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>> SO THIS IS A JOINT COMMISSION MEETING AND IT ROLLS RIGHT OFF THE TONGUE. WE'RE GOING TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER, AND IF YOU'LL RISE WITH ME, WE'LL PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND IT'S GOING TO BE LED BY MARTHA.

>> Martha: 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.

>> ALL RIGHT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ROLL CALL.

>> City Clerk: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> J. Franklin: HERE.

>> City Clerk: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> A. Howorth: HERE.

>> City Clerk: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> D. Lesser: HERE.

>> City Clerk: MAYOR PRO TEM MAYOR MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem R. Montgomery: HERE.

>> City Clerk: MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: HERE.

>> AND FOR THE PPIC.

[ROLL CALL]

>> Mayor Napolitano: WHY IS EVERYONE MISSING? WHY DID WE SET THIS MEETING UP IF EVERYONE CAN'T MAKE IT? IT SEEMS LIKE A MAJORITY OF OUR COMMISSIONERS AREN'T HERE.

>> Clerk: WE HAVE A COMMISSIONER WHO'S OUT ON MATERNITY LEAVE CURRENTLY, THAT'S ONE OF OUR PLANNING COMMISSIONERS AND I RECENTLY FOUND OUT THAT COMMISSIONER [INDISCERNIBLE] WOULD NOT BE HERE THIS EVENING, SO I HAVE NOT ASSESSED THAT SITUATION'.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THEY DIDN'T LET US KNOW AHEAD OF TIME THAT THEY COULDN'T MAKE IT?

>> I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE LEARNED JIM COULDN'T MAKE IT.

>> PEOPLE WERE POSTING THE AGENDA. BUT [INDISCERNIBLE] AND I'M NOT SURE ABOUT ALL THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS THAT ARE NOT HERE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE HAVING A JOINT MEETING. GO AHEAD. WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE? APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVERING OF ORDINANCES. DO YOU HAVE A FULL READING OF ORDINANCES TONIGHT? A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND WAIVE A FULL READING. WE DON'T HAVE ANY ORDINANCES. WE HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER --

>> WE CAN DO IT ELECTRONICALLY SINCE MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY IS NOT HERE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I DON'T HAVE A VOTING SCREEN. THERE WE GO. OKAY. PLEASE VOTE. ALL RIGHT.

>> Clerk: MOTION PASSES.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THAT TAKES US TO PUBLIC COMMENTS. PUBLIC COMMENT IS THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. IF ANYONE WANTS TO ADDRESS

THE COUNCIL WITHIN THE SUBJECT JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, COME ON DOWN. ALL RIGHT. SEEING ANYONE BY ZOOM? NOBODY BY ZOOM. SOMEONE'S COMING DOWN THE STAIRS NOW. THAT IS AN EMPLOYEE. OKAY. SETH. [ LAUGHTER ] ALL RIGHT. MOVING ON FROM PUBLIC COMMENT, WE WILL GO TO OUR GENERAL BUSINESS ITEM WHICH IS CONSIDER THE ANNUAL WORK PLAN.

>> GOOD EVENING HONORABLE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE THIS EVENING. THE CITIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSION'S HANDBOOK REQUIRES THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE PPIC COMMISSION AS WELL AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION GET TOGETHER ANNUALLY AND DISCUSS THE ITEMS ON BOTH COMMISSIONS' WORK PLAN. BOTH OF THE COMMISSIONS ARE TASKED WITH ITEMS THAT ARE REGULATORY IN NATURE AND GENERALLY MANDATED BY STATE AND LOCAL CODES. THE COMMISSIONS ALSO PROVIDE DIRECTION ON POLICY MATTERS TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND SO THIS EVENING OUR TASK IS TO ASSESS THE VARIOUS ITEMS ON THE WORK PLANS OF BOTH OF THE COMMISSIONS, DISCUSS AND OBTAIN DIRECTION FROM THE COUNCIL, PRIORITIZE THE ITEMS AS WELL AS DISCUSS WHETHER OR NOT ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO COMPLETE THESE TASKS. WITH THAT, I JUST WANTED TO INTRODUCE THE FORMAT OF THIS MEETING. IT WILL BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT YOU EXPERIENCED LAST WEEK. THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PPIC DO HAVE A LOT OF ITEMS ON THE WORK PLAN THAT ARE INTEGRATED AND SO WHAT WE'LL DO IS WE'LL START WITH A COUPLE OF THE WORK PLAN ITEMS THAT ARE ON THE PPIC'S WORK PLAN AND THEN WE'LL MOVE INTO THE INTEGRATED ITEMS AND THEN WE'LL FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS. WITH THAT, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO OUR CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND HE'LL TAKE YOU THROUGH THE FIRST COUPLE OF ITEMS FOR THE PPIC.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

>> THANK YOU. GOOD EVENING MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL. I'M THE CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER. THE FIRST ITEM, FIRST WORK PLAN ITEM THAT THE PUBLIC PARKING AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMISSION IS INVOLVED IN IS THE DOWNTOWN AND NORTH END BUTTE IF I INDICATION PROJECT. IT IS A C.I.P. PROJECT AND WAS FIRST REVIEWED THROUGH THE C.I.P. PROCESS WHICH THEY REVIEW ANNUALLY AS WELL. THE PPIC CAN PROVIDE INPUT ON THIS PROJECT RELATED TO INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS EITHER IN THE NORTH END OR IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA SUCH AS NEW LANDSCAPING, WIDENED SIDEWALKS WHICH IS A PLANNED IDEA, STREET BENCHES, WAY FINDING SIGNS, PLACEMENT OF THOSE. IT OFFERS ALSO A FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT AT THE PPIC MEETING ITSELF. THE SECOND ITEM IS THE LONG-TERM OUTDOOR DINING AND BUSINESS USE PROGRAM. WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT THAT LAST NIGHT. IT INCLUDES BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY AREAS AND THE PPIC HAS ONE MEMBER ON THE TASK FORCE. THE PPIC WILL BE USED ALSO AS A FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT. IT'S ALSO A CHANCE FOR THEM TO PROVIDE THEIR GUIDANCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT PROGRAM.

THIS IS ONE OF THOSE INTEGRATED PROJECTS WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION WHICH WE'LL ALSO BE REVIEWING REGULATORY TYPE OF NEEDS SUCH AS MODIFYING THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM OR ZONE AND CODE AMENDMENTS THAT MIGHT BE NEEDED FOR THAT AS WELL AS CEQA. THE NEXT ITEM IS THE MODERNIZING THE PARKING STANDARDS, WORK PLAN ITEM. THIS WAS GENERATED OUT OF THE SEPULVEDA CORRIDOR ACTION AND THAT TASKFORCE TOOK A LITTLE HIADUS DURING THE PANDEMIC. BUT WE HAVE NEW STANDARDS WHICH REQUIRE PARKING THEMSELVES FOR LAND USE AS WELL AS ALL THE OTHER POLICIES THAT ARE IN THE PARKING SECTION OF THE ZONING CODE. THAT WILL BE TAKEN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THEIR REVIEW IN THE SPRING AND THEN IT WILL BE AS A STUDY SESSION AND THEN TO BOTH COMMISSIONS AFTER THAT FOR THE REVIEW OF THE FINAL DRAFT. AT THAT POINT, THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOTH OF THOSE COMMISSIONS WILL GO TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THAT PARKING STANDARD. OKAY. AND I'M GOING TO HAND THIS BACK OVER TO LENA TO TALK ABOUT --

>> Mayor Napolitano: CAN I ASK A QUESTION FIRST? HOW MANY MEETINGS WERE CANCELED LAST YEAR?

>> WITH REGARDS TO THE PPIC?

>> Mayor Napolitano: MM-HMM

>> I BELIEVE SIX.

>> Mayor Napolitano: SO HOW MANY MEETINGS WERE HELD?

>> SO ABOUT EVERY OTHER MONTH WE HAD A MEETING.

>> Mayor Napolitano: SO SIX. OKAY. UM, AND THEN THE PLANNING COMMISSION. HOW MANY MEETINGS WERE CANCELED?

>> I WOULD SAY SIX AS WELL, BUT THEN WE ALSO DID HAVE SOME SPECIAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS SOME OF THESE STATE-DRIVEN EFFORTS. SO ALTHOUGH WE DID HAVE SOME CANCELLATIONS, WE ALSO ADDED A COUPLE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS AS WELL AS SOME STUDY SESSIONS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY. JUST FOR MY COLLEAGUES, I'VE NOTICED THIS, IN FACT, WE GOT NOTICES TODAY THAT THE PPIC AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS WERE CANCELED. IT SEEMS SINCE THERE IS OVERLAP, I DO WONDER OUTLOUD WHETHER OR NOT WE NEED TWO COMMISSIONS RATHER THAN HAVING SOMETHING LIKE A SEVEN-MEMBER PLANNING COMMISSION THAT DOES PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION.

>> THE DUTIES ARE DICTATED BY THE MUNICIPAL CODE, SO WE WOULD HAVE TO EVALUATE WHAT EACH COMMISSION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AND FIGURE OUT HOW WE COULD POTENTIALLY COMBINE INTO A SINGLE COMMISSION, BUT THE DUTIES OF EACH COMMISSION ARE DICTATED BY THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND THERE IS SOME OVERLAP.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I UNDERSTAND. IT WOULD CHANGE MUNICIPAL CODE EVERY MEANING. I GET IT. AND THEN THE OTHER QUESTION I WOULD HAVE IS HOW MANY ABSENCES DO WE HAVE OVER THE LAST YEAR FOR COMMISSIONS?

>> I'LL SPEAK FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS HAVE BEEN REALLY GOOD ABOUT ATTENDANCE AND ANY TIME WE HAVE HAD AN ABSENCE, IT HAS BEEN AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY. ANY UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM PPIC?

>> ONLY ONE OR TWO AND WE'VE ALWAYS HAD A QUORUM WHEN WE DO HOLD A MEETING.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT. WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE QUESTIONS RIGHT NOW. WE'RE NOT THERE.

>> I HAVE A QUESTION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YOU HAD A QUESTION. COUNCILMEMBER.

>> Councilmember: FOR THE PPIC AND THE DOWNTOWN BUTTE IF I INDICATION AND PROJECTS IN THE C.I.P., WILL SOME OF THESE ITEMS MOVE OVER INTO THE OUTDOOR DINING USES TASKFORCE? BECAUSE WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT SIDEWALK DINING, WE TALKED ABOUT THE DOWNTOWN. THIS IS A STAFF LEVEL BECAUSE THIS IS IN SOME WAYS YOUR WORK PLAN ON TOP OF YOUR DAILY CAPACITY, BUT ARE YA'LL KIND OF LOOKING AT IT HOLISTICALLY AND TRYING TO MAKE SURE SOME WORK ISN'T PROCEEDED IN ONE AREA AND THEN IT'S GOING TO BE COMPLETELY REDONE BY THE TASKFORCE RECOMMENDATIONS?

>> RIGHT. THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION BECAUSE POTENTIALLY THERE WOULD BE OVERLAP BETWEEN BOTH PROJECTS SO WE'RE MAKING SURE THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. AS FAR AS STREET SCAPE TYPE OF IMPROVEMENTS, THAT WILL NEED TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE LONG-TERM OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM. AND THE DOWNTOWN AND NORTH END BUTTE IF I INDICATION IS MORE OF A BUTTE IF I INDICATION OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE.

>> OKAY. BECAUSE I SEE SIDEWALK WIDENING AND I THINK WELL, LET'S NOT GET TOO FAR AHEAD OF OURSELVES.

>> AND THE BUTTE IF I INDICATION PROJECT, THE WORK PLAN ITEM WAS CREATED BEFORE.

>> Councilmember: SO HOPEFULLY WE'LL PUT A HOLD ON THAT.

>> YES.

>> Councilmember: THAT WAS IT. THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YEAH. SO IN THE LONG-TERM OUTDOOR DINING SECTION IN THE WRITE-UP IN THE STAFF REPORT, IT SAID THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PPIC HAVE SELECTED REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE TASKFORCE. IS THAT ONE PER?

>> YES, THAT IS CORRECT.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY.

