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF A ROBUST NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM.

BECAUSE IT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD BY NEIGHBORHOOD, STREET BY STREET PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE TO ADDRESS.

A NEIGHBOR SAYING HEY, YOUR GARAGE DOOR IS OPEN.

HEY, YOUR LIGHTS AREN'T ON.

CAN I BRING IN YOUR NEWSPAPERS.

THINGS LIKE THAT.

I THINK A GOOD NUMBER OF THESE CRIMES COULD BE PREVENTABLE AND WHAT THAT WOULD DO IS THAT WOULD RELIEVE THE POLICE OF HAVING TO GO TO A, YOU KNOW, TO A HOME WHERE A PARTICULAR CRIME WAS COMMITTED BECAUSE OF -- YOU KNOW, I DON'T WANT TO CALL IT NEGLIGENCE.

LISTEN, WE'RE ALL BUSY.

WE GOT A THOUSAND THINGS ON OUR MIND AND A THOUSAND THINGS TO DO.

SO BUT JUST TAKE THAT LITTLE BIT OF EXTRA STEP.

IS THE CAR LOCKED.

ARE THE DOORS LOCKED.

I RECENTLY INSTALLED A MOTION DETECTOR.

I WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT LIGHTS OUT ON TO THE DRIVEWAY, YOU KNOW, TO THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE.

SO WHEN ANYBODY WALKS UP THE DRIVEWAY AT NIGHT, THAT LIGHT GOES OFF. THOSE ARE -- THAT WAS A RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE, YOU KNOW, CRIME PREVENTER.

SO LET'S ALL, YOU KNOW, PITCH IN WERE HELP THE POLICE SO THEY CAN REALLY FOCUS ON, YOU KNOW -- I DON'T WANT THE SAY MORE IMPORTANT CRIMES. ALL OF THEM ARE IMPORTANT.

BUT YOU SORT OF ALL KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

LET'S HELP THEM BY NOT BECOMING INADVERTENT VICTIMS, YOU KNOW, TO STRENGTHEN OUR TARGETS, RIGHT?

TO STRENGTHEN THE TARGET.

PARTICIPATE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.

IT'S AN AMAZING PROGRAM.

400-PLUS POLICE CAPTAINS.

VOLUNTEER TO BE ONE YOURSELF.

IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CRIME.

WHY IS THIS ITEM BEFORE US?

OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE OF THE EVENTS OF THIS LAST SUMMER DOWNTOWN.

BUT THERE'S A GENERAL PERCEPTION OF FEAR.

CIRCLING BACK TO WHY THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US, IT RELATES TO DOWNTOWN.

I DEFER TO OUR CHIEF AND WHAT SHE SAYS SHE NEEDS FOR HER RESOURCES AS THE STAFFING INCREASES.

WHAT WAS NOT MENTIONED TONIGHT BUT I KNOW HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN PRIOR

DISCUSSIONS OF DOWNTOWN, THERE ARE OFFICERS THAT ONE SEES BUT ALSO UNDERCOVER OFFICERS THAT ARE PART OF PATROLS THAT ARE DOWNTOWN.

I THINK WHAT THE COMMUNITY HAS DONE WELL, CERTAINLY SINCE MY TIME NOT BEING ON COUNCIL, HAS DONE BETTER AT GETTING THE MESSAGING OUT, AS WAS INDICATED, TO ALERT THE PUBLIC THAT THERE ARE PERHAPS MORE OFFICERS PATROLLING OUR STREETS THAN PEOPLE REALIZE AND TRYING TO COUNTERBALANCE THE FALSE MESSAGING ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

IT'S A PRETTY SCARY WORLD IF YOU JUST GET ALL OF YOUR NEWS FROM SOME OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

I GIVE THE COMMUNITY CREDIT FOR TRYING TO AMPLIFY WHAT MESSAGING IS GOING ON ALREADY ABOUT THE STEPS THE CITY IS ALREADY TAKING.

I DEFER TO THE CHIEF AS TO THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS SHE BELIEVES THE FORCE NEEDS.

AND I LOOK FORWARD TO A MORE ROBUST DISCUSSION WHOLE CITY WIDE HOW MANY OFFICERS WE NEED COME THE MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW.

>> Mayor Napolitano: FOR ME, THE ISSUE HAS NEVER BEEN JUST ABOUT THE DOWNTOWN.

IT'S ABOUT THE ENTIRE CITY AND ALSO WORK IN CONCERT WITH OUR ADJACENT NEIGHBORS AS WELL.

BUT, YOU KNOW, FOCUSING ON MANHATTAN BEACH, THE ENTIRE CITY AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE US SAFER, AT LEAST IN TERMS OF POLICE AND HAVING ARMED ENFORCEMENT WOULD BE MORE POLICE OFFICERS.

AND, YOU KNOW, THE ISSUE -- SET ASIDE THE ARMED SECURITY.

THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN FOR THE REASONS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED.

BUT WE STILL NEED THE ADD MORE, IN MY MIND.

AND, YOU KNOW, THAT'S WITH THE CHIEF'S PLANNING AND THE NEEDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

BUT WE WANT TO GET UP TO OUR FULL CONTINGENCY.

WE WANT TO GET TO THE OVERHIRES.

BUT WE'RE COMPETING WITH THE SAME FOLKS THAT WE ASKED IF THEY COULD HELP US OUT, BECAUSE THEY'RE HAVING THE SAME PROBLEMS RECRUITING AS WE ARE.

BUT TO ME THAT MEANS THAT WE NEED TO TAKE SOME OF THAT MONEY -- IT WOULD BE A FRACTION OF THAT MILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS, A VERY, VERY SMALL FRACTION, AND AGAIN PUT THAT TOWARDS INCENTIVES TO HIRING FOLKS THAT WE STAND OUT AMONGST ALL OF THE COMPETITORS THAT ARE LOOKING FOR POLICE OFFICERS OR SHERIFFS AS IT MAY BE.

BUT PUT THAT -- I KNOW WE HAVE A GOOD INCENTIVE OUT THERE NOW.

BUT, YOU KNOW, IF IT WAS REALLY GREAT THEY WOULD BE COMING TO US INSTEAD OF THESE OTHER AGENCIES.

I STILL THINK WE CAN FURTHER ENHANCE OUR INCENTIVES FOR NEW HIRES. GRANTED, THEY'LL STAY ON FOR A WHILE.

BUT IF WE'RE OFFERING 5, 10,000, WHY NOT 15, WHY NOT 20 TO COME JOIN US.

I WOULD RATHER DO THAT NOW AND GET FOLKS UP AND RUN IN THE SHORT TERM THAT PAYS OFF IN THE LONG RUN.

SO THAT WOULD BE ME BUT MAYBE THAT'S A BUDGET DECISION OR WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE CITY MANAGER OR SOMETHING WE CAN REVISIT WITH

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY.

THAT WOULD BE MY FOCUS GOING FORWARD, CREATING GREATER INCENTIVE TO GET RECRUITS OR LATERALS.

IT'S GREAT TO NOT SEND PEOPLE TO THE ACADEMY AND TAKE THE LATERALS. THAT WOULD BE MY FOCUS.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU.

I'LL ASK THE CHIEF.

SHE KNOWS.

CHIEF, DO YOU KNOW OFF THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE ACADEMY AS OF TODAY AND ANY LATERALS YOU KNOW ARE AT THE NEXT STEP FOR A HIRING PROCESS?

SIT TWO?

IS IT FOUR?

>> OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD WE HAVE TWO SLATED FOR THE ACADEMY.

WE DO NOT HAVE ANYONE CURRENTLY IN ANY ACADEMY CLASSES RIGHT NOW.

WE'RE LACKING TO HAVE THEM IN CLASSES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF NEXT YEAR.

WITH REGARD TO LATERALS, I DON'T HAVE UPDATED DATA OF HOW MANY WE HAVE IN THE HIRING PROCESS.

IT'S MY PREFERENCE FOR BOTH SO THAT WE THE LONGEVITY, SOME START AS ACADEMY GRADUATES AND THEN --

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA TO INCREASE THE SIGNING RETENTION BONUS.

IF YOU CAN GET SOMEONE THAT'S QUALIFIED, WHY NOT.

I HAVE NO PROBLEM.

BUT THAT POOL IS SMALLER AND SMALLER AS WE GO ALONG HERE.

THAT'S ONE OPTION TO LOOK AT.

I KNOW OUR BACKGROUND INVESTIGATORS ARE GOING FULL SPEED.

WE FIND GOOD PEOPLE, OF COURSE WE WANT TO BRING THEM IN.

WE ARE LOOKING BUT WE'RE COMPETING AGAINST EVERYONE OUT THERE.

WE WANT GOOD PEOPLE FIRST AND FOREMOST.

IF WE HAVE TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER, THEN WE WAIT.

IT'S MORE ATTRACTIVE TO BRING SOMEONE OVER, GOOD FOR US.

IF YOU CAN FIND LATERALS, GOOD FOR US.

THAT'S JUST ONE PIECE OF IT.

AS COUNCILMEMBER LESSER MENTIONED, YOU MIGHT NEED FOUR OR FIVE MORE.

IF YOU FOUND THEM, IT WON'T BE THE IMAGINE IRK NUMBER GOING FORWARD

BUT WE'LL WAIT UNTIL YOU COME BACK IN THE BUDGET SESSION AND GO FROM

THERE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE, BROUGHT BACK

ON SOMETHING I THINK I BROUGHT FORWARD ABOUT A YEAR OR SO AGO REGARDING

ADDED INCENTIVES.

IN TERMS OF THIS I DON'T WANT TO LET GO.

IT SAYS DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION.

WE SAY WE'RE NOT GOING TO HIRE OUTSIDE ENFORCEMENT.

BUT I WOULD ASK TO GIVE DIRECTION TO THE CHIEF AND THE CITY MANAGER

TO BRING BACK WHAT OUR INCENTIVES ARE CURRENTLY AND HOW WE CAN ENHANCE

THOSE AND COME BACK FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL.

>> YES, SIR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ANY OBJECTION WITH THAT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I'M FINE WITH THAT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YOU'RE GOING TO DEFUND THE POLICE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THAT WAS JUST A JOKE HE SAID.

I ABSOLUTELY DON'T WANT TO DEFUND THE POLICE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: JUST KIDDING.

CAMPAIGN IS OVER.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I KNOW.

WE'RE ALL GOOD HERE.

BUT I'M TOTALLY -- I LOVE THAT IDEA.

I THINK THAT BECAUSE WE -- I DO APPRECIATE WHAT COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY SAID.

I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRER HOW YOU AND CHIEF ABLE REALLY HIRED VERY CAREFULLY.

THAT'S WHY WE GET THE OFFICERS THAT WE GET.

AND INCENTIVIZING IS A TERRIFIC IDEA.

I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THAT.

THAT'S ONE STEP.

AND TEN TWO WOULD BE AT THE MID-YEAR BUDGET I WANT TO HEAR, YOU KNOW, ACTUALLY IF I COULD HIRE THREE MORE, FIVE MORE, TWO MORE, I WOULD LIKE TO DO THAT.

SO THAT'S -- AND WE MAY SAY YES, NO, MAYBE SO.

THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO HEAR THEN.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T GET LOST AS WELL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I WAS GOING TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE AND SUPPORT YOUR IDEA, MAYOR, ABOUT FINDING OUT INCENTIVES.

THE REASON I MENTIONED THE MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW, WE WANT TO SEE WHAT YOU THE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS ARE AND HOW THEY TIE INTO OUR BUDGET. THAT'S THE REASON FOR DISCUSSING THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS AND THAT MIGHT BE THE TIME TO TALK ABOUT THE INCENTIVES.

