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>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

WE'RE LIVE.

SO GOOD EVENING.

WELCOME TO YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, HERE 6 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS FOR EVERYONE AT HOME WE'RE HAVING A TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY WITH ONE OF OUR FEEDS.

I THINK THE LIVE STREAM IS DOWN AT THE MOMENT.

BUT YOU CAN STILL WATCH BY TV OR PARTICIPATE BY ZOOM.

AND WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO GET THAT LIVE STREAM UP AND RUNNING VERY SOON.

IN THE MEANTIME WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN OUR MEETING WITH OUR PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

I'M GOING TO ASK, WE HAVE OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH DOWN HERE, ALEISSIA OSTERLING COME ON DOWN, FROM MANHATTAN BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE.

CAN WE HAVE THE MICROPHONE FOR HER.

>> REPEAT AFTER ME.

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: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Councilmember Franklin: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE'VE GOT YOUR PRINCIPAL COMING DOWN, MS. WYNN AGAIN FROM MANHATTAN BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL, TO SAY A LOT OF NICE THINGS ABOUT YOU.

>> GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.

I'M A VERY PROUD PRINCIPAL FOR ALEISSIA HERE AT MANHATTAN BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND I NOMINATED ALEISSIA FOR THIS TIME BECAUSE SHE TRULY EMBODIES WHAT IT IS TO BE A STUDENT.

SHE MODELS COMPASSION AND EMPATHY FOR ALL OF THE PEERS AND STAFF.

WHEN I FIRST START THERE THIS YEAR SHE WELCOMED ME WITH THE BRIGHTEST SMILE.

AND AT ASSEMBLY SHE'S CHEERING ALL HER CLASSMATES ON.

SHE'S AN 8<sup>th</sup> GRADER AND CHEERING ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> GRADERS.

ONCE WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, THE FIRST PERSON THAT CAME TO MIND IS ALEISSIA AND WE'RE SUPER PROUD TO HAVE HER REPRESENT MBMS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING CHOSEN.

YOU'RE CHOSEN AMONGST ALL OF YOUR PEERS.

WHEN I WAS GOING TO SCHOOL THEY WERE CHEERING AGAINST ME.

THE FACT THAT YOU'RE CHEERING IS A BIG THING.

BUT YOUR OUTSTANDING ATTITUDE FOR EVERYBODY.

AND I UNDERSTAND YOU WERE ON A FIELD TRIP TODAY DOWN AT THE MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE.

THAT'S SOMETHING WE NEED MORE OF IN OUR CITY AND COMMUNITY.

WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU'RE DOING OUT THERE ON BEHALF OF US.

ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES I WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE FOR RECOGNIZING YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND HELPING US START THE MEETING.