>> AND THEY ALSO VOTED FOR AN ALTERNATE TO MAKE SURE THERE WAS SOMEONE THERE.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY. GREAT. THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSNER.

>> Councilmember: LAST NIGHT WE TALKED ABOUT AS A COUNCIL HOW TO EXPEDITE THE CONTEMPLATION OF WHAT A PROPOSAL MIGHT BE. MIGHT THERE BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOTH COMMISSIONS TO MEET TOGETHER IF

WE REALLY ARE INTERESTED IN EXPEDITING THIS PROPOSAL? I RECOGNIZE HAVING SERVED ON BOTH COMMISSIONS THEY HAVE DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS. ONE IN FACT IS UNDER STATE LAW, BUT I'M JUST WONDERING GIVEN THAT WE JUST HEARD THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN OVERLAP IF WE REALLY WANT TO EXPEDITE, MIGHT THAT NOT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY?

>> SURE. WITHOUT HAVING LOOKED INTO THE DETAILS AND ANY BY-LAWS I DON'T SEE ANY IMPEDIMENTS TO HOSTING A SPECIAL MEETING THAT WOULD INCLUDE BOTH COMMISSIONERS.

>> Councilmember: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

>> ALL RIGHT. WE'LL MOVE ON TO SOME OF THE ITEMS OUR PLANNING COMMISSION IS TASKED WITH AND THESE ARE MAINLY STATE-DRIVEN POLICY EFFORTS AND, OF COURSE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS A RECOMMENDING BODY AND THEY WOULD BRING FORWARD TO THE CITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE ITEMS. SO AS -- FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE WHICH THE COUNCIL IS GENERALLY FAMILIAR WITH AND THAT IS A BIG ITEM WITH THIS PARTICULAR WORK PLAN AND WE HAVE NOT COMPLETED THAT YET. WE'RE STILL WORKING WITH HCD AND TRYING TO GET PAST THE LAST FEW HURDLES. WE RECEIVED THE LATEST COMMENT LETTER FROM THEM ON NOVEMBER 22ND AND WE'RE WORKING THROUGH THOSE COMMENTS CURRENTLY. AND AS A PART OF CERTIFICATION, WE WILL HAVE TO IMPLEMENT THE REZONING PROGRAM THAT WAS OUTLINED AS WELL AS IMPLEMENTING ALL THESE NEW PROGRAMS AND THAT MAY TAKE A COUPLE OF YEARS BECAUSE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOME OF THOSE PROGRAMS WILL REQUIRE CODE AMENDMENTS AND SO THOSE CODE AMENDMENTS WOULD FIRST GO FORWARD TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A RECOMMENDATION AND THEN TO THE COUNCIL FOR ULTIMATE ADOPTION. THE WORK IN THIS WORK PLAN ITEM ALSO INCLUDES THE DRAFTING OF THE PERMANENT SB9 ORDINANCE AND WE HAVE NEW ADU LAW CHANGES THAT HAVE COME DOWN FROM THE STATE THAT WE WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS. ADDITIONALLY, WE'RE CONTINUING TO WORK WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION TO CERTIFY OUR ADU CHANGES FROM 2021. AND THAT TAKES US TO THE MANHATTAN VILLAGE MALL EXPANSION. I'M HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE'RE NEARING THE END OF THIS PARTICULAR WORK PLAN ITEM. PHASE ONE AND TWO HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THE WORK ON THE CULVERT IS TO CULMINATE AT THE END OF JANUARY. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES TO DEAL WITH ON THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT OUTSIDE OF THE CULVERT WE'RE STILL FINALIZING THE GATEWAY SIGNAGE. HOWEVER, FOR THE MOST PART, THIS IS NEARING COMPLETION AND WHEN THEY ARE READY TO COME FORWARD WITH PHASE THREE, THAT WILL BE A SEPARATE ITEM FROM THIS WORK PLAN AS THIS WORK PLAN ITEM DID NOT INCLUDE PHASE THREE. PHASE THREE WOULD BE ANTICIPATED ENTITLEMENT FOR THE FRY'S SITE. THE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORK PLAN, THIS ITEM HAS BEEN IN PLACE SINCE 2019. IN 2019, THE WIRELESS

TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCES WERE UPDATED TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS. AS A PART OF THAT EFFORT, WE WERE TASKED WITH EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND HOW THAT CHALLENGES LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND EXACTLY WHAT OUR POWERS WERE AND THE LIMITATIONS WERE AS IT RELATES TO ISSUING THESE PERMITS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE NOT MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WITH PURELY BASED ON STAFF RESOURCING AND AVAILABILITY AND MORE PRESSING ITEMS. SINCE THEN, WE HAVE SEEN FURTHER CHANGES TO STATE LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO CODE. HOWEVER, JUST AS OTHER HOUSING LEGISLATION, IF WE DO NOT CHANGE OUR CODE, STATE LAW SUPERCEDES, SO EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE NOT ACCOMPLISHED YET, STATE LAW WOULD SUPERCEDE IN THESE PARTICULAR SITUATIONS. HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM, WE DISCUSSED THIS LAST NIGHT. TO BETTER ALIGN OUR POLICY FROM BACK IN 2016 AND WE INTEND TO TACKLE THIS PARTICULAR WORK PLAN ITEM THIS YEAR. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, WE HAVE RECLINEMENT RESILIENCY PROGRAM. AND THIS IS AN EFFORT THAT HAS BEEN INITIATED AND IS UNDER WAY, MULTI-FACETTED. THE CLIMATE READY MB PROGRAM INCLUDES A NUMBER OF STEPS AND, AGAIN, THESE ARE STATE MANDATED EFFORTS DRIVEN BY THE STATE'S GOAL TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND THAT GOAL IS THEN PASSED ON TO THE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO DO THEIR FAIR SHARE OF REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. SO THE EXERCISE ESSENTIALLY CONSISTS OF EVALUATING OUR CURRENT EMISSIONS STANDARDS AND CONSIDERING WHAT THE CITY CAN POSSIBLY DO TO HELP THE STATE ACHIEVE ITS -- MEET ITS TARGETS. AND THAT EFFORT IS UNDER WAY. IT HAS BEEN INSTALLED DUE TO RESOURCES FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON IT WHEREVER WE CAN. WITH THAT, WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: GREAT. COUNCIL MEMBER.

>> Councilmember: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. BACK TO THE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM. AT THAT TIME, I THINK IT WAS THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR WHO WAS SORT OF -- AM I WRONG?

>> Mayor Napolitano: THIS IS A QUESTION, RIGHT? XHIMZ IT'S A QUESTION. I DO REMEMBER THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH. THAT WAS MY MEMORY AND IT WAS WRONG. ANYWAY, THERE WAS COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND IT DID SORT OF STOP. EVERYTHING STOPPED, RIGHT. AND IT SEEMED LIKE IT WAS MORE THAN THE LAWS AND THE CODE AMENDMENTS SEEMED LIKE WE WERE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE COULD DO TO MAKE IT BETTER THAN WHAT THE VENDOR WAS TRYING TO DO OR THE TELECOMM WAS TRYING TO DO. COULD YOU JUST EDUCATE ME ON WHAT ACTUALLY HAS TO HAPPEN BEFORE SOME MORE WIRELESS REPEATERS AND SYSTEMS GET PUT IN FOR THE CITY.

>> SO THE 2019 CHANGES ESSENTIALLY FOCUSED ON WHAT'S CALLED A SMALL CELL FACILITY, IF THAT RINGS A BELL. AND, WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DID BACK THEN WAS TAKE AWAY MOST OF OUR POWERS IN REGULATING IS WHAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE A SMALL CELL FACILITY.

YOU'LL SEE THEM IN THE RIGHT OF WAYS EITHER ON EXISTING ELECTRICAL POLES OR NEW POLES THAT ARE CONSTRUCTED FOR THESE SMALLER TYPE FACILITIES FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES, I WOULD SAY WHEN YOU SEE THOSE REALLY LARGE ANTENNAS ON AN EXISTING BUILDING, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT'S CALLED A MACRO FACILITY. THOSE ARE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY. WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS DID IS ESTABLISH LIMITATIONS TO WHAT WE CAN DO IN OUR REVIEW OF THESE SMALL CELL FACILITIES BECAUSE ALL OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND PROCESSING THESE WERE BEING FACED WITH A LOT OF CONTROVERSY AS IT RELATES TO THE INSTALLATION. PEOPLE WERE COMPLAINING ABOUT RF EMISSIONS AND THE OTHER THING THESE REGULATIONS DID IS ELIMINATE THE ABILITY OF ANYONE TO APPEAL THESE PROJECTS BASED ON RF EMISSIONS AND THAT'S CLEARLY WRITTEN IN THE LAW. AS A RESULT OF THESE CHANGES, THE COUNCIL AT THE TIME FOUND IT WOULD BE WORTHY TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY OF WHAT OUR LIMITATIONS ARE AS A CITY AND IT COMES UP ONCE IN A WHILE WHERE WE'LL HAVE A PERMIT AND THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO SEND OUT A NOTICE TO A CERTAIN RADIUS JUST TO NOTIFY THEM THAT THEY'RE GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS AND THERE'S AN APPLICATION THAT THE CITY IS CONSIDERING, SO ESSENTIALLY TREATED AS A MINISTERIAL PERMIT. SO IT'S TRULY A COURTESY NOTICE MORE THAN ANYTHING. BUT, AGAIN, THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL COME TO US AND SAY, WHAT CAN WE DO TO STOP THIS? AND WE'LL TELL THEM, WELL, THEY'VE TAKEN ALL THE CORRECT ACTION AND IT'S -- OUR POWERS ARE LIMITED. AND THE POINT OF THIS PARTICULAR WORK PLAN ITEM WAS TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ON WHAT OUR LIMITATIONS ARE AS A CITY SO THAT WE'RE NOT DEALING WITH THE CONTROVERSY ON A ONE OFF BASIS AND YOU'RE GENERALLY EDUCATING THE PUBLIC SO THEY KNOW IN ADVANCE OF GETTING A NOTICE WHAT OUR LIMITATIONS ARE.

>> Councilmember: SO THIS ISN'T SLOWING DOWN ANY, YOU KNOW, ADDITIONAL LIKE FACILITIES, IT'S JUST -- WE HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT A WAY TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVEN'T DECIDED ON THAT PLAN.  
>> THAT'S CORRECT.

>> Councilmember: OKAY. THAT'S VERY HELPFUL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ON THAT ISSUE, I MEAN, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY, ARE WE GOING TO SEND SOME NOTICES OUT? WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO BECAUSE I HAVE A CONCERN THAT WE'RE GOING TO RAISE A LOT OF CONCERN BY BLANKETING THE CITY WITH THIS WHEN SOMEONE MIGHT NOT BE AFFECTED BY IT AT ALL. IT SEEMS LIKE WE SHOULD BE EDUCATING THE FOLKS THAT ARE IN THE RADIUS OF THE PROPOSED CELL SITE.

>> AND WE DO THAT ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS REGULARLY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: RIGHT. SO WHY WOULD WE DO CITYWIDE?

>> I THINK THE GOAL AT THE TIME WAS TO HOST SESSION COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND, BUT WE DO DO THIS IN OUR REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS WHEN THE NEIGHBORS CALL US AND WE



EDUCATE THEM, WE'VE CONSISTENTLY MET THEM OUT ON THE SITES SHOWING THEM WHAT ALTERNATIVES WERE CONSIDERED.

>> Mayor Napolitano: SO WHAT'S THE REMAINDER OF THIS? WHY IS THIS STILL IN THE WORK PLAN TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

>> THE GOAL INITIALLY AND, OF COURSE, THAT COULD CHANGE WAS TO HOST CITY WIDE WORKSHOPS TO EDUCATE THE MUST BE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I WOULDN'T BE SUPPORTIVE OF THAT. COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember: I JUST WANTED TO FOLLOW UP. I DID SKIM THE OLD WORK PLAN. BUT MY RECOLLECTION FROM KIND OF A RIP VAN WINKLE FOUR YEARS AGO PERIOD SHGTS THERE WERE APPLICATIONS OVER WHICH THE CITY HAD VERY LITTLE IF ANY DISCRETION, NEIGHBORS WERE ANGRY BECAUSE THEY HAD HEALTH IMPACTS, THEY HAD VIEW IMPACTS THAT THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT. SO I WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT STAFF'S INTERPRETATION OF THIS WORK PLAN ITEM THEN. IS IT JUST SIMPLY HOLDING THESE COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO INDICATE HOW LIMITED REVIEW WE HAVE?