I WOULD DEFER TO YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I WOULD TALK ABOUT IT BEFORE THE MID YEAR.

LIKE YOU SAID, IF IT'S ON EVERYONE'S MINDS, THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO BE DOING AND NOT WAIT FOR A BUDGET REVIEW.

WE CAN DO IT AHEAD OF THAT AND THEN WE CAN SELF-CORRECT AFTER THAT WITH THE REMAINING BUDGET.

>> Councilmember Lesser: FINE.

THANK YOU.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I APPRECIATE THAT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: DIRECTION GIVEN, TAKEN, THANK YOU.

ONWARD.

ITEM 11, CALIFORNIA'S COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY ENDING AND IMPACTS ON THE CITY'S RELATED EMERGENCY ORDERS.

>> ALI WILL DO THE PRESENTATION ON THIS ITEM AS WELL.

>> THE ITEM BEFORE YOU IS THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ENDING OF

CALIFORNIA'S COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY AND IMPACTS THAT IT HAS ON THE CITY'S RELATED EMERGENCY ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND POLICIES.

AS YOU KNOW THE CITY COUNCIL DECLARED AN EMERGENCY IN MARCH OF 2020.

THIS RESOLUTION SPECIFIES THAT THE LOCAL EMERGENCY WOULD

CONTINUE -- I'M JUST GOING TO MOVE MY PHONE.

MAYBE IT'S INTERFERING WITH THE MIC.

>> Mayor Napolitano: IT HAPPENS.

>> MY APOLOGIES.

SO THIS RESOLUTION SPECIFIED THAT THE LOCAL EMERGENCY WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST UNTIL THE CITY COUNCIL TERMINATES BY PROCLAMATION THAT LOCAL EMERGENCY.

SO BACKING UP TO 2020, THE CITY RESPONDED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC BY SUGAR 29 EMERGENCY ORDERS, SEVERAL ORDINANCES AND POLICIES STILL IN EFFECT IN THE CITY RIGHT NOW.

AND THE PURPOSE OF THESE ACTIONS WAS TO ALLOW THE CITY TO QUICKLY ACT TO PROTECT THE LIFE AND PROPERTY OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THEY INCLUDED ORDERS RELATING TO THE CLOSURES OF CITY FACILITIES, PARKS, AND PUBLIC SPACES, COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR BUSINESSES, FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS AND THE USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY OR PARKING SPACES FOR DINING ESTABLISHMENTS.

SOME OF THESE EMERGENCY ORDERS HAVE BEEN RESCINDED FROM TIME TO TIME AS THE SITUATION AND THE PANDEMIC WAS EVER CHANGING.

SOME HAVE BEEN RESCINDED, INCLUDING PART OF THE CITY'S EVICTION MORATORIUM AS IT RELATES TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS.

SO THE EVICTION MORATORIUM AS IT RELATES TO COMMERCIAL TENANTS IS STILL ENFORCE, BUT THE RESIDENTIAL TENANTS EVICTION MORATORIUM WAS REPEALED BY CITY COUNCIL.

SO FAST-FORWARDING TO OCTOBER, GOVERNOR NEWSOM RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY WILL END ON FEBRUARY 28th, 2023, AND NINE OF THE CITIES -- THE CITY'S EMERGENCY ORDERS ARE TIED TO THE STATE'S EMERGENCY.

SO I HOPE I MADE THAT CLEAR, THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE STATE'S EMERGENCY AND OUR LOCAL ORDERS.

SO 20 OF THOSE LOCAL ORDERS ARE TIED TO THE CITY'S DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY BUT NINE ARE TIED TO THE STATE.

THOSE ARE LISTED IN YOUR PACKET AND IN THE STAFF REPORT.

AND THESE NINE ORDERS RELATE TO THE USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY BY BUSINESSES AND RESTAURANTS.

THIS MEANS THAT ONCE THE CALIFORNIA COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY EXPIRES, THE BUSINESSES OR RESTAURANTS USING PUBLIC PROPERTY WILL BE REQUIRED TO RESTORE THE PROPERTY TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WITHIN TEN DAYS OF SUCH EXPIRATION.

THESE EMERGENCY ORDERS WILL BE RESCINDED AUTOMATICALLY WHEN GOVERNOR NEWSOM TERMINATES THE CALIFORNIA COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY.

WE'LL PRESENT A REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL IN JANUARY.

WE'LL TAKE THAT CONVERSATION ABOUT THE OUTDOOR DINING AND WAIT UNTIL JANUARY.

THE REMAINING EMERGENCY ORDERS AND ORDINANCES RELATED TO THE PANDEMIC

WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST UNTIL THE CITY COUNCIL DEEMS IT PROPER TO CONTINUE THE LOCAL EMERGENCY.

AND SO I WANT TO SUMMARIZE VERY QUICKLY FOR YOU WHAT -- IF THE COUNCIL DECIDES TO END THE LOCAL EMERGENCY, THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON THOSE EMERGENCY ORDERS, THE POLICIES OR THE ORDINANCES THAT ARE STILL IN EFFECT AT THE CITY.

SO THE FIRST ONE IS THE EVICTION MORATORIUM WHICH I ALREADY MENTIONED. COUNCIL MAY WISH TO PROVIDE A DATE FOR -- SO IF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY IS ENDED BY CITY COUNCIL, WHICH WOULD TAKE COUNCIL ACTION, THE EVICTION MORATORIUM AS RELATES TO COMMERCIAL TENANTS WOULD THEN EXPIRE.

AND COUNCIL MAY WISH TO PROVIDE A DATE FOR COMMERCIAL TENANT TO TRANSITION AWAY FROM THOSE PROTECTIONS OF THE ORDINANCE AND STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT WE COULD COME BACK WITH AN ORDINANCE IF THAT'S THE DESIRE OF THE COUNCIL.

MODIFYING THAT.

THE SECOND ITEM OF NOTE IS THE EMPLOYEE VACCINATION POLICY.

THIS WAS SOMETHING PUT IN PLACE IN ORDER TO PROTECT STAFF AND ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF NOT ONLY OUR EMPLOYEES BUT ALSO THE PUBLIC THAT WE WORK WITH.

IF COUNCIL CHOOSES TO END THE LOCAL EMERGENCY, YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER RESCINDING THIS POLICY AS WELL.

AND THE THIRD ITEM OF NOTE IS A BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM.

THIS IS DESCRIBED IN YOUR STAFF REPORT.

THIS PROGRAM WILL TRIGGER THE REPAYMENT AND INTEREST ACCRUAL FOR THE PARTICIPANTS WITHIN 100 DAYS OF THE END OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY.

THOSE ARE KIND OF THE SIGNIFICANT ITEMS THAT IF COUNCIL CHOOSES TO END THE LOCAL EMERGENCY, THAT WE SHOULD TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT.

FINALLY AS AN UPDATE, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO END THEIR LOCAL EMERGENCY AT THE END OF JANUARY.

SO WE ARE KIND OF JUST MONITORING THAT RIGHT NOW.

AND STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION AS IT RELATES TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: QUESTIONS.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU.

ALI THE ONLY QUESTION I HAD, HAVE YOU HAD ANY QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS OR BUSINESSES ABOUT THE CITY REVOKING OR RESCINDING THE EVICTION MORATORIUM OR -- THIS IS COMMERCIAL.

RESIDENTIAL WE DID A WHILE AGO.

ANYBODY REACHED OUT TO YOU, THE COUNCIL DISCUSSING REVOKING THE -- CURIOUS WHAT THE NUMBER IS.

>> I PROBABLY RECEIVE A QUESTION ABOUT THAT ONCE A WEEK.

AND IT'S EITHER FROM A TENANT WONDERING IF IT'S IF EFFECT OR FROM A LANDLORD.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: IS THAT THE SAME PERSON CALLING EVERY WEEK OR A NUMBER OF --

>> NO.

DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS.

DIFFERENT COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

THERE ARE POSSIBLY SOME REPEAT CUSTOMERS IN THERE AS WELL.

BUT IT IS PROBABLY, YOU KNOW -- WHEN WE PUT INTO PLACE THE FACE MASK,
IF EVERYONE REMEMBERS THE QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT, THERE WERE WAY MORE
ABOUT THE FACE MASKS.

BUT RIGHT NOW --

>> Mayor Napolitano: ARE WE GOING TO BRING THOSE BACK?

>> MAYBE.

THAT'S UP TO THE COUNTY NOW.

WE RESCINDED THOSE ORDERS.

THOSE ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THERE.

BUT YEAH, IT'S PROBABLY THE MOST FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTION AT THIS
POINT IN THE PANDEMIC.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: AS WE'VE SEEN, THERE ARE SOME RESIDENTS
THAT, SIMILAR TO PUBLIC SAFETY, NOT THE SAME THING, SIMILAR TO, THERE
ARE STILL SOME IN FEAR OF COVID, FOR GOOD REASON, FAMILY MEMBERS AND
RSV.

SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES -- I DON'T NEED TO KNOW
THE NUMBER.

I KNOW THE MAJORITY OF OUR EMPLOYEES HAVE HAD THE VACCINATION SHOTS
AND BOOSTERS.

AND IF YOU COME TO CITY HALL FOR BUSINESS, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU WEAR
A MASK.

I MAKE IT EASY FOR RESIDENTS AND THE BUSINESSES TO DO THEIR BUSINESS,
WORK WITH US VIRTUALLY OR BY PHONE, GOD FORBID SOMEONE ACTUALLY MAIL
SOMETHING.

BUT IF THEY'RE CALLING YOU ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL EVICTION ORDINANCE,
THAT MEANS THERE IS SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL EMERGENCY
EVICTION ORDINANCE.

WE'LL DISCUSS TIMING LATER.

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WAS FOUNDED BEFORE I MADE COMMENTS DOWN
THE ROAD.

NOTHING FURTHER, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I WANT TO PICK UP ON THE INTERPLAY OF THE
CITY'S LOCAL EMERGENCY AND WHAT THE STATE WILL BE DOING AFTER -- I
THINK IT'S FEBRUARY 28th, IS THAT THE STATE?

>> CORRECT.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THE STAFF REPORT STATES IT CLEARLY.
THE CITY'S LOCAL EMERGENCY MAY CONTINUE SO LONG AS THE CITY COUNCIL
DEEMS THE PROPERTY CONDITIONS TO WARRANT SUCH DECLARATION.

>> YES.

>> Councilmember Lesser: WHAT IS THE CRITERIA.

I RECOGNIZE IT MAY DIFFER SOMEWHAT DEPENDING ON THE ORDINANCE THAT
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

>> IT'S A GOOD QUESTION AND IT'S LAID OUT IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE.
IT'S FAIRLY BROAD.

IT'S -- I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN REMEMBER OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD.
BUT ESSENTIALLY IF THE COUNCIL DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO PROTECT LIFE OR
PROPERTY THEY CAN CONTINUE A LOCAL EMERGENCY OR DECLARE A LOCAL
EMERGENCY.

IT'S NOT RELIANT ON THE STATE'S EMERGENCY.

>> Councilmember Lesser: SO THIS BODY WILL HAVE SOME DISCUSSION AFTER
FEBRUARY 28th IF IT BELIEVES CERTAIN POLICIES SHOULD CONTINUE.
YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU OR STAFF WILL BE COMING BACK WITH REGARD TO
OUTDOOR DINING.

BUT JUST CONFIRM, IS OUTDOOR DINING THEN SUBJECT TO THE STATE'S END
ON FEBRUARY 28th OR IS THAT ONE OF THE OTHER AREAS THAT WE JUST TALKED
ABOUT WHERE CONCEIVABLY THE CITY COULD CONTINUE IT?