>> THAT'S CORRECT BECAUSE THE FIRST COURSE OF ACTION FROM THE NEIGHBORS IS TO CONTEST THE PROJECT BASED ON RF EMISSIONS AND THAT'S THE NUMBER ONE THING THAT THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DO. SO BEFORE THEY GO AND INVEST FURTHER RESOURCES INTO RESEARCHING THINGS LIKE THAT AND FILING FOR APPEALS, ETC., THE GOAL IS TO EDUCATE THEM ON OTHER STEPS THEY COULD TAKE POTENTIALLY WORKING WITH THE APPLICANT WHICH WE SEE IS THE MOST FRUITFUL GENERALLY. WE'VE SEEN THE APPLICANTS WHETHER ANY OF THE TELECOMMUNICATION PROVIDERS, THEY'RE MORE THAN WILLING TO SEND SOMETHING OUT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FOR THE NEIGHBORS AND WE'VE MET THEM ON SITE AS WELL. EXPLAIN WHY OTHER ALTERNATIVES DO NOT WORK. EXPLAIN WHY IT'S NECESSARY TO HAVE IT IN THAT PARTICULAR LOCATION. SO THOSE KINDS OF EFFORTS ARE ONGOING AND THEY'VE PROVEN TO BE VERY FRUITFUL.

>> Councilmember: SO JUST A QUICK FOLLOW-UP. WHAT IS THIS AN ONGOING ISSUE. WE WERE FACED IN THE 2019 PERIOD WAS THAT WE HAD MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS COMING IN. IS THIS STILL AN ONGOING ISSUE WITH APPLICANTS FOR THE 5G ROLL-OUT OCCURRING AT THE RATE THAT IT HAD BEEN OVER THE THREE, FOUR YEARS AGO?

>> THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION. WE DO CONSISTENTLY PROCESS THESE TELECOMM PERMITS AND I WOULD SAY ABOUT ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR AT THIS POINT, WE'RE FACED WITH THE SITUATION WHERE IT'S ALL HANDS ON DECK, WE GET EVERYBODY TOGETHER, WE GO OUT TO THE SITE, WE EDUCATE THE NEIGHBORS. SO THAT -- BUT WE ARE CONSISTENTLY CONTINUING TO GET APPLICATIONS IN BECAUSE THEY ARE UPGRADING THESE SO FREQUENTLY. SO EVEN IF IT'S NOT FOR A BRAND NEW ONE, WE'LL HAVE TO PROCESS THE ONE FOR THE UPGRADE.

>> Councilmember: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES. ON THE SAME ISSUE, LET'S TAKE IT FROM THE OTHER SIDE, LET'S SAY THAT A NEIGHBORHOOD WANTS TO GET BETTER WIRELESS SERVICE, SO WHAT PROCESS CAN THEY GO THROUGH THERE TO TALK TO THE WIRELESS PROVIDER TO SAY, "HEY, COULD YOU BRING IN MORE RESOURCES HERE?"

>> THIS HAPPENS REGULARLY AS WELL AND THEY'LL CONTACT US AND THEY'LL ASK US WHAT WE CAN DO AND WE'LL LET THEM KNOW WHAT THEIR BASE COURSE OF ACTION IS TO CONTACT THE WIRELESS PROVIDERS, AND, GENERALLY, WE DO HAVE CONTACTS AND THE WIRELESS PROVIDERS ARE HAPPY TO HEAR FROM THOSE FOLKS SO WE WILL PUT THEM IN TOUCH.

>> Councilmember Franklin: IS THERE ANYTHING THAT THE CITY DOES OR CAN DO TO FACILITATE THAT?

>> IN ADDITION TO PUTTING THEM IN TOUCH WITH THE CORRECT CONTACT?

>> Councilmember Franklin: YEAH. I MEAN, DO WE GIVE THEM SOME, YOU KNOW, AN INFORMATION PACKET? I WOULD HATE TO HAVE TO CALL MY WIRELESS PROVIDER AND TRY TO FIND OUT WHO TO TALK TO ABOUT THIS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE HAVE CONTACTS.

>> WE HAVE THE CONTACTS. WHAT WE DON'T HAVE, WHICH IS REALLY WHAT THEY NEED IS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING FROM THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS WHERE THEIR GAPS ARE AND WHAT THEIR PRIORITIES ARE IN TARGETING THOSE GAPS. TYPICALLY, WHAT HAPPENS IS THEY UNDERSTAND WHERE THE HOLES ARE IN THEIR MAPPING AND THEY'LL ASSIGN PRIORITIES TO THOSE AND THEY'LL START WORKING ON THE PRIORITIES ONE BY ONE. SO THEY'LL BE ABLE TO MOST HELP THE CUSTOMERS IN UNDERSTANDING HOW QUICKLY THEY COULD POTENTIALLY ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY. THANK YOU. AND, SO, TALKING ABOUT ASSESSRY DWELLING UNITS, ADUs, I WAS CURIOUS HOW MANY HAVE BEEN BUILT SINCE I CAN'T REMEMBER THE ADU ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED?

>> 10 TO 20 PER YEAR.

>> Councilmember Franklin: SO THERE ARE TEN TO 20 THAT HAVE BEEN PUT IN?

>> CORRECT. PERMITTED AND ISSUED.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY. AND HOW HAS THAT WORKED OUT? HAS THERE BEEN ANY OBJECTIONS FROM NEIGHBORS? HAS THERE BEEN INCREASED PARKING PROBLEMS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

>> WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING OF THE SORT AND I'LL SAY THAT WITH THE STATE'S NEW NO NET LOSS REGULATIONS, THAT'S BEEN A HELPFUL TOOL FOR OUR COMMUNITY WHERE THERE USED TO BE A DUPLEX AND THE NEW OWNER IS CONSIDERING A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE, THEY USUALLY USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING ON AN ADU IN ORDER TO HELP THEM GET TO THAT, THE NUMBER TWO BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF UNITS, HOUSING UNITS ON THE SITE.

>> Councilmember Franklin: SO HOW DOES THAT BREAK DOWN IN TERMS OF ADUs AND JUNIOR ADUS OF THAT TEN TO 20 NUMBER? TO THAT POINT, IT'S PROBABLY EASIER TO PUT A JADU IN WHAT THEY WANT TO BE A

SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE. THEY JUST NEED A KITCHEN FACILITY AND THEY NEED A DOOR TO THE OUTSIDE OR SOMETHING.

>> CORRECT. IT'S A MINORITY. JADUS ARE A MINORITY.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY. AND WHAT ARE WE DOING TO EDUCATE THE HOMEOWNER IN TERMS OF IF IT IS A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AND THEN THEY PUT IN AN ADU, NOW IT'S A TWO-UNIT, NOW IT'S AN R2, RIGHT?

>> IT'S NOT AN R2, BUT IN TERMS OF EDUCATION TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, IT'S THE PLANNERS. THE PLANNERS ARE OUT THERE TALKING AT THE COUNTER, SPEAKING TO THE DEVELOPERS, THE HOMEOWNERS, TAKING THE PHONE CALLS, ANSWERING THE E-MAILS ALL DAY LONG. AND SO IT'S OUR CITY PLANNERS WHO ARE EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON THIS MATTER.

>> Councilmember Franklin: AND SO THE IMPLICATION BEING ONCE YOU CONVERT IT TO TWO UNITS, YOU CAN'T GO BACK, RIGHT?

>> WELL, THEY'RE MOSTLY BRINGING THE ADU ON WHEN THERE'S AN EXISTING DUPLEX AND THEY CANNOT REDUCE THAT NUMBER. SO IF THERE'S A DUPLEX ON THE SITE AND YOU WANT TO BUILD A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE, YOU CAN'T DO THAT UNLESS YOU ALSO ADD AN ADU.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OH, I SEE. SO IS IT ALSO THE MINORITY OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AND THEY WANT TO PUT AN ADU IN THERE FOR PARENTS OR SOMEBODY, CARETAKERS, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER?

>> WE'RE NOT REALLY ALLOWED TO ASK WHO THEY'RE GOING TO BE -- WHO'S GOING TO BE RESIDING IN THE ADU. WE DO HAVE ADU COVENANTS THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN AND WE GET RECORDED ON TO THE PROPERTY AND THEY HAVE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS WHEN YOU BUILD AN ADU, YOU CAN'T CONVERT THAT ADU BACK WITHOUT LETTING THE CITY KNOW AND SO THEY ARE REGULATED AND IT'S RECORDED ON THEIR TITLE.

>> Councilmember Franklin: RIGHT. THAT'S WHY I WAS ASKING ABOUT THE EDUCATION. THAT'S A BIG IMPLICATION. IT MAY SERVE THEIR NEEDS NOW, BUT LATER ON WHEN THEY'RE READY TO SELL THE PROPERTY, THERE MAY NOT BE A MARKET FOR --

>> WE DO EDUCATE THEM HEAVILY.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY. I'D LIKE TO SEE A LITTLE MORE PROACTIVE EDUCATION OF SOMEONE WHO'S INQUIRING ABOUT THAT BECAUSE IT'S A PRETTY SOPHISTICATED PROCESS THAT THEY'D BE GOING THROUGH AND, YOU KNOW, THEY MAY NOT BE THINKING OF SELLING THE PROPERTY UNTIL 10, 15, 20 YEARS FROM NOW.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WELL, I WOULD HESITATE BECAUSE FIRST OF ALL, WE DON'T WANT TO GIVE THEM LEGAL ADVICE. IT'S ON THEM TO RESEARCH IT. I'M GOING TO SAY IT RIGHT NOW, AS WE KNOW, YOU WANT TO EXPEDITE OUTDOOR DINING, STAFF IS BUSY ENOUGH RIGHT NOW. I DON'T WANT THEM TO GO ON AN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN COMMUNITY WIDE FOR CELL OR ADU. IT'S GOOGLE.COM. IT'S THERE. I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ON ADUs.

>> Councilmember Franklin: LIKE I SAID, IT'S SOMEONE'S HOME, IT'S THEIR MOST VALUABLE POSSESSION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: AND IT'S ON THEM TO DO THE RESEARCH. THEY NEED TO HIRE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THOSE THINGS TOO. I DON'T WANT THE STAFF TO HAVE TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO GO OUT AND ANYONE WHO'S INTERESTED JUST COME ON DOWN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: A PIECE OF PAPER.

>> MOST OF THE CONTRACTORS AND DEVELOPERS WHO COME IN ARE WELL-VERSED. MOST OF THE CONTRACTORS AND DEVELOPERS ARE WELL-VERSED IN THE MATTER. WE SPEND MOST OF OUR TIME EDUCATING THE HOMEOWNERS.

>> Councilmember Franklin: RIGHT. BY LEFT 1:

>> THE ONES WHO AREN'T WELL-VERSED.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember: WHY DON'T WE TAKE OFF THE EDUCATION ON THE CITIES. TAKE IT OFF. TAKE IT OFF. YOU'VE GOT OTHER THINGS TO DO, YOU KNOW, AN F.A.Q. AT THE MOST. BUT DON'T EVEN PRIORITIZE THAT. LIKE YOU SAY, THEY HAVE TO NOTICE THE NEIGHBORS AND I'M SURE YOU HAVE LANGUAGE. LIKE I SAY, YOU GO OUT TO THE SITES AND, YOU KNOW, I JUST THINK IF THAT DOES ANYTHING TO HELP THE PROCESS, SO WITH CONCURRENCE OF MY COLLEAGUES.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ANYONE WHO DOESN'T FEEL EDUCATE ABOUT CELL SITES THAN STAFF.

>> Councilmember: USUALLY THE PERSON WEARING THE TINFOIL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I WAS JUST SAYING A LOT OF PEOPLE DO THEIR RESEARCH.