I RECOGNIZE THIS IS GOING TO BE A BOLD WORKUP BUT I'M BEING ASKED THAT
SO GENERALLY FOR FRAMING IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER
IS AT THIS POINT.

>> I'LL HELP ALI ON THAT.

SHE'S DONE SUCH A GREAT JOB ON THIS REPORT.

RIGHT NOW THE OUTDOOR DINING ENDS TEN DAYS AFTER THE STATE EMERGENCY.
THAT DOESN'T PRECLUDE THE CITY FROM EXTENDING THE OUTDOOR DINING UNDER
A DIFFERENT BASIS.

>> Councilmember Lesser: OKAY.

>> SO IF THE COUNCIL DOES NOTHING ON THE OUTDOOR DINING, IT'S OVER
TEN DAYS AFTER FEBRUARY 28th.

>> Councilmember Lesser: WOULD THE CRITERIA BE, WHICH WAS JUST

ARTICULATED, THIS EMERGENCY COMMISSION BY THE COUNCIL --

>> AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING, I GUESS THAT'S THE 17th.

>> CORRECT.

>> THERE WILL BE MUCH FURTHER DISCUSSION ON OUTDOOR DINING.

AT THAT TIME THAT WILL GIVE THE COUNCIL THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW IT RELATES TO THE END OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES, THANK YOU.

AND THANK YOU, ALI, FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER.

BACK TO FOLLOW-UP ON MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY ON THE EVICTION MORATORIUM ORDINANCE.

HE ASKED ABOUT TENANTS.

HAVE YOU HEARD FROM MANY LANDLORDS ON HOW THIS MIGHT BE IMPACTING THEM?

>> YES, I'VE HEARD FROM LANDLORDS AND TENANTS, KIND OF A MIX OF BOTH.

SO I HAVEN'T, YOU KNOW, TALLIED ALL OF THOSE UP.

BUT I GET ONE QUESTION A WEEK AND I WOULD SAY PROBABLY 50% -- I THINK IT'S SPLIT, REALLY, BETWEEN THE LANDLORDS --

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY.

AND THEN WE SAW DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS FOR THIS, LIKE ABATEMENT OF RENTS AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

HOW IS OURS STRUCTURED?

DOES IT ALLOW A TENANT TO SAY THERE, NOT PAY, BUT THEN PAY -- YOU KNOW, PAY THE RENT AND BACK RENT AT A CERTAIN TIME?

>> YES.

SO REPAYMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED.

AND CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, I THINK IT'S SIX MONTHS AFTER THE END OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY TO REPAY THAT BACK RENT.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY.

>> AND THIS IS PROVIDED THAT THEY INDICATED TO THEIR LANDLORD, OF COURSE, AND OTHERWISE QUALIFY UNDER THE ORDINANCE FOR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP UNDER THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY.

AND THEN ON THE BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM, WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS, WAS THE FULL -- WHAT WERE WE LOANING, UP TO THE AMOUNT OF 125 -- SO THE CITY ISSUED A TOTAL OF \$125,000 IN LOANS.

HAS A NUMBER OF THIS BEEN PAID BACK?

HAS IT NOT?

HAVE THERE BEEN ANY --

>> YEAH, GREAT QUESTION.

ONE OF THE LOANS HAS BEEN PAID BACK.

I THINK IT INDICATES IN YOUR STAFF REPORT THAT.

AND THE REST HAVE NOT BEEN PAID BACK YET BUT THEY WOULD BECOME DUE WITHIN 100 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY.

AND THEN WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF THE HUNDRED DAYS.

DOES IT TURN INTO AN AMORTIZED LOAN?

I KNOW WE USED THE LEIF FUNDS, RIGHT, FOR THE INTEREST RATE?

>> I CAN'T ANSWER A QUESTION ABOUT WHAT RATE WE USED.
HOWEVER, INTEREST WOULD ACCRUE AND REPAYMENT -- IT WOULD BE A
REPAYMENT PLAN.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I SEE OUR FINANCE DIRECTOR --
>> YES.

I DIDN'T WANT TO INTERRUPT.

THANK YOU, ALI, FOR PUTTING THE REPORT TOGETHER.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTION.

GOOD EVENING, HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

YES, WE DID ISSUE BUSINESS LOANS DURING COVID.

IT WILL START ABOUT 100 DAYS AFTER THE EMERGENCY ORDER IS LIFTED THE
REPAYMENT IS -- WILL BE DUE IN THREE YEARS AND IT WILL BE AMORTIZED
PAYMENTS OVER THE THREE YEARS.

THE INTEREST RATE WILL BE TIED TO LEIF WHICH IS RANGING AROUND 2.1%
PLUS AN ADDITIONAL HALF A PERCENT.

SO IT WOULD BE ABOUT 2.6% WILL BE THE AMOUNT OF THE INTEREST RATE THAT
WE WOULD CHARGE ON THE LOAN FOR 36 PAYMENTS.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY.

GOT IT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OTHER QUESTIONS, COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?

>> Councilmember Franklin: THAT'S IT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

SEEING NO MORE QUESTIONS, I'LL OPEN IT UP TO THE PUBLIC.

ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE WANT TO SPEAK TO THIS ITEM?

SEEING NONE, ANYONE ON ZOOM?

USERNAME iPHONE ARE THEY ON?

>> HELLO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.

>> HELLO.

I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT, IF IT'S POSSIBLE, TO TALK ABOUT MEASURE
TEN.

I WAS TRYING TO RAISE MY HAND BUT I WASN'T ABLE TO GET IN.

IF THAT'S OKAY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT AGENDA ITEM 10?

>> YES.

I WAS TRYING TO GET IN AND MY HAND WAS RAISED AND IT KEPT LOWERING
IT BECAUSE I MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO LATE?

>> Mayor Napolitano: SORRY.

WE'VE ALREADY PASSED THAT ITEM.

>> GREAT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

OKAY.

BACK TO THIS ITEM.

NOBODY?

OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

COUNCIL.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

[INAUDIBLE] THOSE OF US THAT WERE HERE DURING COVID AND THOSE OF US
HERE AFTER THE COVID PERIOD UNDERSTOOD WHY WE DID ALL OF THESE MOVES,
NOT JUST OUTDOOR DINING.

AND CITY STAFF DID.

WE'RE WELL PAST THAT NOW.

THIS IS THE TIME TO RESET EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE AND I WOULD -- MY IDEA
TO RESCIND EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE DONE DURING COVID TO HELP EVERYONE
OUT.

THE LOAN PROGRAM, I LOOKED TO DIRECTOR, THEY ALL KNEW THE TERMS AND
AGREED TO THE TERMS WHEN WE STARTED.

TRY TO FIND A 2.

6% INTEREST RATE LOAN TODAY, FOLKS.

GOOD LUCK.

YOU'LL NEVER FIND IT.

WE WERE GENEROUS.

IT'S 100 DAYS LATER BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR FIRST PAYMENT.

IT ISN'T LIKE WE'RE COMING TOMORROW.

BUT TO BE FAIR TO TENANTS AND THE LANDLORDS, NOTICE AND INTENT,

EVERYTHING WE THOUGHT WE WOULD ACCOMPLISH IN 2020 WITH MAYOR

NAPOLITANO AND MAYOR STERN AND MAYOR HADLEY, WE DID WHAT WE THOUGHT

WAS RIGHT AT THE TIME.

THIS WAS RIGHT AT THE TIME.

BUT NOW WE CAN'T KEEP LOOKING BACKWARD.

WE HAVE TO HIT THE RESET BUTTON AND SAY WITH ENOUGH NOTICE WE GO FORWARD.

OUR VACCINATION POLICY, BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM, ALL OF THE ITEMS -- NUMBERS 10, 11, 16, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28 AND 29.

I THINK WE RESCIND ALL OF THOSE WITH PROPER NOTICE GOING OUT AND OUR INTENTIONS AS TO WHY WE'RE DOING THIS.

IT'S A MATTER OF FAIRNESS TO ALL.

IT'S A MATTER WE DON'T WANT TO KEEP INSTILLING FEAR THAT WE CAN'T MOVE FORWARD.

I CAN'T FIND A REASON TO NOT HIT THE RESET BUTTON AND TAKE THEM FORWARD.

IF SOMEONE HAS A UNIQUE SITUATION, DIRECTOR CHARELIAN ALWAYS WORKS WITH THEM.

WE WORK WITH THEM.

WHATEVER HAPPENS.

WE'VE SEEN IT WITH UNDERGROUNDING AND WE'VE SEEN IT WITH COVID.

IF THAT HAPPENS, WE CAN WORK WITH WHOEVER IT MIGHT BE.

BUT FOR EVERYONE ELSE IN THE CITY, IT'S TIME TO TURN THE PAGE SAYING WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO AND MORE.

I DON'T KNOW A CITY OUT THERE THAT DID WHAT WE DID TO HELP OUR RESIDENTS SURVIVE, HELPING UP THEM.

NOT A HANDOUT.

A HELP UP THAT WE DID.

THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE TIME TO GET BACK.

OUR HOLIDAY MEETS DON'T GO PAST THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

THERE'S A TIME FOR IT TO END AND RESET.

I'LL MAKE THE MOTION TO RESCIND ALL ITEMS AND OPEN TO WHATEVER TIME ON THE BUSINESS EVICTION PROGRAM TO GIVE PROPER NOTICE AND GO FROM THERE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: SIMPLY A COLLAR FIE OCCASION, MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT RESCINDING ALL CITY EMERGENCY ORDERS THAT WE HAVE CONTROL OF THAT WON'T SIMPLY BE RESCINDED BECAUSE OF THE STATE. SO EVERYTHING THAT THEY MENTIONED -- EVERYTHING THAT'S ON THE BOOKS THAT WE HAVE CONTROL OF, RESCIND THEM ALL.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: CORRECT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I'M FOR THAT AND I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU AND THOSE WHO WERE ON THE COUNCIL ESPECIALLY IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE PANDEMIC.

YOU WERE EITHER MEETING EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK OR THREE DAYS A WEEK AND I KNOW YOU ALSO MET EVERY WEEK WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

I MEAN WHAT A JOB.

AND YOU WERE MAYOR IN THE BEGINNING AND --

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THIS GRAY HAIR.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I REFUSE.

BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP DURING THAT TIME.

AND AS WAS MENTIONED, WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT OUTDOOR DINING IN GREATER DETAIL IN JANUARY BECAUSE THAT'S SORT OF SEPARATE NOW AND APART FROM ALL OF THIS.

IT GREW FROM THIS.

I TOTALLY WOULD SUPPORT ALL OF THAT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I WANT TO ECHO COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH AND COMPLIMENT THE PRIOR COUNCIL ON WHAT THEY DID AND HOW THEY LED OUR COMMUNITY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: LET'S KEEP GOING.

>> Councilmember Lesser: IT WAS HARD GOING.

>> Councilmember Howorth: EVERYBODY BUT STEVE.

>> Councilmember Lesser: A LOT OF DIFFICULT DECISIONS, HAD TO PIVOT VERY QUICKLY, LOOK AT OUTSIDE AGENCIES TO SEE WHAT THEY WERE DOING AND CONTINUE TO RUN THE CITY EVERY DAY.

WELL DONE.

IN TERMS OF MOVING FORWARD, WHERE I WAS A LITTLE CONFUSED AND WHY I SEEK A LITTLE CLARIFICATION ON YOUR MOTION, MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY, AND I'LL ASK IT FROM STAFF, AND THAT IS, IT'S UNCLEAR TO ME WHICH OF THESE ITEMS WARRANT A FURTHER DISCUSSION BEFORE COUNCIL OR AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD ACROSS THAT MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY IS PROPOSING TO RESCIND THEM ALL.

CAN I ASK WHAT STAFF IS LOOKING FOR TONIGHT.

IS STAFF LOOKING FOR A BROAD DIRECTION CONSISTENT WITH WHAT MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY IS PROPOSING OR SOMETHING MORE SPECIFIC DEPENDING UPON WHICH EMERGENCY ORDER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?

>> I THINK WHAT MAYOR PRO TEM WAS TRYING TO DO, CORRECT ME IF I'M MISUNDERSTANDING.

I THINK YOU WANT TO END THE LOCAL EMERGENCY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THAT'S CORRECT.

>> IT WOULDN'T BE NECESSARILY RESCINDING THE EMERGENCY ORDERS.

IT WOULD BE ENDING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY.

SO YOU CAN DO THAT BY PROCLAMATION.

THE ITEMS THAT WE WOULD -- THAT STAFF WOULD NEED OR WOULD LIKE FURTHER DIRECTION ON IS THE EVICTION MORATORIUM ORDINANCE.

SO WE WOULD LIKE TO COME BACK WITH AN URGENCY ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE UP WITH THAT IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE ALLOWING FOR SIMILAR TRANSITION AWAY FROM THOSE PROTECTIONS THAT WE ALLOWED FOR THE RESIDENTIAL TENANTS.

AND SO WE COULD BRING THAT BACK -- AM I STATING THAT CORRECT, QUINN?

>> MY UNDERSTANDING, JUST TO INTERRUPT.

YOU COULD ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION ON THE 21st EFFECTIVE

FEBRUARY 28th AND SO ALI HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE ONE ISSUE ON THE TENANTS.

WE CAN COME BACK WITH THAT.

AND THERE'S ONE OR TWO MORE.

>> YES.

AND SO THE SECOND ONE THAT ACTUALLY IS NOT TIED TO THE END OF THE LOCAL

EMERGENCY IS OUR EMPLOYEE VACCINATION POLICY.

SO THAT ONE NEVER INCLUDED A SUNSET CLAUSE.

SO IF YOU ARE ENDING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY, IT'S YOUR PREROGATIVE YOU WOULD ALSO LIKE TO END THE EMPLOYEE VACCINATION POLICY.

>> Councilmember Howorth: DO WE NEED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WITH THAT OR WOULD THAT BE INCLUDED IN THE MOTION THAT MAYOR PRO TEM MAYBE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: IF WE WANTS TO INCLUDE IT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I WOULD INCLUDE IT AT THE SAME TIME.

>> ENDING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY, GIVING STAFF DIRECTION ON THE EVICTION MORATORIUM TO BRING BACK AND THE EMPLOYEE VACCINATION --

>> Councilmember Howorth: ENDING EMPLOYEE VACCINATION.

WE DON'T NEED A REPORT BACK ON THAT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: CORRECT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, ANYTHING?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I THINK HE'S ON MUTE.

>> Councilmember Franklin: I ACTUALLY DID NOT GET A CHANCE TO ASK A QUESTION ABOUT THE EMPLOYEE VACCINATION POLICY.

DID WE IN FACT LOSE EMPLOYEES AS A RESULT OF IT?

>> I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY LOSS OF EMPLOYEES DUE TO THE VACCINATION POLICY.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY.

>> DOES NOT APPEAR THAT WE DID HAVE ANY LOSS OF EMPLOYEES BECAUSE OF THAT.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY.

GREAT.

THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.

AND NOPE, THAT'S IT.

THANKS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

APPARENTLY WE NEED CLARIFICATION HERE.

SO FOR MYSELF, YOU KNOW, ENDING THE LOCAL ORDER, I THINK WE SHOULD END IT ALONG WITH THE STATE'S -- OUR LOCAL EMERGENCY SHOULD END WITH THE STATE'S ENDING OF THEIR EMERGENCY, BECAUSE -- AND GOING BACK TO 2020 AND ALL OF THE THINGS THAT WERE DONE, YOU KNOW, WHEN IS THE EMERGENCY NOT AN EMERGENCY ANYMORE WHEN WE'RE THREE YEARS INTO IT. WE'RE LIVING WITH IT.

WE KNOW IT'S GOING TO CONTINUE.

WE'VE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAT.

EVERYONE'S LIVES HAVE ADJUSTED AROUND IT.

BUT AS MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY SAID, IT CAN'T GO ON FOREVER.

JUST LIKE OUR PARKING, IT'S GREAT THAT WE THROUGH A LOT OF STUFF OUT THERE, WE KEPT BUSINESSES GOING, KEPT PEOPLE GOING, WE DID ALL WE COULD.

BUT THEY NEED TO GO.

ENDING THE EMERGENCY ORDER TO COINCIDE WITH THE STATE'S ENDING OF THEIR EMERGENCY ORDER AND RESCINDING THOSE ITEMS AT THE SAME TIME ARE WHAT I WOULD BE LOOKING FOR.

IS THAT WHAT THE MOTION IS?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: YES, SIR, TO MAKE IT CLEAR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: EVERYONE'S UNDERSTANDING OF THAT?

I'M READY TO GO FORWARD.

>> ONE MORE CLARIFICATION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OH, BOY.

YES?

>> SO WE MAY BE COMING BACK WITH ORDINANCE AN EVICTIONS AND THE OUTDOOR DINING WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

SO THAT'S A DIFFERENT CATEGORY.

>> Councilmember Howorth: BUT IT'S STILL RESCINDED --

>> Mayor Napolitano: DISCUSSED IN TERMS OF WHAT, THOUGH?

PERMANENT IN TERMS OF EXTENDING -- BECAUSE IF WE'RE NOW SAYING THAT WE'RE GOING TO END THE EMERGENCY AND RESCIND THE LOCAL ORDINANCES AND THINGS THAT WE PUT IN PLACE, WHERE DOES THAT COME INTO PLAY IF THE MOTION IS BEING MADE NOW TO COINCIDE WITH THE STATE'S?

>> SO AS I UNDERSTAND THE MOTION, NOTHING ELSE IS DONE ON OUTDOOR DINING, IT WILL BE DONE TEN DAYS AFTER FEBRUARY 28th.

>> Mayor Napolitano: SO OTHERWISE THE DISCUSSION --

>> THAT COULD CHANGE THINGS BUT FOR NOW THIS MOTION MEANS IT'S DONE TEN DAYS AFTER FEBRUARY 28.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: CAN I SAY ONE THING?

>> Mayor Napolitano: YEAH.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THIS WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT

THE STAFF YOU SEE HERE.

IT WASN'T WIN-WINNER THAT DID IT ALL BY THEMSELVES.

OUR WHOLE TEAM DID IT, MADE IT HAPPEN.

MAKE SURE EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT.

IT WAS A COMPLETE TEAM EFFORT FROM STAFF AND COUNCIL TOGETHER.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

LET'S -- CAN WE HAVE A VOTING SCREEN PLEASE?

NO.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, YOUR HAND IS UP.

YOU'RE ON MUTE, COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: SO, JUST SO ANOTHER COMMENT ON THIS.

IT WOULD REALLY HELP TO GET LIKE SOME HARD DATA, IF IT'S AT ALL POSSIBLE, TO SEE THE IMPACT OF WHAT WE WOULD BE DOING WHEN WE HAVE THE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

LIKE IMPACT OF -- MAYBE DO A POLL OF THE RESTAURANTS THAT HAVE OUTDOOR DINING.

MAYBE DO A POLL OF LANDLORDS AND TENANT TO SEE WHO'S -- I FEEL LIKE I'M KIND OF, YOU KNOW, DRIVING BLIND HERE A LITTLE BIT WITHOUT REALLY KNOWING GOOD DATA OR ANY DATA.

THE BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM AS WELL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WHAT'S THE DATA THAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR THOUGH?

WE KNOW WHETHER PEOPLE LIKE THINGS OR NOT.

WHAT DATA BESIDES THAT?

>> Councilmember Franklin: SO, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE LANDLORDS INTENDING

TO EVICT?

>> Mayor Napolitano: THEY'RE NOT GOING TO TELL US.

>> Councilmember Franklin: NO.

I UNDERSTAND THAT.

BUT I MEAN, WE REALLY DON'T HAVE A GOOD SENSE OF THE IMPACT OF THIS.
THE SAME THING WITH THE RESTAURANTS.

I MEAN I HEAR THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE STILL DON'T WANT TO EAT INSIDE
BECAUSE THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT COVID, WHETHER THERE'S AN EMERGENCY
ORDER OR NOT.

SO EITHER IT'S JUST, YOU KNOW, LET'S REQUEST THAT PEOPLE WRITE
IN -- JUST SOMETHING TO SORT OF GET AN IDEA OF THE DEPTH OF WHAT -- AND
THE SCOPE OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO BE DECIDING.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'M SURE THE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION IS GOING TO
MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE WRITE IN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I JUST WANT TO NOTE BECAUSE WE'RE ASKING STAFF
TO DO WORK HERE, THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE A POLL OF
WHO LIKES OUTDOOR DINING AND WHO DOESN'T AND WHO IS COMFORTABLE EATING
INSIDE.

THAT'S REALLY NOT FOR THEM TO DO.

>> Councilmember Franklin: SO I GUESS WHAT I'M SAYING TO THE PEOPLE
THAT'S HEARING THIS, LET YOUR SITUATIONS BE KNOWN TO COUNCIL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I MEAN I'M A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE DOWNTOWN

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION.

I WILL -- YOU KNOW, I WOULD SHARE WITH THEM THAT THIS MEETING IS COMING UP IN JANUARY.

I'M SURE THEY'RE AWARE OF IT REGARDLESS.

WE DO NEED TO LET THEM KNOW.

I'M SURE WE WILL GET A LOT OF INPUT ON THIS, THOUGH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE HAVE NEVER LACKED INPUT ON IT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: NO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

VOTE PLEASE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: AYE.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YEP.

>> MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THAT TAKES US TO ITEM 12, REVIEW OF PENDING ITEMS, AGENDA ITEMS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION.

THERE'S A LIST OF THEM AND THIS IS GABRIEL.

WHAT DISEASE STAFF NOT WANT TO DO ANY MORE OF.

>> WE DO NOT HAVE THAT PROBLEM.

HONORABLE MAYOR NAPOLITANO, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, GEORGE GABRIEL, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER.

SO JUST SOME VERY BRIEF BACKGROUND.

I KNOW WE WANT TO GET TO A DECISION POINT ON THIS.

FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION, STAFF TYPICALLY BRINGS ITEM TO THE CITY COUNCIL THEY MAY WANT TO REPRIORITIZE OR DEPRIORITIZE AT THEIR DISCRETION.

SO TODAY WE ARE LOOKING FOR DIRECTION FROM THE CITY COUNCIL TO BASICALLY DISCONTINUE UNDERTAKING WORK TOWARDS THESE SIX ITEMS LISTED IN THE REPORT OR TO COME BACK AT A FUTURE MEETING WITH A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.

STAFF IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY REPORT ON EACH ITEM AT THE CITY COUNCIL'S DISCRETION OR I CAN DO IT IN ADVANCE.

I'LL PLAN TO DO IT IN ADVANCE ON SOME OF THE ITEMS.

THERE ARE SIX ITEMS.

I'VE SEPARATED IT BY DEPARTMENT FOR NOW.

BUT IN ESSENCE TWO ARE FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND FOUR ARE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'M GOING TO BRING UP EACH ITEM ONE AT A TIME AND THEN THREE NODS IN SUPPORT OF THAT ITEM WILL KEEP IT GOING.

IF THERE AREN'T THREE COUNCILMEMBERS IN SUPPORT OF AN ITEM, THEN IT WILL BE TAKEN OFF.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: YOUR HONOR, ONE QUESTION.