>> Councilmember: ABSOLUTELY. AND THAT'S WHY FOR BETTER OR WORSE, I'M NOT SAYING I AGREE WITH THE STATE LAW. IT TAKES THAT ISSUE AWAY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: AGAIN, I AGREE. I THINK WE NEED TO TAKE THINGS OFF THE PLATE.

>> Councilmember: ABSOLUTELY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OF PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS SO WE CAN FOCUS ON THOSE CORE THINGS WE'VE ASKED THEM TO DO AND ASKED THEM TO EXPEDITE. YOU KNOW, F.A.Q.s AND THINGS LIKE THAT ARE GREAT, BUT THEY TAKE TIME.

>> Councilmember: SO DO YOU GUYS, IS THERE A CONSENSUS? LIKE -- OH, DAVID WANTS TO SPEAK.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember: I JUST WANT TO ASK STAFF, DO YOU SEE A NEED FOR THIS ITEM WHETHER YOU GET TO IT LATER OR WOULD IT BE JUST AS WELL TO REMOVE THIS FROM THE WORK PLAN?

>> I THINK IT WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY FINE TO REMOVE IT FROM THE WORK PLAN. WE EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN OUR REGULAR COURSE OF DUTY.

>> Councilmember: I'M HAPPY TO BE YOUR THIRD.

>> Councilmember: OKAY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT. WHAT ELSE FOR ITEMS? ALL RIGHT. WHERE DO WE GO NEXT?

>> WE'VE PRESENTED ALL OF THE WORK PLAN ITEMS AND I'M -- IF THERE'S A PARTICULAR ONE YOU'D LIKE TO DISCUSS, I WILL --

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE COMMISSIONERS.

>> YEAH. ABSOLUTELY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I THOUGHT WE PASSED OUT MICROPHONES. I KNOW [INDISCERNIBLE] HAS A QUESTION.

>> WE JUST LOVE WORKING TOGETHER AND WE LOVE WORKING WITH YOU GUYS. WE'RE HAVING A LOT OF FUNS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU GUYS WANT TO DO OR NOT DO OR TAKE OFF THE PLATE? I'LL SAY THIS RIGHT NOW AND WE HAD THIS CONVERSATION BEFORE AND REVEAL FROM MY COLLEAGUES, YOU KNOW, YES, WE HAVE THIS ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER POSITION THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FILL, THE LAST PERSON BOWED OUT THAT WE WERE ABOUT TO OFFER IT TO. I WOULD BE LOOKING AT THIS POINT TO DIVIDE THOSE DUTIES BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING COMMISSION WHO HAVE TO IMPLEMENT ANYWAY AND HAVE THE COMMISSIONERS LEAD THE CHARGE ALSO ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL WITH THE SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE AS A TECHNICAL WORK GROUP THAT ADVISES STAFF AND PUSHES THINGS UP TO THE COMMISSIONS. I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF FAITH AT THIS POINT THAT WE'RE GOING TO FIND A SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER. FRANKLY, I'D LIKE TO SAVE THE SALARY. I THINK THAT BETWEEN IT NEEDS TO BE -- IT SHOULD BE INTEGRATED WITH THE WORKINGS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION. PUBLIC WORKS AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO BE WORKING ON THESE THINGS. I DON'T WANT IT TO BE THIS SEPARATE LITTLE SILO THAT THEN BOILS STUFF UP AND THEN WE HEAR ABOUT IT LATER. LAST TIME I THINK THINGS CAME TO US REGARDING WATER CAPTURE, REGARDING GETTING RID OF GAS STOVES, IT CAME DIRECTLY TO THE TASK FORCE. IT REALLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN VETTED THROUGH THE COMMISSIONS FIRST. AND SO I'M LUCKY IF WE DO ANYTHING. YOU KNOW, WE NEED MORE FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT STAFF RATHER THAN HAVING THESE OTHER FOLKS IN OTHER SILOS, WE NEED MORE PUBLIC WORKS. WE NEED MORE ENGINEERS, WE NEED MORE PLANNERS. WE HEAR THIS ALL THE TIME. THINGS ARE BACKED UP. I'M GETTING E-MAILS FROM DEVELOPERS THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE WORSE IT'S EVER BEEN WORKING IN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH. IT TAKES SIX MONTHS TO GET AN APPOINTMENT OR SOMETHING AND THAT REALLY HAS SLOWED A LOT OF THINGS DOWN AND THE TWO MAJOR THINGS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BETWEEN OUTDOOR DINING, BETWEEN THE ZONING ORDINANCE REVISION THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO UNDERTAKE BECAUSE OF THE SIX HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. THERE'S A LOT OF STUFF THAT THESE FOLKS ARE GETTING BUSY WITH AND I AM A PROPONENT OF EFFICIENCY. I HATE -- THAT'S WHY YOU HEARD ME. I'M NOT GOING TO APOLOGIZE, I'M DISAPPOINTED WE DON'T HAVE A FULL HOUSE HERE. WHEN WE HAVE A JOINT MEETING, I EXPECT EVERYONE TO SHOW UP. I SHOWED UP. YOU SIGN UP, YOU SHOW UP. AND

SO SAME THING HERE. I WANT US ALL TO BE WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS THING. THERE'S A LOT OF STUFF THAT'S GOING TO COME DOWN THE PIKE AND WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK AS YOU SAID, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STAFF IN THOSE DEPARTMENTS ALREADY TO THEN, YOU KNOW, FIDDLE AROUND WITH OTHER THINGS. I THINK WE CAN ACCOMPLISH A LOT WITH THE FOLKS, WITH THE DEPARTMENTS WE ALREADY HAVE AND THE PEOPLE, BUT WE NEED SOME SUPPORT FOR THEM. I'D RATHER GET A COUPLE PEOPLE OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BEFORE WE FILL THAT SPOT. THAT'S ME. I THROW THAT OUT THERE FOR MY COLLEAGUES. I SEE COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember: I'M THE LORAX. I SPEAK FROM THE TREE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'M SURE SHE'S IN AGREEMENT WITH ME.

>> Councilmember: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. THERE'S SOME THINGS THAT YOU SAID I DO AGREE WITH. IT'S -- YEAH. NO. BUT ONE THING I DO THINK WHEN I FIRST WAS ON COUNCIL THE FIRST TIME IN THE VERY BEGINNING, THE POSITION WAS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THEN IT WAS MOVED OVER TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF WISDOM IN -- I MEAN IT'S REALLY ABOUT THE TWO DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS. IT'S NOT -- I ACTUALLY, I MEAN, BUT I'M NOT A CITY MANAGER. I'M NOT THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE THERE'S A GOOD REASON. SO I GUESS, I DON'T WANT THIS POSITION OR ROLE TO GO AWAY. I THINK IT'S VITALLY IMPORTANT. I THINK SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WERE IN THE WORK PLAN, WELL, THE THING THAT WAS UNDER THE CLIMATE RESILIENCY PROGRAM, A LOT OF THAT IS MANDATED, YOU KNOW. SO IT ACTUALLY WOULDN'T HELP THEM NOT TO HAVE THAT POSITION FILLED. IS THAT CORRECT?

>> Mayor Napolitano: WELL, BUT YOU COULD HAVE A STAFF PERSON IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WHO DOES THOSE MANDATED THINGS. I GUESS MY -- AGAIN, THE IDEA IS IT'S GREAT FOR PR, BUT WHAT ARE WE DOING THAT CAN ACCOMPLISH IT IN OTHER WAYS.

>> Councilmember: I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TO NOT HIRE AN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL THE PERSON IN ORDER TO HIRE. THERE WERE ENOUGH STAFF IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. SO THAT'S --

>> Mayor Napolitano: TO THAT POINT, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN EVALUATION AS TO WHAT'S BEEN DONE, WHAT WE SEE FOR THAT POSITION GOING FORWARD. REALLY, IF THEY'RE DOING THINGS WITH SO MUCH OVERLAP, I'D RATHER HAVE A FLEXIBLE PERSON WHO CAN DO BOTH THINGS THAN ONE PERSON WHO DOES ONE THING.

>> Councilmember: AND MR. CITY MANAGER, COULD I MAKE ONE MORE POINT BEFORE YOU SPEAK TO THAT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: AND THEN I'LL TURN IT OVER.

>> Councilmember: I DO UNDERSTAND YOUR GOVERNANCE COMMENT ABOUT THINGS COMING FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORCE TO US. AND THAT CAN BE RUN DIFFERENTLY. THAT CAN -- I FEEL LIKE THERE IS ROOM THERE BECAUSE YOU DON'T -- I DON'T KNOW THAT WE WANT TO, YOU

KNOW, IT'S ALMOST AS IF IT'S ANOTHER COMMISSION. THEY SAY, GREAT, WE CAN DO THIS, THIS, AND THIS BECAUSE THEY'RE VERY SMART AND THEY HAVE GREAT IDEAS, BUT WE NEED TO KIND OF REIGN THAT IN A BIT. SO I UNDERSTAND THE GOVERNANCE PIECE OF IT AND I THINK WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THAT SOMEHOW, BUT OBVIOUSLY I WANT TO KEEP A FOCUS ON THAT, SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT THE DIRECTOR OR THE CITY MANAGER TO SPEAK OR DAVID, BUT THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I WANT TO TURN IT OVER TO COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember: DID YOU WANT TO JUMP IN?

>> AFTER YOU.

>> Councilmember: SO ONE OF THE JOYS OF THIS PARTICULAR GROUP IS A DESIRE TO LOOK AT THESE CHALLENGES EVEN THOUGH WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE. I SHARE THE MAYOR'S CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WITH THE SHORTAGE OF STAFF. I RESPECTFULLY AGREE ABOUT ELIMINATING THIS POSITION. PROBABLY NO SURPRISE. OUR CITY WAS A TREND-SETTER IN BRINGING ON THIS POSITION BECAUSE IT TAKES STAFF TO IMPLEMENT MANY OF THESE HIGH IDEAS. WE'RE IN A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND I SEE A ROLE IN THIS POSITION GOING FORWARD TO IDENTIFY WHAT PROJECTS WE AS A COUNCIL DETERMINE TO BE PRIORITIZED AND THEN TO FOLLOW THROUGH AND THEN TO FOLLOW UP. SO I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE A CONTINUATION OF THE POSITION, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS, SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE CALLED. AND WE CAN HAVE A FULLER CONVERSATION USING SOME CRITERIA THAT THE MAYOR JUST MENTIONED IN PASSING TO SORT OF EVALUATE THAT POSITION, BUT I THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUE IT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: SPEAKING OF CLIMATE CHANGE, I'M FEELING IT.

>> Councilmember: IT'S HOT. I SAW YOU GET UP.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YOU'RE HOT?

>> Councilmember: I WAS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: SO I THINK WE'RE LEAVING OUT A REALLY IMPORTANT GROUP IN THIS DISCUSSION AND THAT'S OUR RESIDENTS THEMSELVES. I THINK THEY'RE REALLY CAPABLE OF MAKING THESE DECISIONS TO REDUCE EMISSIONS IF THAT'S THE GOAL. AREN'T WE -- I THINK I READ SOMETHING LIKE WE'RE THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OR WE'RE AT ONE OF THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGES OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN THE STATE AND THAT'S A DECISION THAT'S MADE IN THEIR HOMES. THEY TAKE A LOOK AT IT. GOODNESS KNOWS WE'RE DOING IT IN OUR HOME OF, YOU KNOW, OKAY. WE'RE READY AT THAT STEP. I'M NOTORIOUSLY CHEAP AND I MAKE CARS LAST A LONG TIME. SO MY CAR THAT I HAVE PARKED OUT THERE IS NOW 14 YEARS OLD, BUT WE'RE GOING THROUGH THIS DECISION PROCESS. OKAY. DO WE GO ELECTRIC? WELL, WHERE IS THE ELECTRICITY PRODUCED THAT'S GOING INTO THAT CAR? RIGHT. BECAUSE IT'S NOT 100% GREEN BECAUSE THE ELECTRICITY IS BEING PRODUCED SOMEWHERE AND SOMETIMES BY FOSSIL FUELS, BUT THAT DECISION'S BEING MADE AT THE HOME. THE SAME THING FOR OUR RESTAURANTS AND

BUSINESSES, RECYCLING, THINGS LIKE THAT. THE PEOPLE OF MANHATTAN BEACH ARE QUITE INTELLIGENT AND THEY'RE VERY RESOURCEFUL AND THEY HAVE RESOURCES TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. SOLAR PANELS, THINGS LIKE THAT. SO WHEN YOU KIND OF LIKE LOOK AT A 30,000' LEVEL AND YOU SEE WHAT'S THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON EMISSIONS, THOSE DECISIONS ARE GOING TO BE MADE AT THE HOME. WE CAN COME IN AND MANDATE IT, BUT NOBODY LIKES TO HAVE MANDATES.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WELL, I THINK THE FOCUS HERE THOUGH IS WHETHER OR NOT WE FILL THIS POSITION.