IF THEY STAY ON, WOULD IT STAY THE SAME?

>> Mayor Napolitano: IT'S NOT ORDERED.

THIS IS NOT PRIORITIZED.

SOMEONE HAD TO GO FIRST, RIGHT?

RIGHT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

SO NUMBER ONE IS ANALYSIS OF PROSECUTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY.

OKAY.

EVERYONE IS JUMPING IN.

>> Councilmember Lesser: MR. MAYOR, ONE CHALLENGE I HAVE AND I MAY WELL AGREE WITH YOUR CHOICES, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH DESCRIPTIVE HERE OF WHAT THESE ITEMS ARE.

I'M NOT SURE THE SCOPE OF SOME OF THEM AND WHERE THEY ARE, WHERE THEY'RE LEFT, WHERE THEY'RE GOING FORWARD.

SO I WANT TO SHOW SOME RESPECT FOR WHAT THE PRIOR COUNCIL WANTED BUT I WANT A LITTLE MORE DESCRIPTION OF WHERE THEY NOW STAND.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THAT WAS OFFERED UP FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS IT. WHERE ARE WE ON THE PROSECUTION SERVICES.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.

>> SO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL RECALL THAT WEAVE HAD MULTIPLE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS AT THE CITY COUNCIL LEVEL AND IN ESSENCE THE STAFF, WHAT WE HAD DONE, WE HAD DRAFTED A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH FOR PROSECUTION SERVICES.

THE COST IS ABOUT 300,000 AT THAT TIME IN PROSECUTION SERVICES.
IN ORDER TO DO SO WE NEEDED APPROVAL FROM THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT
ATTORNEY.

IN TRYING TO OBTAIN APPROVAL WE WERE IN ESSENCE REJECTED AND WE HAD
HAD A PRESENTATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT AND THEY
INDICATED AT THAT MEETING THAT THEY WERE UNWILLING TO PROVIDE CONSENT.
AND THAT CONSENT IS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW IN ORDER TO OBTAIN
PROSECUTION SERVICES FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION BESIDES L.A. COUNTY
AT THIS TIME.

IN ESSENCE WE RECEIVED THE PRESENTATION.

CITY COUNCIL DIRECTED A CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE OF SOME SORT
COMPRISED OF FORMER COUNCILMEMBER HILDY STERN AND MAYOR PRO TEM
MONTGOMERY.

AND WITH NO STAFF PRESENT THAT WAS THE DIRECTION, AND WHAT THEY WERE
TO DO WAS TO TRY TO SEE IF THEY WERE SOME STEPS THAT WE -- THAT
COULD -- THAT WE COULD MOVE FORWARD WITH EITHER OBTAINING CONSENT OR
AT LEAST GETTING HOMELESS COURT SERVICES.

AND SO I BELIEVE -- AND THIS IS SECOND HAND BECAUSE I WAS NOT PRESENT
AT THOSE MEETINGS -- THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WAS NOT VERY
INTERESTED IN PROVIDING EITHER CONSENT OR THEY WERE NOT PREPARED AT
THAT TIME TO PROVIDE HOMELESS COURT SERVICES TO THE CITY.

WE WERE KIND OF LEFT AT A STANDSTILL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'VE GOT A WHOLE SEPARATE ADDITION TO THAT.
IS THAT ENOUGH?

>> Councilmember Lesser: FOR ME I'M GOING TO BE VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR WHAT THE COUNCILMEMBERS WHO WERE ON COUNCIL FEEL ABOUT THIS. I WANT TO SHOW SOME RESPECT TO THE PROCESS YOU WENT THROUGH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: AND RICHARD ESPECIALLY BEING ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: PUSH THE BUTTON PLEASE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: SORRY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE'RE GOING TO START WITH COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES, THANK YOU.

SO THANK YOU, GEORGE.

WE HEARD FROM GEORGE GASCON'S OFFICE THEY WEREN'T GOING TO LET US, YOU KNOW, DO WHAT WE WANTED TO DO WITH REDONDO BEACH.

THAT WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER DAY, I GUESS.

BUT PART OF THAT THAT WE HAD UNCOVERED WAS THE VALUE OF THE HOMELESS COURT IN HELPING THE HOMELESS TO ACHIEVE BETTER CRIMINAL RECORDS.

AND I SEEM TO BE THE COUNTY, I BELIEVE IT WAS THROUGH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL'S OFFICE HAD PLANS TO CREATE, IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME A HOMELESS COURT BY THE COUNTY.

HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THAT TO -- YOU KNOW, IN THE PAST FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT MONTHS, WHETHER THAT'S COMING TO FRUITION?

>> SO HOMELESS COURTS ARE COMING TO FRUITION.

THIS WAS MORTIFIED BY A BILL IN THE LAST CYCLE CALLED CARE COURTS.

IT WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE, SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

WE ACTUALLY RECEIVED A PRESENTATION ON THE CARE COURTS FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO SEE HOW WILL THIS PROGRESS.

THE CARE COURT'S MODEL IS BEING MOVED FORWARD IN TWO TRANCHES.

SO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, L.A. COUNTY REGION GOING TO BE IN THE SECOND TRANCHE.

WE'RE STILL WAYS AWAY FROM DEVELOPING AND EXECUTING THAT MODEL, TO BE HONEST.

AND THERE ARE SOME CRITERIA THAT WERE EXPLAINED THAT I DON'T KNOW THE EFFICACY OF GETTING CASES, MANHATTAN BEACH CASES BEING HEARD IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER.

THERE ARE MORE DETAILS THAT NEED TO BE FIGURED OUT.

BUT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, IT IS COMING BUT I THINK WE'RE STILL A WAYS AWAY AND AT LEAST A YEAR AWAY FROM THE CARE COURT'S MODEL COMING TO THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

>> Councilmember Franklin: IS THE CARE COURT FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND NOT BEING ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF ONESELF?

WE'VE SEEN THE HOMELESS COURT IN REDONDO BEACH, THEY ACTUALLY ARE HELPING INDIVIDUALS INTO SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLES, HOUSING AND ALSO GETTING A JOB AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

IS THAT WHAT THE CARE COURT IS VERSUS JUST MENTAL?

>> YEAH, THE CARE COURT IS MODELED AFTER REDONDO BEACH AS WELL AS SOME OTHER COURTS.

I BELIEVE ONE IN SAN DIEGO AND ANOTHER ONE IN LONG BEACH AS WELL. IT'S MODELED IN THE SAME WAY.

THE CRITERIA DIFFERENT.

THE CRITERIA IS STILL BEING FIGURED OUT BY STATE IN TERMS OF HOW IT'S GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE.

I IMAGINE IT TO OPERATE IN A SIMILAR MANNER BUT THERE WILL BE DIFFERENCES IN WHAT REDONDO BEACH IS DOING.

>> Mayor Napolitano: LET'S FOCUS THIS ON THE PROSECUTION SERVICES.

I KNOW IN OUR MINDS WE TIED IT TO HOMELESS COURT IN REDONDO BEACH BUT THE THRESHOLD WAS TO GET THE PROSECUTION SERVICES FIRST.

THE ISSUE TO DISCUSS RIGHT NOW IS WHETHER OR NOT WE WANT TO CONTINUE THIS PROSECUTION SERVICES HAVING ALREADY BEEN TURNED DOWN MULTIPLE TIMES BY THE D.A.'S OFFICE COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YEAH, WE GOT OUR ANSWER.

>> Mayor Napolitano: DO WE NEED TO CONTINUE ON THIS ITEM?
ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING THIS ITEM OR NOT.

>> Councilmember Franklin: WELL YES, BUT NOT THE BEAT MY HEAD AGAINST THE WALL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: SO WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

>> Councilmember Franklin: SO I GUESS THE ANSWER IS NO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

>> Councilmember Franklin: PAINFULLY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

PAINFULLY.

ALL RIGHT.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
COUNCILMEMBER LESSER'S REQUEST FOR HISTORY AND HISTORICAL
PERSPECTIVE, MAYOR STERN AND I WERE ON THE COMMITTEE.
THE FIRST WAS PROSECUTION SERVICES ONLY WAS TO DISCUSS WERE THEY OPEN
TO US DOING IT FIRST.
THE ANSWER WAS NO.
THEN WE SUGGESTED HOW ABOUT A PILOT PROGRAM.
LET US TRY IT FOR A YEAR.
WE DO A GREAT JOB, WE'LL PAY FOR EVERYTHING AND DO IT.
THE STAFF SUPPORTED THAT.
SOME TIME AROUND THAT TIME PERIOD AND RIGHT BEFORE WE WERE DISCUSSING
THE NO CONFIDENCE LETTER, THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW, COMMUNICATION
STOPPED.
I BELIEVE COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN AND COUNCILMEMBER HADLEY WANTED TO
TALK WITH THEM AND THE STAFF WOULD NOT TALK.
WE DID MEET WITH THEM.
THEY WERE INTENT LISTENING TO US AND OUR ISSUES.
BUT THE D.A. IS NOT GOING TO LET US MOVE FORWARD.
EVERYTHING CAME TO A STANDPOINT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: AND TO NARROW IT DOWN A LITTLE FURTHER.
IT WAS ABOUT AND CONTINUES TO BE ABOUT THE PROSECUTION OF STATE
MISDEMEANORS AS OPPOSED TO MUNICIPAL MISDEMEANORS WHICH WE'VE ALWAYS
HAD A PROSECUTOR WHICH DESERVE AS FURTHER DISCUSSION AT SOME POINT.
BUT WE HAVE A PROSECUTOR WHO HAS DIVERSION PROGRAMS THAT COULD BE

APPLIED.

THAT'S A DISCUSSION FOR ANOTHER TIME.

I DON'T SEE HOW OR WHY WE SHOULD CONTINUE THIS.

I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF TAKING THIS OFF.

WE'RE NOT GETTING APPROVAL FROM THE D.A.

WE DON'T HAVE AN ABILITY TO --

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>> Councilmember Lesser: I CONCUR AS WELL.

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE I WASN'T MISSING ANYTHING FROM YOU MAYOR PROTEM MONTGOMERY, I WANTED TO HEAR FROM YOU FIRST BEFORE I WEIGHED IN AND I CONCUR WITH WHAT THE MAYOR SUGGESTED.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THAT'S THREE, IT'S DONE.

NUMBER TWO --

>> WE'RE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING IN MANAGEMENT SERVICES FIRST.

THE NEXT IS BRUCE'S BEACH HISTORY REPORT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

ITEM NUMBER FOUR, APPROVAL PROCESS FOR THE ED ITS TO THE BRUCE'S BEACH HISTORY REPORT.

>> ACTUALLY COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN CAN WEIGH IN ON THIS AS WELL, IT'S HIS REQUEST.

THE QUESTION CAME UP WHAT THE PROCESS WOULD BE IF WE WERE TO MAKE EDITS TO THE HISTORY REPORT REALIZING THERE MAY BE MODIFICATIONS TO MAKE IF NEW INFORMATION WERE DISCOVERED.

I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT HAS FULL SUPPORT OF COUNCIL IF WE SPEND

TIME ON THAT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: SURE.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?

>> Councilmember Franklin: THE REASON I SUGGESTED THIS, WE ALL WORKED VERY HARD ON THE RESOLUTION, ON THE HISTORY REPORT, ON THE PLAQUE, YOU KNOW, ON THE PLAQUE LANGUAGE.

AND I BELIEVE IT WAS, YOU KNOW, YOUR WORDS, MAYOR NAPOLITANO, IS THAT IT'S A LIVING -- THAT THE HISTORY REPORT IS A LIVING DOCUMENT.

AND THAT'S FINE.

INFORMATION THAT GETS FOUND AND UPDATED SHOULD ABSOLUTELY BE PUT THERE.

BUT I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNCIL HAD EYES ON THAT. YOU KNOW, WE'RE AWARE OF IT.

AND COULD MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO.

UNLIKE, I DON'T KNOW, JUST THINGS ENTERED INTO THE HISTORY REPORT WITHOUT HAVING COUNCIL REVIEW IT FIRST.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OH, YOU WANT -- OKAY.

SO YOUR SUGGESTION WAS THAT ANY CHANGES COME BEFORE COUNCIL BEFORE THEY'RE MADE TO THE HISTORY REPORT.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES.

YEAH.

UH-HUH.

BRING THEM TO COUNCIL, LET US REVIEW THEM AND THEN EITHER VOTE ON THEM OR SAY OKAY, THIS IS FINE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I DON'T THINK WE NEED STAFF THOUGH TO SPEND TIME CREATING A PROCESS AND REPORT FOR THIS.

I THINK LIKE ANYTHING ELSE, THINGS COME TO US WHETHER IT'S ART IN A PUBLIC SPACE OR CHANGING SIGNAGE SOMEWHERE.

I UNDERSTAND NOT WANTING TO MAKE THE ASSUMPTION THAT THAT WOULD HAPPEN, BUT I WOULD JUST SUGGEST, YOU KNOW, THINGS OF THAT NATURE COME TO COUNCIL.

I'M FINE WITH THAT.

BUT I DON'T THINK STAFF NEEDS TO SPEND TIME ON A REPORT OR PROCESS.

>> Councilmember Franklin: NO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: HAVE WE HAD ANY ADDITIONS MADE?

>> NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THAT WAS THE QUESTION I WAS GOING TO ASK CITY MANAGER MOE.

DID ANYBODY SEND A COMMENT TO US ABOUT CHANGES.

AND YOU SAID NO.

LANGUAGE IS APPROVED.

NO ONE HAS WRITTEN US.

THANK YOU.

THAT'S ALL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, TO YOUR POINT I THINK IT'S A WAIT AND SEE.

I DON'T THINK -- I DON'T WANT TO PUT STAFF IN A POSITION OF COMING UP WITH A PROCESS THAT I THINK WE ALREADY HAVE, WHICH IS IF SOMEBODY WANTS TO BRING SOMETHING, IT'S NOT AUTOMATICALLY PUT -- NOTHING HAPPENS LIKE THAT.

NOBODY HAPPENS WHERE STAFF RUNS AND AUTOMATICALLY DOES SOMETHING AND PUTS IT IN A STAFF REPORT OR DOES ANYTHING BECAUSE SOMEONE SENT SOMETHING IN, ESPECIALLY SOMETHING THAT TAKES TIME OR REVIEW.

I JUST AM -- SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD COME TO COUNCIL AS A MATTER OF COURSE, WOULDN'T IT?

>> Councilmember Franklin: WELL, WOULD IT?

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'M ASKING CITY MANAGER MOE.

>> YOU'RE GIVING US THAT DIRECTION, YES.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE'RE TELLING THEM RIGHT NOW, BRING IT TO COUNCIL.

>> Councilmember Franklin: THERE YOU GO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANKS.

ALL RIGHT.

WHAT ELSE.

SO WE'RE MOVING ON FROM MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, EVEN THOUGH THOSE ITEMS WERE ONE AND FOUR.

NOW DOWN TO TWO.

UPDATE ON INCREASED TRANSPARENCY EFFORTS OF THE SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE.

>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

I'M GLAD ALL OF THE NUMBERS REPEAT.

SO THAT CAN BE MORE CONFUSING.

I'M GOING TO TAKE ONE, TWO AND FOUR, IF YOU DON'T MIND.

THEY'RE SOMEWHERE RELATED.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ONE?

>> ONE, TWO AND FOUR ON THIS PARTICULAR SLIDE.

THAT WOULD BE THE INCREASED TRANSPARENCY ON THE EFFORTS AND THEN THE SECOND ONE IS THE EMERGENCY EFFICIENCY MEASURES FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND THE THIRD ONE IS SPECIFICALLY SOLAR ENERGY FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: BRUCE'S ITEM ONE ON HIS STAFF MEETING TOMORROW MORNING.

>> ITEMS ONE, TWO AND FOUR ON THIS PARTICULAR SLIDE RELATE TO THE SUSTAINABILITY DISCUSSIONS.

AND ALL OF THESE HAVE NOT MADE A WHOLE LOT OF PROGRESS SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STAFF POSITION.

IT HAS BEEN IN RECRUITMENT SINCE THIS FALL.

AND WE ARE -- WE'RE CLOSING IN, I THINK, ON THE END STAGES OF THAT.

BUT THE SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE ITEM BASICALLY WAS TO REFRESH THE TASK FORCE.

SO WE NEED A STAFF MEMBER ON BOARD TO DO THAT AND THEN AFTER THAT TO HAVE TRANSPARENT ADVANCED AGENDAS FOR MEETINGS --

>> Mayor Napolitano: HOLD ON.

LET'S BACK UP TO ONE.

WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THEM ONE AT A TIME AND WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE A MANAGEMENT PERSON ON THERE, WE'RE GOING TO DECIDE RIGHT NOW WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD OR NOT REGARDLESS OF MANAGEMENT AND WHAT THEY WANT TO DO.

THEY'RE GOING TO GET DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL.

BACKGROUND PURPOSES FOR THIS FORTH, WHAT DID THAT MEAN?

>> THE EXISTING SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE HAD NOT BEEN REFRESHED FOR OVER TWO YEARS DUE TO COVID-19 AND THERE WAS DISCUSSION SHOULD THAT TASK FORCE BE CONVERT INTO A COMMISSION IN PART TO MAKE THE ADVANCED AGENDA PROCESS MORE TRANSPARENT.

PREVIOUSLY THE SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE MET, I WOULD SAY, IN A COMBINATION OF AN AD HOC FASHION WITH AGENDAS SENT OUT PERHAPS 24 HOURS TO THE GROUP.

BUT IT WASN'T HELD IN A SIMILAR FASHION AS A COMMISSION.

AND SO THE DIRECTION WAS TO REFRESH THE TASK FORCE BY SENDING OUT ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLICATIONS, HAVING NEW MEMBERS AND OF COURSE THE PREVIOUS MEMBERS COULD REAPPLY.

THE SELECTION PROCESS WOULD TIE TO THE ITEMS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORK PLAN FOR THE YEAR.

AND THEN THE AGENDAS WOULD BE PUT OUT IN ADVANCE SO THAT THE DISCUSSION ITEMS WOULD BE MORE TRANSPARENT TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC COULD ATTEND.

THE PUBLIC COULD ATTEND BEFORE.

IT'S JUST THAT IF THE PUBLIC DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH NOTICE, YOU MAY NOT

GET AS WIDE OF AN AUDIENCE.

IT WAS TO CHANGE UP THE WAY THINGS WERE DONE A LITTLE BIT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: BASICALLY TO APPOINT A NEW COMMISSION OF SUSTAINABILITY.

>> IT WOULD REMAIN A TASK FORCE.

THAT WAS THE DIRECTION GIVEN BY COUNCIL BUT IT WOULD OPERATE IN A MORE TRANSPARENT WAY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: NOT A COMMISSION ANYMORE.

THAT WAS VOTED DOWN.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I PUSHED MY BUTTON.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'LL GET TO YOU.

IT'S THE CHAIR'S PREROGATIVE TO ASK QUESTIONS.

SO THIS IS TO MAKE IT MORE TRANSPARENT THROUGH ADDITIONAL NOTICING AND NEW APPLICATIONS FOR PEOPLE?

CORRECT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR CARE AND ATTENTION TO RUNNING AN EFFICIENT MEETING.

SO IF IT'S A TASK FORCE -- SO I'M HEARING THAT THE PRIOR COUNCIL SAID KEEP IT A TASK FORCE, DON'T MAKE IT A COMMISSION.

WHICH I UNDERSTAND.

NOW I WAS ON THE ORIGINAL TASK FORCE PROBABLY BACK, I DON'T KNOW, 2005

OR '06, WITH OUR FIRST ORIGINAL KIND OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER AS A RESIDENT OR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER.

I WAS ON THOSE.

AND I ALSO WAS A REP, I GUESS -- I DON'T KNOW.

THERE WASN'T A COUNCIL, OFFICIAL COUNCIL REPS TO THE TASK FORCE, I DON'T BELIEVE.

>> YOU COCHAired.

>> Councilmember Howorth: WE COCHAired THE SECOND ONE.

BUT THE OTHER ONE WAS MORE OF A STAFF DRIVEN, THAT'S A DIFFERENT THING.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER [INAUDIBLE] --

>> LET ME CLARIFY.

UNDER THE BROWN ACT THEY WERE BASICALLY EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

SO THE COUNCILMEMBERS -- IF YOU HAVE A BOARD WITH TWO COUNCILMEMBERS AND ANYBODY ELSE IT TURNS INTO A BROWN ACT BODY.

THEY WERE CONVERTED TO AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

>> Councilmember Howorth: BUT THE CLARIFICATION, WHAT YOU AND I DID WAS DIFFERENT.

AND THEN THERE WAS AN INTERNAL ONE BUT THERE WERE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON IT WHO WERE SORT OF EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD.

AND WHAT I OBSERVED IS IT WAS MORE ABOUT INTERNAL POLICIES LIKE WE'RE GOING TO USE SILVERWARE THAT WE COULDN'T WASH INSTEAD OF PLASTIC STUFF.

WE'RE GOING TO DO AN ENERGY AUDIT OF OUR BUILDINGS.

IT SEEMED LIKE IT WAS A MORE INTERNALLY DRIVEN GOAL.

AND SO IF THAT IS THE CASE, I MEAN I DON'T --

>> Mayor Napolitano: THEY WOULD REVIEW THINGS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THEY WOULD.

ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THEY WOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL.

>> Councilmember Howorth: SO THE IDEA IS TO JUST CREATE AGENDAS THAT GO OUT BUT THEN ARE THEY BROWN ACT BODIED?

JUST TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

>> NOT NECESSARILY.

AND SO THAT WAS ONE OF THE -- LET'S JUST SAY WHEN THE COUNCIL SAID WE DON'T WANT THIS TO BE A BROWN ACT COMMISSION, IT WAS -- WELL WE CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL NOTICE IF THAT'S THE DIRECTION.

SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE 72 HOURS, BUT IF YOU WANT TO PROVIDE 72 HOURS' NOTICE YOU CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT.

BUT THAT DOES NOT CONVERT IT TO A BROWN ACT BODY.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU.

OKAY.

SO I DON'T KNOW THAT WE NEED -- AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW THAT WE NEED A STAFF REPORT BUT SURE, PUT OUT AGENDAS AHEAD OF TIME.

GREAT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

>> Councilmember Howorth: WOULD BE MY COMMENT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES, THE ISSUE IS NOT JUST THE AGENDA.

WELL, YOU KNOW, I MEAN WHAT HAPPENED IS IT JUST KEPT POPPING UP,
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS THIS BE DONE.

SOME OF THESE THINGS COST A LOT OF MONEY TO RESIDENTS, SOME MAIN DATES
THAT WERE BEING DISCUSSED AND RECOMMENDED.

YES, THERE'S EXPERTS ON THEM, I'M SURE.

BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE SOME QUOTE UNQUOTE REGULAR RESIDENTS ON IT SO THAT
YOU CAN GET A SENSE OF THE IMPACT OF WHAT THEY'RE RECOMMENDING.

HOW THAT WOULD RIPPLE ACROSS THE RESIDENTS IN THE CITY.