>> Councilmember Franklin: WELL, AND SO THERE'S THE THING. IN TERMS OF I LIKE THE IDEA OF RESOURCE SHARING IT AMONG THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS BECAUSE THE BIG PIECES THAT ARE GOING TO BE DECIDED ARE GOING TO BE DECIDED BY THE RESIDENTS AND THEY CAN BE THERE TO GUIDE. IN THIS CASE, I GUESS WE DO WANT TO EDUCATE OUR RESIDENTS AS OPPOSED TO --

>> Mayor Napolitano: WELL, WHAT I'M MISSING IS WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO BECAUSE, RIGHT. IT HAS TO BE ABOVE AND BEYOND WITH THE STATE AND THE REGION IS DOING TO JUSTIFY THE POSITION.

>> Councilmember Franklin: RIGHT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: BECAUSE, RIGHT, WE HAVE MANDATES COMING DOWN. NEW HOMES HAVE TO HAVE SOLAR ON THEM, YOU HAVE TO HAVE CERTAIN CAPTURE FOR WATER AND THINGS. A LOT OF THESE THINGS ARE COMING WHICH ARE RIGHTFULLY SO AND IT MAKES SENSE. MANHATTAN BEACH ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE CLIMATE ON ITS OWN, WE'RE PART OF THIS LARGER ORGANISM AND THE STATE MANDATES THAT ARE COMING DOWN ARE IN LINE WITH A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE STARTED OFF SO FAR AHEAD. WE STARTED OFF SO FAR AHEAD WITH PLASTIC BAGS AND THINGS LIKE THAT AND NOW THE STATE EXCEEDS OR AT LEAST MEETS WHAT OUR GOALS ARE WHETHER IT'S EV-ONLY ELECTRIC VEHICLES SOLD IN CALIFORNIA AFTER 2035 OR WHATEVER IT IS. YOU KNOW, WE'RE NOT GOING TO SAY THAT, TOYOTA, YOU CAN'T SELL ANYTHING BUT EVs STARTING 2025. RIGHT. SO WHAT IS IT? AGAIN, I WANT TO SEE WHAT THIS POSITION IS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE LOOKING AT TO DO AND WE'RE ALREADY DOING THE CLIMATE CHANGE PAPER FOR AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL PLAN, RIGHT.

>> THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAMS AMENDMENT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YEAH. THAT WE GOT THE GRANT FOR.

>> THAT'S WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION RIGHT NOW, BUT ONCE THEY PROVIDE US WITH RESPONSES, THEN WE'LL HAVE TO PICK BACK UP ON THE WORK WE WERE DOING THERE TO RESPOND TO THEM TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS OR CHANGES THAT THEY REQUIRE. HOWEVER, I WILL SAY THAT THE WORK ON THE CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN HAS PAUSED. THAT IS A TREMENDOUS EFFORT. AGAIN, THE STATE MANDATED THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE OVER THE COURSE OF THE LAST MONTHS. WE HAVE THE RESTORATION PROJECT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PROJECTS.



>> Mayor Napolitano: WOULD THAT BE THE SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER DOING THAT WORK FOR THE LOCAL COASTAL PLAN?

>> SO, ON THAT TOPIC, I DID WANT TO SAY WE ESSENTIALLY REBRANDED THE POSITION WHEN WE WENT OUT FOR OUR RECRUITMENT THIS LAST ROUND. IT'S NOW CALLED THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR AND THIS PERSON WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ALREADY IN PLACE PROGRAMS THAT THE CITY HAS, THE GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM BEING AN EXAMPLE OF THAT. WE ARE MANDATED BY THE STATE IN ADDITION TO THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN TO UPDATE OUR SAFETY ELEMENT AND THE COASTAL HAZARDS CHAPTER OF THE LCP. THE EFFORT ON THAT WAS A PART OF THAT. AND SO IT'S EXPECTED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WOULD NOT ONLY TAKE ALL THE STATE MANDATES, ASSESS THE CITY'S WEAKNESSES STRENGTHS, VULNERABILITIES, DEVELOP THE POLICIES THROUGH THE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS, PRESENT IT TO THE TASK FORCE AND ON THAT MATTER, I DID WANT TO NOTE THAT ALL POLICY WORK DOES HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE PLANNING COMMISSION JUST LIKE THE LOCAL COASTAL HAZARDS CHAPTER DID.

>> Mayor Napolitano: IT GOES THROUGH PLANNING ANYWAY.

>> IT DOES.

>> Mayor Napolitano: SO HOW LONG HAS THIS POSITION BEEN ABSENT?

>> SINCE JUNE AND OUR WORK HAS UNFORTUNATELY PAUSED FOR THE TIME BEING. I DO UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS AND YOUR QUESTIONS AND IF THERE'S A DESIRE TO POTENTIALLY CONSIDER AGAIN REBRAND IT A DIFFERENT WAY, I WILL SAY THAT AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, THE PLANNERS DO NOT HAVE -- THEY DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO FULFILL THIS AND ALSO THERE'S A CERTAIN LEVEL OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE THAT'S NEEDED TO PUSH THESE PROJECTS THROUGH TO TRULY UNDERSTAND THE STATE LAWS THAT ARE COMING DOWN FROM SACRAMENTO AND THEN KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO TO ASSESS THE STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, AND VULNERABILITIES OF THE CITY AND THEN CUSTOMIZE THE POLICY THAT WE DEVELOP FOR THE CITY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'D RATHER HIRE AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER.

>> Councilmember: I LIKE THE REBRAND -- SORRY. DAVID.

>> Councilmember: I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE CITY PLANNER DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD.

>> IF YOU WANT MORE PLANNERS, I'M HAPPY TO BRING MORE BACK TO THE BUDGET. I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: INSTEAD OF THAT WE'RE REBRANDING.

>> I CAN'T COMMIT TO THAT AT THIS POINT. IF THERE'S A CONSENSUS YOU WANT TO TAKE A DIFFERENT APPROACH WITH OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE'VE GOT FOUR PEOPLE HERE SO IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S HAPPENING.

>> WELL, AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE, BUT WE'RE HAPPY TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVE WAYS AND PERHAPS IT'S THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER OR SOME OTHER APPROACH.

>> Councilmember: TO PICK UP ON WHAT THE CITY MANAGER JUST SAID, I THINK WHAT YOU'RE ASKING, MR. MAYOR, WE HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES AS A CITY. WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF STAFF AND WE ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT MEETING THE CAPACITY OF THE DEMAND. BLUE I SEE THIS POSITION AS NOT ONLY IMPERATIVE, OR WHAT SOME OF OUR CURRENT OBLIGATIONS ARE, BUT GOING FORWARD, WE WERE A MODEL CITY IN ADOPTING THIS POSITION EARLY ON AND OTHER CITIES ARE EMULATING US. AND I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS A COMBINED WITH SOME OF THIS CONCERN ABOUT THIS POSITION WHEN THERE'S SUCH A NEED FOR OTHER PLANNERS IS THE FACT THAT THERE WAS PERHAPS A FEELING THAT THE POSITION WAS AND THE PERSON OCCUPYING WAS GETTING AHEAD OF COUNCIL, GOING FOR REACH CODES. TAKING SUBJECTS THAT COUNCIL DIDN'T GET BEHIND AND IT WAS FELT THAT PERHAPS A LOT OF STAFF TIME WENT INTO THAT WITHOUT COUNCIL'S SUPPORT AND THAT WAS A WASTE OF TIME. I WOULD ARGUE AS WE'VE JUST HEARD, THERE ARE CURRENT OBLIGATIONS THAT WE MUST FULFILL WHERE THE EXPERTISE OF THIS POSITION WOULD BE HELPFUL AND THERE ARE MORE OBLIGATIONS GOING FORWARD. I ALSO MIGHT SUGGEST THAT ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE'VE MISSED OUT ON THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAD ACCEPTED THE POSITION AND THEN PICKED ANOTHER JOB IS BECAUSE OF THE LABOR MARKET WE'RE EXPERIENCING IN SO MANY OTHER AREAS IN OUR CITY NOW WHERE IT'S A COMPETITIVE MARKET FOR THOSE THAT ARE TRAINED IN THIS AREA. THERE'S A HUGE AMOUNT OF DEMAND AND THAT MIGHT BE ONE OF THE REASONS WHY INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT CHOOSING TO COME TO WORK HERE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THAT'S AN ARGUMENT TO RAISE THE SALARY WHICH I DON'T SUPPORT EITHER. COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember: I SENSE WE AREN'T GOING TO GET A DIRECTION. BUT I ALSO THINK THERE'S A WAY WE CAN KIND OF WORK THROUGH THIS IN THAT I ACTUALLY REALLY LIKE THE REBRANDING. LIKE I THINK IT WAS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATOR. THAT, YOU KNOW, AND YOU MENTIONED COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, EPA, THAT'S PRETTY CLEVER. SO WHETHER YOU CALL IT THAT. WHETHER YOU CALL IT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER. WHETHER I THINK AND I THINK COUNCILMEMBER LESSER'S COMMENTS WERE VERY INSIGHTFUL ABOUT PERHAPS, YOU KNOW, THERE WAS A DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PERSON WHO I THINK WAS VERY SKILLED AND AN EXPERT IN HER FIELD, BUT MAYBE SHE PUSHED THINGS. LET'S -- WHAT I'M HEARING FROM THE STAFF AND NOT SO MUCH, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW THAT ANYONE'S -- WELL, ANYWAY, WHAT I'M HEARING FROM THE STAFF IS THIS IS A DIFFERENT TYPE OF PERSON THAN A REGULAR PLANNER AND A PLANNER MIGHT BE MORE EXPENSIVE THAN THIS PERSON FRANKLY BECAUSE THE PLANNER HAS OTHER SKILLS. SO LET'S -- I WANT TO LEAVE IT TO THEM AND THE LAST THING I WILL SAY IS I DO THINK THERE'S AN APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THIS SPACE. I DON'T THINK PEOPLE -- THERE ARE A LOT OF SMART PEOPLE WHO MAYBE DON'T WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO PUT IN THOSE

CODES. SO I'LL ALWAYS FIGHT FOR THAT AND I THINK WHAT DAVID'S POINT, YOU KNOW, OTHER PEOPLE HAVE EMULATED US AND I CAN JUST SEE, MR. MAYOR GOING WHO CARES. WE DON'T HAVE TO, BUT IT STARTS OTHER -- IT'S A RIPPLE EFFECT AND IT POSITIVELY EFFECTS THE RESILIENCY OF OUR AREA OR OUR STATE. YOU KNOW, IT'S IMPORTANT. BUT THAT IS MAYBE A POLITICAL DIFFERENCE AND WE CAN GET AROUND THAT. LET'S FIGURE OUT STAFFING AND ALL OF THAT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: A LOT OF CITIES ARE DOING STAFF WITHOUT AN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER. COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: SO I JUST -- SO I FIRST HAVE A QUESTION. IT SEEMED TO ME WHEN I WAS LOOKING UP THE BUDGET REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENTS, DIDN'T THIS POSITION SORT OF -- COULDN'T WE GET GRANT MONEY TO HELP PAY FOR THAT POSITION? IT SEEMED TO ME IT WAS ALMOST A WASH, WASN'T IT WITH THE GRANT MONEY? THERE WAS A CERTAIN PORTION THAT SAID YOU COULD USE THIS TO HIRE SOMEBODY. DO YOU KNOW THAT SPECIFICALLY?