I MEAN WE'VE GOT SOME PRETTY ASTUTE RESIDENTS HERE.

THEY'VE NOT ALL GOT ENVIRONMENTAL DEGREES AND THE LIKE.

BUT I WOULD LIKE THE SEE A LITTLE MORE BALANCE IN TERMS OF REPRESENTING
RESIDENTS ON THE TASK FORCE.

IT'S NO JUST A QUESTION OF AGENDAS.

IT'S ALSO -- THERE'S IN MINUTES.

NOTHING WAS WRITTEN ABOUT WHAT WAS DISCUSSED.

THE MEMBERS, YOU KNOW, WERE THEY STILL RESIDENTS, THAT TYPE THING.

SO JUST KIND OF GET MORE INFORMATION, MORE TRANSPARENT.

THAT'S THE REASON I SUPPORTED THIS, YOU KNOW, COMING TO COUNCIL FOR
ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

CLARIFICATION ON THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.

ARE THEY ALL REQUIRED TO BE RESIDENTS?

>> YES, MAYOR.

YES.

EVERYBODY WAS REQUIRED TO BE EITHER A RESIDENT OR HAVE A BUSINESS IN THE CITY.

IT WAS OPEN TO BUSINESS OWNERS WITHIN THE CITY.

ONE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT REFRESHING THE MEMBERSHIP OVER THE COURSE OF TWO YEARS, ESPECIALLY DURING COVID, IS YES, THERE WERE PEOPLE THAT RELOCATED, THERE WERE PEOPLE THAT CHANGED JOBS, AND SO THAT TRIGGERED THE NEED TO SEND OUT ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLICATIONS. IT'S OPEN ONLY TO THOSE THAT ARE RESIDENTS OR HAVE A BUSINESS IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I'M IN FAVOR OF DEFERRING THE ITEM BUT FOR A BROADER REASON.

THIS PERSON IS GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF THEM AND I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE PRIORITIZED ON WHAT'S GOING TO BE THE MOST IMMEDIATE GOING FORWARD.

I'M IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUATION OF A SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE BUT THAT MAY NOT BE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY OF WHAT WE WANT THEM TO DO.

DIRECTOR TAI, DID YOU HAVE A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF WHEN THAT PERSON WOULD JOIN THE CITY TERM?

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION.

WE'RE STILL IN THE SELECTION PROCESS SO WE DON'T HAVE A SET INDIVIDUAL YET.

BUT WE'RE HOPING THE FIRST MONTH OR TWO OF NEXT YEAR THINGS WILL BE SETTLED.

>> Councilmember Lesser: ALL THE MORE REASON TO DEFER THIS ITEM.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH IS THAT OLD?

>> Councilmember Howorth: IT'S NEW.

I AGREE WITH COUNCILMEMBER LESSER'S IDEA.

I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A REPORT AND TALK ABOUT THIS.

LET'S SEE WHAT THE NEW PERSON WANTS TO DO.

MAYBE THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT VISION.

>> Councilmember Lesser: MAYBE WE DIRECT THEM.

>> Councilmember Howorth: EITHER OR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I AGREE IT NEEDS TO BE BROADER.

BUT LAST TIME THAT DANA, OUR FORMER ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR PUT THE MESSAGE OUT LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO TAKE IT, TEN OF TEN APPLIED AND TEN OF TEN WERE APPOINTED.

IT'S ON THE RESIDENTS.

IF YOU WANT THIS JOB, REGULAR PEOPLE, YOU WANT THEM TO APPLY, PEOPLE WITHOUT ENVIRONMENTAL BACKGROUNDS, YOU KNOW WHAT?

APPLY.

GET SOME OF THEM TO APPLY.

TEN OF TEN APPLIED AND ALL TEN WERE APPOINTED.

SO THAT'S NOT -- WE'RE SELECTING PEOPLE.

THEY DECIDED TO JOIN.

GET THE NEWS OUT.

THAT'S PART OF OUR JOB.

GET THE NEWS OUT.

YOU WANT TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE, APPLY.

THAT'S IT, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I WOULD ALSO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF RECOMMENDATIONS, MINUTES, THINGS LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW, THINGS THAT COST MONEY TO THE RESIDENTS, THAT'S WHY IT COMES TO US.

AND THAT'S WHY WE VOTE ON IT.

BECAUSE WE MAKE THOSE DECISIONS IN THE END.

THESE ARE JUST RECOMMENDATIONS THEY MAKE LIKE ANY OTHER COMMISSION.

SO I'M COMFORTABLE IN OUR POSITION THAT THEY CAN MAKE WHATEVER RECOMMENDATION THEY WANT.

IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY WHEN IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.

THAT'S WHAT COUNCIL IS FOR.

IN TERMS OF DEFERRING THIS, I CAN'T SEE THE POINT.

IT'S THIS COUNCIL'S JOB TO SAY WHETHER OR NOT WE WANT THE AGENDAS POSTED, WHETHER WE WANT MINUTES TAKEN, WHETHER WE WANT TO MAKE IT A BROWN ACT BODY OR NOT.

AND I HONESTLY DON'T CARE WHAT THE INCOMING PERSON THINKS ABOUT THAT.

IT'S A MATTER FOR US TO BE TRANSPARENT WITH FOLKS AS FAR AS THE PROCESS GOES.

AND I'M NOT REALLY LOOKING TO REPLACE THAT POSITION AS MUCH AS I AM

TO SPLIT THE DUTIES AND HAVE THE SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE ACT AS A WORKING GROUP TO ADVISE AND PROVIDE INPUT TO THE RESPECTIVE STAFFS ON THAT.

I KNOW IT'S A NEAT THING TO SAY WE HAVE A SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE MANAGER OR SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S ANYTHING TO THAT POSITION THAT CAN'T BE DONE BY THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS THAT REALLY DO THE WORK IN THAT, WHICH I WOULD SAY IS PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

BUT YOU KNOW, NOT SEEING SUPPORT FOR THAT, I THINK THAT WE SHOULD DISCUSS WHETHER OR NOT -- HOW WE WANT THIS TO BE TREATED.

AND THE PERSON THAT TAKES THAT POSITION IS GOING TO HAVE TO FOLLOW THAT PROCESS AND ENSURE THAT IT HAPPENS.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: JUST TO PERHAPS -- IT'S THE SEASON.

INSTEAD OF DEFERRING IT, YOU'RE SAYING NO, WE DON'T NEED THIS TO BE AN ITEM.

WE'LL MAKE THE DECISION WHEN THE TIME COMES.

>> Mayor Napolitano: GIVE IT BACK TO STAFF TO COME UP WITH AN OUTLINE OF INCREASED TRANSPARENCY FOR THIS BODY AND KEEPING IN MIND MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY'S POINT ABOUT APPLICATIONS.

I DON'T WE CAN LAMENT THE LACK OF APPLICANTS WHEN IT'S UP TO PEOPLE TO DO IT AND IT WAS ADVERTISED BEFORE.

TO ME IT'S MORE OF A PROCESS.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR THE GROUP.

AND I THINK STAFF WILL BRING THAT BACK.

I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO WAIT TO HIRE THE SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER TO DO THAT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I'M SORRY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: GO AHEAD.

>> Councilmember Howorth: AGAIN TRYING TO JUST -- THE DIRECTION IS NOT TO DEFER IT AND TO JUST PROVIDE US WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS OF HOW IT COULD WORK AND SO IT IS -- SO WE ARE GOING TO BRING IT -- SO YOUR RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE TO BRING IT BACK, AND I'M FINE WITH THAT. YOU'RE ALSO -- YEAH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: JUST ON HOW IT WORKS AND MAKING IT MORE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: PRETTY SIMPLE.

AND I ALSO WANT TO AGREE WITH WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT AS MOST OF OUR EVEN COMMISSIONS, THEY'RE RECOMMENDATIONS.

WE REPRESENT THE PEOPLE, RIGHT.

AND SO WHEN I HEAR A BROAD, YOU KNOW, SWATH OF THE PUBLIC, IT'S, YOU KNOW, WE ALSO REPRESENT THEM.

THAT'S OUR JOB.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I WANT TO FACTOR IN WHAT WE HEARD EARLIER THIS EVENING IS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS DOWN STAFF AND THAT'S WHAT WENT INTO MY THOUGHT ABOUT DEFERRING THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. BUT I'M RECEPTIVE TO WHAT YOU'RE RECOMMENDING.

MY CONCERN WAS AN HOUR OF THE DAY AND CAPACITY OF STAFF --

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'M PRETTY SURE MANAGEMENT SERVICES COULD DO THIS.

>> Councilmember Lesser: OKAY.

>> Councilmember Howorth: IT'S NOT THAT HARD.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WHAT'S ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA?

OKAY.

ANYWAY, DIRECTION WOULD BE FOR STAFF TO COME UP WITH THIS OR COME BACK AND TELL US WHY YOU CAN'T.

GOOD ENOUGH?

SO THAT TAKES US TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES.

>> THIS CAME OUT OF THE DISCUSSION OF WHETHER MANHATTAN BEACH'S BUILDING CODES FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS SHOULD GO ABOVE AND BEYOND THE STATE REGULATIONS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

SHOULD IT EXCEED THE STATE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

AND THIS DIRECTION IN 2021 WAS AT THAT TIME THE CITY SHOULD NOT EXCEED THE STATE'S REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL.

HOWEVER, TO DISCUSS WHETHER MUNICIPAL FACILITIES PERHAPS SHOULD EXCEED THEM.

SO A FAIR AMOUNT OF MOVEMENT HAPPENED BECAUSE OF THE NEW BUILDING CODE WAS BEING DEVELOPED.

THERE ARE NO ENERGY EFFICIENCY REGULATIONS THAT CAME IN WITH THE BUILDING CODE.

SO FOR THIS ITEM THE SUSTAINABILITY PERSON WOULD THEN BASICALLY BRING BACK A REPORT COMPARING WHAT THE NEW BUILDING CODES REGULATIONS ARE FROM THE NEW BUILDING CODE AND WHAT OPPORTUNITIES THERE WOULD BE TO HAVE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES BE MORE EFFICIENT THAN WHAT THE STATE BUILDING CODE REQUIRES NOW.

AND THE POINTS OF DISCUSSION AT THAT TIME WOULD BE WHETHER IT WOULD APPLY TO NEW BUILDINGS OR RETRO FITS DURING REMODELS AND THE LIKE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: DO WE NOT -- I THOUGHT WE DID THIS BEFORE.

DO WE NOT HAVE A CURRENT POLICY IN PLACE FOR THE CITY WHEN THEY DO THEIR BUILDINGS THAT IT HAS TO BE A CERTAIN LEAD LEVEL?

>> I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S THERE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I THOUGHT IT WAS GOLD.

>> BACK IN 2013, MANHATTAN BEACH'S CODE DID SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEED THE STATE REGULATIONS AT THAT TIME.

BUT BECAUSE THE STATE BUILDING CODES UPDATE EVERY THREE YEARS, EVENTUALLY THE STATE CAUGHT UP AND.

FELL IN PACE WITH THAT.

IT WAS ONLY LAST YEAR THAT THE CONVERSATION CAME UP AGAIN AS TO WHETHER WE SHOULD BE DOING MORE TO BE MORE PROGRESSIVE AND MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT THAN THE STATE BUILDING CODES.

BUT ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO THAT HAPPENED AND WE LEVEL OFF.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WHAT'S OUR NEW -- WELL THE LIBRARY WAS A CERTAIN LEVEL.

WHAT'S THE NEW FIRE STATION.

I THOUGHT THAT WAS GOLD.

>> I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE'S A LEED CERTIFICATION FOR THE FIRE STATION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: IT WAS DISCUSSED.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YEAH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

WE'LL GET BACK TO THAT.

SO SEE WHETHER THIS STAYS ON -- MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: WE WERE GOLD CARE AND IT HAS CAUGHT UP WITH US.

I THINK THE MAYOR IS RIGHT, THE NEW FIRE STATION, THE ARCHITECT WAS RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE SAYING IT WOULD MEET CERTIFICATION.

THIS IS A KEY POINT FOR US BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW, AND THE CITY MANAGER AND THE MAYOR MAY KNOW, THE ONLY THING I COULD THINK OF IS IT WOULD COMPLY TO RENOVATION/REMODELS.

ASSUMING JOSLYN IS STILL DOING THIS FIVE YEARS FROM NOW.

TERMITES ARE HOLDING HANDS.

WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT -- SHOWS IS GOING TO BE A NEW DESIGN TO MEET THE GOLD, SILVER, PLATINUM, WHATEVER IT'S GOING TO BE GUIDELINES.

I KNOW WE DIDN'T FALL BACKWARDS.

WE SET THE BAR.

WHETHER THE NEW GOLD STANDARD IS PLATINUM, WHATEVER IT'S GOING TO BE, WE CAN LOOK AT THAT.

BUT OUR BUILDINGS, THE NEW ONES, HAVE BEEN THERE.

>> IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT A BUILDING'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY RATING AND

FEATURES COULD BE EQUIVALENT TO LEED AND IT'S JUST NOT CERTIFIED,
RIGHT.

AND SO JUST BECAUSE IT DOESN'T HAVE A LABEL ON IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY
MEAN IT'S NOT EQUIVALENT.

YOU CAN BE LEED EQUIVALENT, THAT'S THE THING, YOU JUST DON'T GET THE
PLAQUE IN FRONT OF YOUR BUILDING.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I'M IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THIS ITEM ON THE
AGENDA FOR STAFF TO WORK ON.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THAT'S ONE, TWO.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THREE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THREE.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN ANY INPUT ON THIS?

WE HAVE THREE VOTES TO KEEP IT ON.

>> Councilmember Franklin: THE CITY SHOULD BE JUST LIKE OUR RESIDENTS.
THEY SHOULD MAKE A DETERMINATION ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY BASED UPON THEIR
NEEDS, THE BUDGET, EVERYTHING LIKE THAT.

WE SHOULD BEHAVE JUST LIKE A RESIDENT AND HAVE A BUDGET AND, YOU KNOW,
FIGURE OUT A WAY TO MEET THOSE GUIDELINES.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

SO MY FIVE, YOUR THREE, GUIDELINES FOR OVERHEAD STRING LIGHTS --

>> CAN I DO NUMBER FOUR FIRST SINCE IT'S MORE RELATED TO THE TWO YOU
JUST TALKED ABOUT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: NOW YOU WANT TO TAKE THAT OUT OF ORDER.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIALLY REQUIRING SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FOR NEW
NONRESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION.

>> THIS CAME OUT OF A WORK PLAN DISCUSSION AND AGAIN, WENT OVER -- WE
HAVE THE STAFF POSITION AVAILABLE.

THEY WOULD THEN WORK IN TANDEM WITH PUBLIC WORKS TO DETERMINE THE FEES
ABOUT OF INCLUDING SOLAR PANELS ON FUTURE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES.

AND THE POLICY DISCUSSION WOULD BE WHETHER IT'S DURING NEW
CONSTRUCTION OR REMODELS AND THAT'S ALL A POLICY DECISION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'M FINE WITH KEEPING THIS ON UNTIL THE
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE REVIEWS IT AND TELLS US.

>> Councilmember Howorth: GOOD.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: DIRECTOR TAI, DOES THE SKETCHER'S NEW
BUILDING HAVE A REQUIREMENT OR -- THEY HAVE SOLAR.

I'M CURIOUS ON THE EAST SIDE -- ON THE WEST SIDE.

THE NEW ONE IS ON THE WEST SIDE.

>> I DON'T.

IT'S FUN.

I CAN LOOK THAT UP AND LET YOU KNOW.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I'M GOOD WITH IT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THAT'S TWO.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THREE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: FOUR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THAT ONE IS ON.

BACK TO STRING LIGHTS, THE VERY HIGHLY-IMPACTFUL GUIDELINES FOR OVERHEAD STRING LIGHTS PLACED BO WALK STREETS.

THERE IS NO CODE FOR THIS BUT THERE ARE THINGS THAT ARE SAY JAY CENT TO A CODE.

>> THANK YOU.

THIS ITEM WAS A RESULT OF A DISCUSSION THAT THE COUNCIL HAD IN OCTOBER. THAT WAS A COUNCIL REQUEST AS WELL TO GO OVER WHAT REGULATIONS THERE WERE GOVERNING OVERHEAD STRING LIGHTS ABOVE THE WALK STREETS.

YES, THERE WERE SOME GAPS IN THE ORDINANCE, UNFORTUNATELY, SO THERE WAS NO CLEAR PATH TO A YES.

BUT THERE WAS ALSO NO CLEAR PROHIBITION EITHER.

AND SO THE COUNCIL DID NOT DIRECT STAFF TO CHANGE THE CODE BUT INSTEAD SUGGESTED AND DIRECTED SOME GUIDELINES, PERHAPS IN TIME FOR NEXT YEAR'S HOLIDAY SEASON.

AND SO THIS PARTICULAR ITEM WILL BE A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS, BECAUSE EVERY ENCROACHMENT IS A JOINT PERMITTING EFFORT BETWEEN THE TWO DEPARTMENTS.

WE'LL BE WORKING ON THAT PROBABLY, I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR SO IT WILL BE READY FOR NEXT HOLIDAY SEASON.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: WELL, I HOPE IF THIS DOES COME UP, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO RECUSE MYSELF SINCE I LIVE ON A WALK STREET AND ORGANIZE THE HOLIDAY OVERHEAD LIGHT HANGING.

>> Mayor Napolitano: PERFECT, MOVING ON.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THAT'S ALL I'LL SAY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: GIVE US A BIG WHATEVER.

ANYBODY ELSE?

>> Councilmember Lesser: I WAS NOT -- I DID NOT FOLLOW THIS CLOSELY IN THE PRIOR COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS BUT MY SENSE IS THERE'S A REASON FOR DOING THIS AND IT'S WORTH STUDYING THIS.

IS THAT CORRECT?

>> Mayor Napolitano: NO.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I DON'T KNOW.

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE WHERE I DON'T HAVE THE CONTEXT AND I'M TRULY ASKING.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I UNDERSTAND.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THERE ARE SOME RESIDENTS THAT WERE UNHAPPY WITH THE FACT THAT THEY WERE GETTING CALLS FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE HANGING WALKS ON THE WALKS.

IF YOU WALK DOWN A WALK STREET, ESPECIALLY ON HOLIDAY SEASON, MORE SHOW UP.

THESE WERE NONHOLIDAY LIGHTS AND WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE RULE WAS AND WE DIDN'T HAVE A PROHIBITION.

WERE THE LIGHTS TOO HIGH, TOO LOW?

PEOPLE WALK INTO THEM?

WE ASK FOR A PROHIBITION AND THAT'S WHERE IT STOPPED.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNT FRANK.

>> Councilmember Franklin: I WANT TO SEE IT.

THOSE STREETS ARE DELIGHTFUL THAT HAVE THEM AND IT JUST ADDS CHARM TO THE CITY.

AND MAYBE EVEN NONWALK STREETS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: DO YOU WANT TO KEEP THIS ON?

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>> Councilmember Franklin: YEAH, I WANT TO KEEP IT ON.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THAT'S ONE.

IS THERE TWO?

DID YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO KEEP IT ON?

>> Councilmember Lesser: I'M REALLY LOOKING TO THE COUNCILMEMBERS WHO WERE PART OF THE ORIGINAL CONVERSATION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: DO YOU WANT TO DENY --

>> Councilmember Lesser: HERE'S THE ISSUE.

OBVIOUSLY, THE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR YEARS ARE POTENTIALLY UPSET OF THE PROSPECT OF THE CITY REGULATING IT.

WHAT I'M NOT HEARING IS WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WE'RE TRYING TO SOLVE.

AND HAVING SOME RULES MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO CITY STAFF --

>> Mayor Napolitano: THE ISSUE IS THEY DID RECEIVE SOME COMPLAINTS BECAUSE IT BLOCKED SOME VIEWS DOWN THE STREET.

THEY HAVE RECEIVED SOME COMPLAINTS AND THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER STAFF CAN ENFORCE IT OR NOT.

THERE IS NO RULE AGAINST THE LIGHTS THEMSELVES BUT THERE ARE RULES REGARDING HOW HIGH A STRUCTURE OR SUPPORT STRUCTURE CAN BE IN --

>> Councilmember Lesser: I'D LIKE THE LIGHTS TO CONTINUE BUT IT SOUNDS

TO ME LIKE HAVING SOME GROUND RULES MIGHT BE HELPFUL OR LIGHT RULES --

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

THERE'S THREE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: OH, BOY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: SEND YOUR E-MAILS ALONG WITH THE OUTDOOR DINING
TO COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

OKAY.

THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: BAH HUMBUG.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YOU PUT 20 MINUTES FOR THAT ITEM.

MOVING ON.

ANYONE AT HOME WHO IS PLAYING ALONG WITH US AND DOING THEIR BINGO GAME,
WE ARE PUSHING ALONG BECAUSE WE HAVE A CLOSED SESSION AFTER THIS.
AFTER THE REGULAR MEETING THAT WE WILL RECESS TO.

SO CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS.

ANY AB1234 REPORTS?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: NO, SIR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS?

ANYONE HAVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS?

OKAY.

SEEING NONE --

>> Councilmember Lesser: WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE JUST WENT THROUGH SOME.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, DID YOU HAVE ANY?

>> Councilmember Franklin: NO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

JUST MAKING SURE.

>> Councilmember Franklin: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YEP.

CITY MANAGER REPORT.

>> NOTHING TONIGHT THANK YOU.

EXCEPT HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYBODY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YOU AS WELL.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT?

>> DITTO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: DITTO AS WELL.

P IS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS THAT YOU SEE THE AGENDA FORECAST AND
COMMISSION MINUTES.

WITH THAT WE'RE GOING TO RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION WITH OUR CITY
ATTORNEY GIVING THE OVERVIEW.

>> PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT SECTION 54956.9D1, 5.956.9D2E5 AND 54957
THE CITY COUNCIL WILL NOW GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS
IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA.

>> Councilmember Howorth: MR. MAYOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: WILL WE HAVE A FIVE-MINUTE BREAK IN BETWEEN?

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THAT HERE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I'M TRYING TO BE OFFICIAL AND TRANSPARENT.
I DEFINITELY WANT TO BE TRANSPARENT.
THANK YOU.

[CLOSED SESSION]

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE ARE BACK TO OPEN SESSION AFTER CLOSED SESSION.
AND OUR CITY ATTORNEY HAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

>> City Attorney Q. Barrow: THE CITY COUNCIL WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION
TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA.
BY A 4-1 VOTE WITH MAYOR NAPOLITANO VOTING NO, CITY COUNCIL GAVE
DIRECTION TO THE CITY ATTORNEY WITH RESPECT TO THE LITIGATION AND
GAVE DIRECTION TO THE CITY ATTORNEY WITH RESPECT TO THE CITY MANAGER.
THERE WAS NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

SO NOW WE ARE GOING TO ADJOURN TO JANUARY 9th AT 6:00 P.M.

WHAT'S HAPPENING JANUARY 9th?

I THOUGHT WE CANCELLED THAT?

>> NO.

>> WHERE IS IT?

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY, SO ADJOURN TO JANUARY 9th, 6:00 P.M.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.