>> POTENTIALLY A GRANT IN THE PAST. I DON'T THINK ANY OF OUR ACTIVE GRANTS ARE FORMULATED THAT WAY, BUT I WOULD HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT AFTER CONFIRMING.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY. BECAUSE I SEEM TO REMEMBER A 0 SUM.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THAT JUST MEANS THE POSITION WOULD LAST AS LONG AS THE GRANT LASTS.

>> Councilmember Franklin: AND YOU WOULD HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER SOURCE. THAT'S THEIR JOB WOULD BE TO GO OUT AND GET GRANTS. AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO REITERATE. I'M SORRY, COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH. THERE ARE A LOT OF SMART PEOPLE IN MANHATTAN BEACH WHO WORK, PAY A MORTGAGE, SEND THEIR KIDS TO COLLEGE, THINGS LIKE THAT. I THINK THEY CAN HANDLE THIS, YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF AND THEY CAN LOOK AT WHAT THEY WANT TO DO AND MAKE AN IMPACT. I WANT TO, YOU KNOW, HAVE A CLEANER WORLD FOR MY CHILDREN AND MY GRANDCHILDREN AND SO THAT'S GOING TO MAKE DECISIONS -- YOU KNOW, I'LL MAKE DECISIONS ACCORDINGLY AND IN MANHATTAN BEACH, I THINK THE REASON WE'RE SO SUCCESSFUL IS BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE THAT. WHO ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE TOLD WHAT TO DO. THEY CAN READ THE NEW YORK TIMES. THEY CAN READ THE L.A. TIMES, THEY CAN READ THE WALL STREET JOURNAL. THEY CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON. SO I THINK WE HAVE A LOT OF SMART PEOPLE BUT I THINK THEY ARE SMART ENOUGH TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE SHOWN A PRIMROSE PATH. THE REASON I KNOW THIS IS BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I LOOKED AT THE WORKSHOPS BEFORE THAT WERE HANDLED BY THE SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER. EIGHT PEOPLE. TWELVE PEOPLE. SEVEN PEOPLE SHOWED UP. YOU KNOW, THERE'S 13,000 RESIDENT BUILDINGS HERE IN MANHATTAN BEACH. OF THAT IS BY NO MEANS AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY THAT ARE SEEKING THIS OUT. I MEAN, PEOPLE ARE TELLING US WITH THEIR ABSENCE THAT IT'S NOT -- WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY IS NOT IMPORTANT.

THEY CAN FIGURE IT OUT AND THEY DO FIGURE IT OUT. THEY'RE BUYING ELECTRIC CARS. I CAN PROBABLY GET A GOOD DEAL ON A TESLA THESE DAYS. YOU KNOW, THEY'RE DOING THE KEY THINGS. IF THEY THINK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, IF THEY WANT AN ELECTRIC STOVE, PUT IN AN ELECTRIC STOVE. YOU KNOW, THEY'RE DOING IT, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE TOLD AND, YOU KNOW, AND TAUGHT ON --

>> Councilmember: JUST A TIP FOR YOU THOUGH, YOU SAID YOU CAN'T GET -- YOU WANT TO BUY AN ELECTRIC CAR, BUT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT WHERE YOUR ENERGY'S COMING FROM. IF YOU SIGNED UP FOR 100% GREEN POWER WITH GREEN POWER ALLIANCE, YOU CAN --

>> Councilmember Franklin: I HAVE AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS WE DID WAS THE FACT THAT OUR HOME DIDN'T PENCIL OUT IN TERMS OF PUTTING UP SOLAR PANELS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS FALL ASLEEP, LET'S HEAR FROM THEM.

>> Councilmember Franklin: I WAS ABLE TO MAKE THAT DECISION. RIGHT.

>> MAYOR NAPOLITANO, I ALSO DID WANT TO NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PPIC MET BEFORE TONIGHT'S MEETING AND REVIEWED THE WORK PLAN BEFORE COMING HERE THIS EVENING AND NEITHER COMMISSION WANTED TO ADD ANYTHING OR CHANGE ANYTHING ON THE WORK PLAN.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY. ANYTHING ELSE?

>> Councilmember: I JUST HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THIS DISCUSSION. ISN'T THERE A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THIS POSITION THAT OUTLINES SPECIFICS ABOUT WHAT THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE?

>> Mayor Napolitano: SORT OF.

>> OKAY. AND WOULDN'T THE FOCUS OF THAT BE THE CITY AND HOW THE CITY'S SUSTAINABILITY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION AND ALL THAT AS OPPOSED TO A BROADER COMMUNITY WIDE INITIATIVE? LIKE FOCUS ON ELECTRIC CARS FOR THE CITY FLEET AND PUTTING SOLAR PANELS ON CITY BUILDINGS LIKE THAT.

>> I CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YEAH. WE ALREADY DO ELECTRIC CARS.

>> IT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO DEVELOP THE POLICY AND SEE WHAT THE CITY'S VULNERABILITIES ARE AND THAT POLICY COULD POTENTIALLY TRANSLATE TO CITY WIDE EFFORTS AND EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE CITY. FOR EXAMPLE, ELECTRIC VEHICLE FLEETS. IT COULD ALSO TRICKLE INTO THE RESIDENTS. IT'S ACTUALLY -- THE RESPONSE IS ACTUALLY IT'S BOTH.

>> SO THERE IS A JOB DESCRIPTION THAT OUTLINES THE SPECIFICS OF WHAT THIS POSITION IS GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR.

>> YES.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MY POINT IS I WANT FLEXIBILITY SO THEY DO MORE THAN JUST THIS WHEN IT'S NEEDED. THE IDEA THAT WE HAVE A JOB DESCRIPTION IS GREAT, BUT WE HAVE A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR EVERY POSITION IN THE CITY BUT WE NEED AGAIN PEOPLE NOT WORKING

IN SILOS, WE NEED PEOPLE WORKING ACROSS ALL SPECTRUMS. IF WE HAVE A NEED HERE, WE NEED EVERYONE TO SHIFT OVER THERE. YOU KNOW, THINGS LIKE ELECTRIC FLEETS. ANYONE HERE CAN COME UP WITH THAT. I DON'T THINK WE NEED ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIAL TRAINING TO SAY, YOU KNOW WHAT, WE SHOULD DO ELECTRIC CARS INSTEAD OF GAS-POWERED CARS FOR THE CITY FLEET. GOOD IDEA. I DON'T THINK THAT TAKES MUCH. OTHER QUESTIONS?

>> YOUR ORIGINAL COMMENT, MAYOR, WAS THAT THE COMMISSIONS ONLY MET SIX TIMES ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MY QUESTION WAS THAT. THEY GAVE ME THE ANSWER OF SIX TIMES.

>> [INDISCERNIBLE].

>> Mayor Napolitano: WELL, YOU'RE MISCHARACTERIZING WHAT I SAID.

>> WELL, IT'S NOT SO MUCH THE NUMBER, BUT IT WOULD BE THE QUALITY AND AS A COMMISSIONER IN THREE YEARS I FEEL LIKE THE ONLY CONTRIBUTION I'VE MADE IS WE'VE PUT UP A STOP SIGN. SO I DON'T FEEL THAT MY -- THE COMMISSION I'M ON IS DOING ALL THAT MUCH FOR THE CITY. SO IT'S NOT JUST THE TIME BUT THE QUALITY. SO I HOPE I'M SOUNDING LIKE I'M SUPPORTING WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. MY POINT IS, I THINK I WOULD LOVE TO SEE MORE DIRECTION FROM CITY COUNCIL IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR FOR COMMISSIONS TO BE DOING BECAUSE FRANKLY, I JUST FEEL LIKE A RUBBER STAMP.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I THINK YOU GUYS ARE UNDERUTILIZED. I THEY USED TO MEET -- PLANNING COMMISSION USED TO HAVE LOTS OF MEETINGS. THEY USED TO HAVE TONS OF THINGS, CONTROVERSIAL STUFF. I FEEL BAD THAT WE DON'T PUT ENOUGH ON YOUR PLATE.

>> YEAH. I WOULD JUST ECHO WHAT YOU BOTH SAID. THIS IS MY SECOND GO ROUND. I RECALL MY FIRST GO ROUND AND WHEN I WAS ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS WELL, I RARELY -- I DON'T REMEMBER MEETINGS BEING CANCELED AS OFTEN AS THEY ARE NOW AND HAVING MAYBE ONE THING ON THE AGENDA. WE WERE CONSTANTLY BEING ENGAGED AND I THINK YOU HAVE FREE RESOURCES HERE IN THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE COMMISSIONS, NOT SO MUCH STAFF, BUT YOU HAVE A LOT OF VERY SMART AND DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES THAT CAN HELP PROVIDE INSIGHT AND SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER WITHOUT MAYBE EXERCISING AS MUCH STAFF TIME AS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. TO THE POINT ABOUT, YOU KNOW, SUSTAINABILITY, I THINK BACK TO WHEN COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND I WERE SERVING ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION, I RECALL ONE OF THE FIRST PROJECTS I APPROVED AS A PLANNING COMMISSIONER WAS THE WELLS FARGO BUILDING AT MANHATTAN BEACH AND SEPULVEDA AND IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, I THINK IT WAS THE VERY FIRST LEAD CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN ALL OF MANHATTAN BEACH. SO WE DO HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF SUSTAINABILITY AND PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS BUILDING AT LEAST WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY AND I'M THINKING IN PARTICULAR SOMETHING THAT STUCK OUT TO ME IS THE PERMABLE CONCRETE. THAT'S SO SIMPLE. LOOK WHAT JUST HAPPENED IN THE LAST

FEW WEEKS. ALL OF THESE STORMS WE'VE HAD, CALIFORNIA IS STILL NOT GOING TO BE OUT OF A DROUGHT. BECAUSE A LOT OF THAT WATER IS GOING INTO THE OCEAN, THERE'S RUNOFF. PERMEABLE, IT'S AN EXAMPLE OF IN THE PAST, YOU KNOW, WE HAD REAL THINGS TO REVIEW AND TO HELP PROMOTE AND I THINK WE HAVE MISSED OPPORTUNITIES HERE THAT WE SHOULD RECAPTURE GOING FORWARD.

>> Mayor Napolitano: AND THAT'S WHAT CONCERNS ME WHEN I HEAR THAT THE COMMISSIONERS DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD OR TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE PLANS. THE PLAN IS FINE BUT IT'S NOT MUCH THERE.

>> RIGHT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: SO ARE YOU GUYS SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO ADD ANYTHING OR DO ANYTHING ELSE IN WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

>> I DON'T KNOW. WE MAYBE ATTRIBUTE RIGHT NOW AS A BODY.

>> YEAH AND IT'S WITH TWO OR THREE YEARS OF COVID. DURING THIS OTHER THINGS WE'RE FOCUSED ON BUT WE SPOKE ABOUT -- THAT STATEMENT WAS MADE ABOUT WE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED THE WORK PLAN. IF WE DID, I MUST HAVE SLEPT THROUGH IT BECAUSE I JUST DON'T REMEMBER IT. AND IF THIS IS THE WORK PLAN, IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH IF WE'RE LOOKING FOR A TWELVE-MONTH TIME PERIOD. I UNDERSTAND THE FOCUS ON OUTDOOR DINING, I UNDERSTAND THE OTHER FOCUSES AND MAYBE WE'RE SHORT ON STAFF OVERALL, MAYBE THAT'S WHY WE'RE NOT SEEING OTHER THINGS. BUT THERE JUST ISN'T MUCH GOING ON HERE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: FOR ME, AGAIN, I'M SPEAKING FOR MYSELF. I'LL GET RIGHT TO YOU COUNCILMEMBER. BUT THE STUFF -- I'M FINE WITH YOU GUYS COMING UP IDEAS, WE'LL BAT THEM AWAY IF WE DON'T LIKE THEM. THAT'S THE NATURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP. YOU GUYS MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, WE AGREE, WE DON'T AGREE. BUT MEDIANS. RIGHT. I'VE BEEN SAYING FOR YEARS, WE NEED MEDIANS MORE LIKE PALM SPRINGS. WE NEED TO GET RID OF THE TURF IN TERMS OF SAVING WATER AND EVERYTHING ELSE. OUR PARKS NEED WORK. THERE'S A LOT OF OVERLAP AND PUBLIC WORKS AS DIRECTOR LEE CERTAINLY KNOWS BECAUSE HE DEALS WITH IT. WHY AREN'T YOU GUYS LOOKING AT THAT TOO NOT JUST PARKS AND RECREATION. PARKING. THERE ARE RED ZONES THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND ARE RED AND WHY DON'T WE HAVE MORE MOTORCYCLE DESIGNATED PARKING OR ELECTRIC VEHICLE -- ELECTRIC BIKE PARKING ON THE STREET AS IF THEY WERE MOTORCYCLES RATHER THAN BEING PARKED ON THE SIDEWALKS. THERE'S PLENTY OF THINGS FOR YOU GUYS TO LOOK AT. I SEE IT EVERY DAY WHEN I GO WALKING. AND SO I WOULD JUST SAY START LOOKING AT THESE THINGS. I YOU WANT YOU TO FEEL LIKE A RUBBER STAMP. I DON'T WANT YOU TO FEEL LIKE YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO DO. YOUR TIME IS VALUABLE TOO. I WANT YOU TO FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO BRING TO THE TABLE AND WE'LL TELL YOU WHETHER IT WORKS OR NOT BECAUSE WE LOOK IN TERMS OF BUDGET AND STUFF LIKE THAT AND, YOU KNOW, THE LIGHTNING ROD FOR KICKING AND SCREAMING, BUT AS YOU SAID, WE'VE GOT A LOT OF SMART PEOPLE WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE A LOT. I WANT YOU TO DO THA I DON'T WANT YOU TO

FEEL LIKE YOU DIDN'T APPROVE THIS. THAT'S A TERRIBLE THING IN MY MIND. COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember: I WAS GOING TO PICK UP ON WHAT COMMISSIONER SAID IS THAT THE COVID AS WELL AS THE CHALLENGES OF STAFF I THINK HAVE PLAYED DIRECTLY IN THE REASON WHY THERE HAVEN'T BEEN MEETINGS BECAUSE THERE HASN'T BEEN STAFF TO PUT TOGETHER STAFF REPORTS TO GET THEM POSTED. I ALSO CAN RECALL ON MY TIME 19 YEARS AGO, THAT'S KIND OF CRAZY, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF MISSED MEETINGS WHEN STAFF DID NOT HAVE PROJECTS FOR US TO CONSIDER, THEY WOULD NOT MEET SO IT'S NOT COMPLETELY UNUSUAL. BUT FROM A PROCESS STANDPOINT, I'D LIKE TO REALLY LEAN INTO THE COMMENTS THAT YOU JUST MADE, MR. MAYOR. I THINK THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT INITIATIVES THAT THE PPIC COULD POTENTIALLY EXPLORE, BUT I WAS WONDERING ABOUT PROCESS. BEYOND WHAT WE HAVE HERE. TECHNICALLY, THERE'S A WORK PLAN THAT THE COMMISSION HAS A CHANCE TO REVIEW WHICH IS WHY IT'S MANDATED SO THAT THERE COULD BE SOME GUIDANCE FROM COUNCIL TO GET AUTHORITY FROM THE COMMISSION TO EVALUATE IT. PERHAPS, THE BEST THING WE CAN DO BECAUSE WE HAVE THIS MEETING TONIGHT IS TO AGAIN ASK THROUGH THE MAYOR IS ARE THERE ANY INITIATIVES THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO COMMISSIONERS AND I LOOK AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS WELL EVEN THOUGH I RECOGNIZE CERTAIN COMMISSIONERS UNFORTUNATELY ONLY HAVE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF MEETINGS LEFT BUT PERHAPS THERE ARE SOME ISSUES FROM THE WISE COUNCIL OF THE SEASONED COMMISSIONERS THAT THEY WISH THE COMMISSION COULD EXPLORE AND THEN SUBJECT TO STAFFING RESOURCES THE COMMISSION CAN EXPLORE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I BROUGHT UP THE ABSENCES OR THE CANCELLATIONS OF THE MEETINGS BECAUSE WHY IS IT THAT THEY'RE BEING CANCELED AND I'M HEARING NOW, YOU KNOW, I'VE GOT OTHER COMMISSIONERS FROM OTHER COMMISSIONS WHO E-MAIL ME ALL THE TIME SAYING "WHAT'S GOING ON?" WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING? "WHY CAN'T WE GET THINGS GOING?" AND WE HAVE A DISCUSSION AND FIGURE THAT OUT. I CERTAINLY HAVE NEVER HEARD THAT ANY MEETING WAS CANCELED BECAUSE STAFF COULDN'T DO AN AGENDA OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. THERE MIGHT BE A LACK OF ITEMS ON THERE. COVID. MEETINGS WERE EASIER WITH COVID, DOING IT BY ZOOM. I MEAN -- I DON'T WANT GESTURES. THINGS WERE GOING -- IF THERE IS A REASON ON THE STAFF LEVEL WHY WE HAVEN'T HAD MEETINGS, I WANT TO KNOW THAT BECAUSE WE'VE NEVER BEEN TOLD THAT BEFORE AND IF THERE'S A STAFF ISSUE.

>> MR. MAYOR, MAYBE I CAN ANSWER THAT. COVID WAS A BIG HIT TO A LOT OF THE WORK THAT THE PPIC WAS DOING. THE RESIDENTS THEMSELVES GENERATE A LOT OF THE REQUESTS THAT GO TO PPIC.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I HEAR COVID, BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT THE LAST YEAR, 2022. 2020 AND 2021 I GET. 2022, REALLY?

>> YES, THERE'S STILL EFFECTS. THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS THAT CAME TO THE CITY FOR THOSE KINDS OF MEASURES THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY GO

TO CITY COUNCIL REALLY DROPPED OFF. PEOPLE BASICALLY HIBERNATED IN THEIR HOUSES AND THEY DIDN'T REACH OUT. THAT'S ONE THING THE PPIC WOULD HAVE BEEN DOING. THERE WERE TWO OTHER TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLANS THAT WE HAVE ON THE BOOKS WAITING TO RESOLVE. THOSE WERE PUT ON HOLD DURING COVID AS WELL BECAUSE WE COULD NOT DO THE TRAFFIC STUDIES BECAUSE THERE WAS NO TRAFFIC ON THE STREET. THE HOTEL OR THE MALL WERE NOT FINISHED YET, SO WE COULDN'T COME BACK WITH THOSE STUDIES. THOSE ARE GEARING BACK UP AGAIN FOR THE PPIC TO HOLD THEIR MEETINGS. THAT WAS ANOTHER FACTOR. THERE WERE OTHER THINGS THAT THE PPIC USED TO DO AS WELL TO YOUR POINT, COMMISSIONER. MANY YEARS AGO, A LOT OF THE ENCROACHMENT PERMITS WERE REVIEWED BY THE PPIC, IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY. WE HAVEN'T HAD THE APPEALS COME THROUGH ASKING OR, UM, APPEALING THE CITY'S DECISION OF THE CITY STAFF'S DECISION ON ENCROACHMENTS. TELECOMMUNICATIONS USED TO GO TO PPIC. THOSE ARE NO LONGER GOING TO PPIC AS WELL BECAUSE THERE'S A PROCESS AND AN ORDINANCE FOR THAT. SO IT STREAMLINED THE PROCESSES FOR PEOPLE TO DO THAT AND TO HAVE THOSE PERMITS ISSUED SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE PPIC AND ADD ANOTHER LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY. THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT --

>> Mayor Napolitano: DID WE HAVE ANY MEETINGS CANCELED BECAUSE STAFF COULDN'T HANDLE THE AGENDA?

>> NO. WE LOOK AT THE AGENDA AND WHAT WE COULD BRING. WHAT THE PPIC COULD GET INTO AND LET ME PREFACE THAT BY SAYING THE PPIC CAN'T INITIATE AN ITEM. THAT'S NOT ALLOWED IN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS HANDBOOK. IT EITHER IS GENERATED OR INITIATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE COMMISSION TO LOOK AT OR IT'S GENERATED BY AN APPEAL OR BY THE -- A LARGER ISSUE THAT STAFF HAS RAISED OR HAS IN FRONT OF THEM THAT NEEDS A COUNCIL REVIEW AND THEY ARE THE SOUNDING BLOCK FOR YOU, IN ESSENCE. THINGS THAT THE PPIC CAN DO ARE --

>> Mayor Napolitano: THAT'S A PERFECT EXAMPLE. IF YOU'VE GOT AN IDEA, SEND IT TO US TO SEE IF WE WANT TO BRING IT FORWARD TO TELL STAFF THAT, YES, WE WANT TO DO THAT AND YOU GUYS REVIEW IT.

>> EXACTLY. THINGS THAT THE PPIC CAN DO IS LOOK AND BE A PUBLIC FORUM FOR A LOT OF PPIC -- SORRY. A LOT OF C.I.P. PROJECTS SO THAT WHEN CHANGES ARE BEING PROPOSED AS FAR AS A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT, THE PPIC CAN BE THAT OPEN HOUSE FOR THAT TYPE OF THING. UM, THIS IS THE FORUM. THIS WORK PLAN ITEM, JOINT MEETING IS WHEN WE USED TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THINGS WE WANTED TO ADD TO THE PPIC.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'LL CONFESS RIGHT NOW, I DON'T LIKE THIS. I NEVER HAVE. THIS IDEA OF THE WORK PLAN, I LIKE IT IN GENERAL TERMS. IT SHOULD NOT BE A CONSTRAINT THOUGH ON OTHER THINGS. THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE UNAVOIDABLE AND MANDATED AND WE HAVE TO DO, I GET THAT. BUT THE OTHER THINGS, ESPECIALLY THE QUALITY OF LIFE THINGS WE TEND TO HOLD BACK BECAUSE EVERYONE'S



AFRAID TO TALK ABOUT THEM. I WANT TO HEAR FROM COMMISSIONERS IF YOU'VE GOT AN IDEA. IF YOU NEED TO GO THROUGH COUNCIL, SEND THEM TO US. IF WE AGREE, YOU GUYS CAN PUT IT ON THE FUTURE AGENDA ITEM TO ASK STAFF TO MAKE THAT AN ISSUE FOR YOU GUYS TO REVIEW. FAIR ENOUGH? COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember: WHAT I CAN RECALL FROM MY DAYS, THE COUNCIL REVIEWED WHAT THE COUNCIL WANTED STUDIED. 19 YEARS AGO, WE STUDIED OUTDOOR DINING. CROSSWALKS WAS APPROPRIATE FOR OUR CITY. DIFFERENT TYPES OF STOP SIGNS THAT MIGHT BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN ANOTHER. FOR EXAMPLE, JUST AS AN EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING THAT MIGHT BE CURRENT. THERE'S ONGOING ISSUES AS TO HOW CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS CAN BE IMPROVED. FOR EXAMPLE, THE STOP SIGNS WITH BRIGHT LIGHTS. TECHNICALLY, THAT'S WITHIN THE JURISDICTION EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER BECAUSE THERE'S STATE STANDARDS. THERE'S LAWS THAT WE CAN BE HELD LIABLE WITH AN APPROACH THAT'S TRIED NOT CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW. BUT MAYBE THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMETHING THAT CCIP CAN STUDY AS WHETHER THIS IS IT TOO URBAN AS OPPOSED TO SOMETHING EFFICACIOUS. I WONDER IF THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCIL MORE OFTEN LIKE IN THE OLD DAYS TO COME UP WITH IDEAS PARTICULARLY AS WE'VE DEALT WITH THEM, AS THESE ISSUES CAME UP TO SUGGEST THAT IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING FOR PPIC OR THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO STUDY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'M WRITING THAT DOWN. THAT'S MY SCRABBLE WORD. EFFICACIOUS. COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember: THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING THE GESTURE OF THE BUTTON AND I DO APOLOGIZE. I THINK THERE IS A PROCESS ISSUE A LITTLE BIT TOO AND BECAUSE WHEN I HEAR ERIC SAY, YOU KNOW, THIS IS TIME TO COME UP TO SAY WE WANT YOU TO FOCUS ON THIS. THIS IS WHAT YOU SHOULD DO THIS YEAR AND, YET, THE STAFF REPORT DOESN'T SAY THAT AT ALL. IT DOESN'T SAY HEY, THIS IS WHEN YOU CAN COME UP WITH THIS, HERE'S WHAT WE'RE DOING. I'M ALSO HAPPY NOT TO COME UP WITH A BUNCH OF IDEAS BECAUSE LET'S BE HONEST, IF IT'S GOING TO THE COMMISSION, IT HAS TO GO THROUGH STAFF. PERSONALLY, MY, YOU KNOW, AND I HEAR YOU, COMMISSIONER KERRSHENBALM. I ALSO WANT TO FOCUS ON DOWNTOWN DINING DECKS, HOWEVER, THEY CAN BE PULLED IN. MAYBE IT'S MORE THAN JUST A TASKFORCE. SO I THINK IN THE FUTURE, THE PROCESS NEEDS TO BE MAYBE A LITTLE MORE, YOU KNOW INQUIRING OF LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS IS A GREAT, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE WANT TO DO. ALSO, THOUGH, I JUST WANTED TO CONFIRM PROCESS WISE. I, YOU KNOW, LOVE WHAT YOU SAID. HEY COMMISSIONERS, IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO WORK ON, REACH OUT TO COUNCIL. SHOULD THEY REACH OUT TO ALL OF US? SHOULD THEY REACH OUT TO JUST THE MAYOR?

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL.

>> Councilmember: I WOULD SAY ALL JUST BECAUSE -- JUST CLARIFYING FOR YOU ALL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I JUST, YOU KNOW.

>> Councilmember: I LOVE THAT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I KNOW BRUCE WILL KICK ME IN THE SHINS LATER. WE LIVED THROUGH COVID, WE ALL DID IN DEALING WITH THINGS IN THE CITY. BUT SINCE THIS WAS WHICH WAS PRE-COVID AS WELL, THIS FORMAT, I HONESTLY FEEL LIKE WE GET LESS DONE WITH THIS FORMAT. IT'S NOT IN THE WORK PLAN SO WE CAN'T DO THAT. AND I GET THAT. BUT, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT JUST MEANS WE NEED TO REVIEW AND RE-PRIORITIZE AS THINGS COME UP. THAT'S WHAT I PROPOSE. SO ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM ANYONE? COMMISSIONERS, ANYTHING ELSE FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION? YOU'RE JUST HAPPY TO BE HERE. [ LAUGHTER ]

>> I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME PROGRESS MADE WITH REGARD TO GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. YOU KNOW, AS COMMISSIONER MENTIONED, THERE WAS SOME PROGRESS MADE ON THE COMMERCIAL SIDE OF THINGS AND COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN IS CORRECT THAT THERE ARE MANY WONDERFUL RESIDENTS WHO COULD REALLY PUSH TO GET -- PUSH FORWARD A SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA, BUT THAT WOULD REFER TO EXISTING CONSTRUCTION THAT'S ALREADY HERE. YOU KNOW, WHAT WILL DRIVE FORWARD THINKING GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS ARE FUTURE BUYERS. RIGHT. AND FUTURE BUYERS ARE CONSTRAINED BY THE SUPPLY. AND WE'RE IN A POSITION WHERE WE COULD INFLUENCE THE SUPPLY BY DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS. THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT THE DEVELOPERS WOULD BUILD IT. BUT AS A CITY, IF WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A STANCE ON THIS, I THINK WE SHOULD SET THAT OUT THERE. MANHATTAN BEACH, IF YOU'RE SOMEBODY THAT'S LOOKING TO BUY A HOME THAT'S FULLY SUSTAINABLE, FULLY GREEN, YOU KNOW, INTEGRATED GRAY WATER SYSTEMS, THAT SORT OF THING, YOU'RE NOT LOOKING AT MANHATTAN BEACH AT ALL, IT'S NOT ON THE MAP. MAYBE IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN LIVING HERE ALREADY AND YOU HAVE THAT LIFE STYLE, THEN YOU'RE GOING TO CUSTOM BUILD SOMETHING, RIGHT. UNTIL THE SUPPLY GETS INFLUENCED AND STARTS TO DEVELOP, THOSE BUYERS AREN'T EVEN GOING TO LOOK AT MANHATTAN BEACH. I THINK THE FIRST STEP IN THAT IS GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE HEAR ABOUT AND I STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER TO PEOPLE WE ELECTRICIAN CYCLES AND NO ONE'S EVER TAKEN ANY LEADERSHIP ON THIS. AND I'LL TELL YOU, I'VE FELT CONSTRAINED AS CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION BECAUSE IT'S A CHICKEN OR EGG SITUATION WITH THIS SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER OR AS IT'S MORPHING TO A DIFFERENT POSITION WHERE YOU THINK THAT THE LEADERSHIP ON THAT WILL COME FROM THAT POSITION, RIGHT. BUT IT'S SOUNDING MORE LIKE IT SHOULD BE COMING FROM US TO YOU TO COME BACK TO US. IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I'M CERTAINLY HAPPY TO RAISE THE GREEN FLAG AND START PUSHING THAT FORWARD. I'D BE HAPPY TO PUT FORTH THE IDEAS IN TERMS OF THINGS THAT YOU WANT MORE DIRECTION. IT'S JUST WE'VE BEEN IN THIS STOP

START ON SUSTAINABILITY ON GREEN ISSUES BECAUSE OF THAT OPEN POSITION. THE ONLY OTHER THING THAT I WANTED TO MENTION BECAUSE YOU HAD ASKED ABOUT REPRESENTATIVES BEING APPOINTED, THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS VERY MUCH AWARE THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME DEAF CHANGES IN MAY AND SOME POSSIBLE CHANGES IN MAY IN TERMS OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION. SO TO THAT END, WE WEREN'T AWARE WHEN THE TASKFORCE, THE OUTDOOR DINING TASKFORCE WAS GOING TO BEGIN SO WE'VE APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES, ALTERNATES, SECOND ALTERNATES JUST IN CASE TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NO LOSS OF INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY SHOULD THOSE TASKFORCES PICK UP. THAT'S PART OF THE PLANNING WE'RE DOING IN TERMS OF ANY REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS THAT WE NEED OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING ELSE? WE'VE SAID ENOUGH.

>> Councilmember: PERHAPS I WOULD JUST OFFER AGAIN, IS THERE ANYTHING MORE THAT YOU'D LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE SO YOU FEEL THIS EVENING HAS BEEN PRODUCTIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE? SO YOU FEEL THAT YOU'RE VALUED FOR ALL THE TIME THAT YOU'VE VOLUNTEERED THROUGH THE CITY THROUGH THE COMMISSION PARTICULARLY IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA BECAUSE NOT WITHSTANDING THE FACT THERE ARE CHALLENGES WITH THE CURRENT PROCESS, THIS IS THE PROCESS WE HAVE RIGHT NOW. SO THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY IF YOU SEE SOME OTHER ITEM THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE STUDIED. SO, DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER THOUGHTS?

>> JUST ONE QUICK THOUGHT WHICH IS BACK IN I WANT TO SAY APRIL OR MAY, THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF A WATER INCREASE IN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH. I'M NOT SURE WHICH COMMISSION HAS ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEALING WITH WATER ISSUES THAT THE CITY IS FACED WITH. NO. I JUST MEAN, FOR EXAMPLE, GRAY WATER. FOR EXAMPLE, DESELLIZATION WAS A BIG DISCUSSION. WHO IN THE CITY IS ACTUALLY -- IS THERE A COMMISSION THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN TAKING SOME OF THAT OFF OF PEOPLES' PLATES SO IT WAS BETTER ORGANIZED?

>> Mayor Napolitano: THINGS LIKE PPIC. THE DECELL WAS MORE OF A POLITICAL POSITION TO TAKE FOR THE CITY. THE RATE INCREASES WERE TALKED ABOUT BY THE FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE AND BECAUSE IT'S A TAX OR A FEE AND SO AS TO WHETHER IT SHOULD GO FORWARD AGAIN. BUT AS FAR AS CAPTURE AND GRAY WATER, THAT'S A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF OVERLAP BETWEEN PPIC AND PLANNING BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE ONE OF THOSE GREEN INITIATIVES WHERE YOU CAN HAVE THE PLUMBING FOR GRAY WATER USE AND IT'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND THE PPIC. AND THAT'S A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF CROSS-OVER TO ME. AND RICHARD SAYS HE'S DELAYED. HE SAYS DO NOT WAIT.

>> Councilmember: ONE. I DON'T KNOW IF EVERYBODY FROM ESPECIALLY THE PPIC KNOWS. I REALLY, YOU MADE A COMMENT LAST NIGHT. MR. MAYOR, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT DOWNTOWN DINING DECKS. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE TASKFORCE. YOU KNOW, WE ALL ARE COMMITTED TO

REALLY SUPPORTING THAT AND MAKING IT HAPPEN AND YOU JUST THREW OUT AN IDEA VERY CASUALLY THAT I THOUGHT WAS RATHER BRILLIANT WHICH IS LIKE WHAT HAPPENS IF WE MOVED OUR PARKING METERS AND HAD A PARKING KIOSK. I MEAN, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT COULD COME TO THE TASKFORCE, BUT BE THINKING ABOUT IT NOW IN TERMS OF EVEN BEFORE THE TASKFORCE IS CONVENED, BUT THAT'S SOMETHING WE REALLY -- YOU GUYS COULD START VETTING AND THINKING ABOUT IT, RIGHT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YEAH.

>> TAKE A LOT OF IMPEDIMENTS OFF THE SIDEWALK.

>> Councilmember: I FELT THE SAME WAY.

>> Councilmember: I DO LIKE THAT. THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YOU HAD ANOTHER INPUT?

>> NOPE. I'M WAITING TO SEE IF YOU HAVE FURTHER DIRECTION FOR US.

>> Mayor Napolitano: NOPE. WE NEED TO FILL THE TIME.

>> Councilmember: I PROPOSE THAT AS WE GO FORWARD -- SORRY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER, YOU START.

>> Councilmember: I PROPOSE THAT BARE IN MIND THERE ARE THESE POLICY ISSUES THAT I THINK COMMISSIONS WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE AND AS WAS THE PRACTICE IN THE PAST. THE POINT OF THE WORK PLAN WAS THAT SO THERE WEREN'T TOO MANY ISSUES THAT PILED UP AND THAT THERE WERE PRIORITIZED A BIT. BUT I WELCOME COLLECTING MORE AT A MINIMUM BECAUSE THE LIST IS TO THE EXTENT THERE'S NOT A STAFFING ISSUE. I THINK WE WANT TO GIVE THEM MORE TO DO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YEAH. SO JUST A POINT ABOUT THE PARKING, YOU KNOW, THE PARKING METERS AND ALIKE. SO YOU COULD POTENTIALLY SOLVE DIFFERENT PROBLEMS. RIGHT. TOGETHER, THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME CROSS-OVER LIKE THE REMOVAL OF THE POSTS ALLOWS ROOM FOR A TABLE. AND THEN ALSO THE TECHNOLOGY NOW, I WAS JUST IN HAWAII AND YOU GO UP AND THERE'S QR CODES AND YOU TEXT IN AND YOU GO AHEAD AND PAY THAT WAY, BUT IT ALSO ALLOWS YOU AND THIS COULD SOLVE ANOTHER PROBLEM FOR US, THEY BIFURCATE THE RATES. IF YOU'RE A LOCAL, YOU'RE PAYING ONE RATE AND IF YOU'RE A VISITOR, YOU'RE PAYING ANOTHER RATE. THAT COULD SOLVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS AS WELL WITH RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS. BUT THOSE THINGS YOU JUST SEE AS YOU'RE OUT AND ABOUT. HOWEVER THAT COULD WORK BETWEEN THE TWO OR TO SOLVE THESE LARGER PROBLEMS LIKE OUTDOOR DINING, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY. I THINK THAT'S IT FOR US. WE'RE GOOD. ALL RIGHT. THEN WE WILL ADJOURN. WE HAVE ANOTHER COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT.

>> Councilmember: WE DO?

>> Mayor Napolitano: TUNE IN AND IT WILL BE FUN TO WATCH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE'LL ADJOURN TO TOMORROW NIGHT, JANUARY 19TH AT 6:00 P.M.