WE HAVE A CITY PIN FOR YOU AS WELL.  
WE KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR IT PROUDLY AT SCHOOL.  
AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU AGAIN.  
DO YOU HAVE ANYONE HERE IN THE AUDIENCE YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE?  
>> PROBABLY MY SISTER, BROTHER AND MY DAD.  
THEY'RE BACK THERE.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: THANKS AGAIN.  
CONGRATULATIONS.  
LET'S TAKE A PHOTO.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: LET'S KEEP THE SPIRIT OF ALEISSIA IN MIND AS WE  
CONTINUE ON IN THIS MEETING CHEERING EACH OTHER ON HERE.  
>> Councilmember Franklin: YES.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: ROLL CALL, PLEASE.  
>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.  
>> Councilmember Lesser: HERE.  
>> COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.  
>> Councilmember Howorth: HERE.  
>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.  
>> Councilmember Franklin: HERE.  
>> MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.  
>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: HERE.  
>> AND MAYOR NAPOLITANO.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: AND, YES.  
I AM HERE.  
ALL RIGHT.  
CEREMONIAL CALENDAR.  
WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE.  
SO WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL  
READING OF ORDINANCES UNLESS SOMEONE HAS SOMETHING THEY WANT TO PULL  
OFF OF THE AGENDA LATER UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR.  
ARE THERE ANY PULLS TONIGHT IN I DON'T SEE ANY BUTTONS, SO JUST RAISE  
YOUR HAND AS WE GET THE SYSTEM UP AND RUNNING.  
I SEE YOU TRYING TO PUSH THE SCREEN.  
>> Councilmember Howorth: NO JUST LOOKING AT THIS THING OVER HERE.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: NOTHING FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR?  
>> Councilmember Howorth: NO.  
NO.  
>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I MAKE THE MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA  
AND WAIVER OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.  
>> Councilmember Franklin: I'LL SECOND THIS.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.  
ROLL CALL.  
>> COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.  
>> YES.  
>> MAYOR NAPOLITANO.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: YES MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: YES.  
>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.  
>> Councilmember Lesser: YES.  
>> AND COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.  
>> Councilmember Franklin: YES.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: NEXT UP IS CITY COUNCIL COUNT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS.  
COME ON DOWN.  
>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.  
I'M JOSH MURRAY HERE ON BEHALF OF MANHATTAN BEACH LIBRARY.  
ADULTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENING BOOK CLUB TO DISCUSS THE NIGHT SLIP ON MARCH 6<sup>20</sup>-22-2023 FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 AT THE MANHATTAN BEACH LIBRARY.  
THIS EPIC HISTORICAL NOVEL THAT ILLUMINATES THE LIVES OF TWO CHARACTERS, A GIRL SHIPWRECKED ON AN ISLAND OFF OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND 300 YEARS LATER A BOY FINDING A HOME WITH HIS GRANDFATHER ON THE VERY SAME ISLAND.  
TO ORDER A COPY OF THIS BOOK, PLEASE CALL THE LIBRARY AT (310)545-8945 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE, LACOUNTY.ORG.  
AND THIS WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 6:30 TO 7:30 P.M. AT MANHATTAN BEACH LIBRARY.  
THANK YOU.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: AND YOU GET A FREE BOOK.  
THAT'S A GOOD DEAL.  
OTHER COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.  
>> GOOD EVENING HONORABLE MAYOR.  
, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL 37 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING COMING UP ON FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> VIA ZOOM TO INTERACT AND LOOK AT THE CITY'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND SPENDING PLAN AND LEARN WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON AND TELL US ABOUT THEIR IDEAS AND PRIORITIES THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S FISCAL YEAR 23-24 BUDGET.  
THIS WILL BE VIA ZOOM.  
WE'RE ADVERTISING THROUGH ALL SOCIAL MEDIA, NEWSPAPERS AND WE ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO COME AND TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LET US KNOW WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE AS PART OF THE SPENDING PLAN AS WE HAVE ENTERED INTO OUR BUDGET SEASON HEADING TO MAY FOR PROPOSED BUDGET.  
THANK YOU.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.  
>> GOOD EVENING, HONORABLE MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.  
>> I'M SALYN MIZAKHANIAN TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF THE LONG-AWAITED LONG TERM OUTDOOR DINING EFFORTS WEB PAGE.  
PLEASE VISIT US AT [WWW.MANHATTAN BEACH.GOV/OUTDOORDINING](http://WWW.MANHATTAN BEACH.GOV/OUTDOORDINING).  
YOU CAN ACCESS AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION DIRECTLY FROM THE WEB PAGE.  
THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup> AT 5 P.M.  
STAFF HAS ALREADY RECEIVED 29 APPLICATIONS FOR TASK FORCE POSITIONS AND THE APPLICATION WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL AT THE

MARCH 21<sup>st</sup> MEETING FOR FINAL SELECTION.  
AS A REMINDER OF THE 15 SEATS DESIGNATED FOR THE TASK FORCE, WE HAVE EIGHT OPEN SEATS.  
THESE INCLUDE SEATS FOR ONE DOWNTOWN RESIDENT, ONE NORTH MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENT, ONE NONMANHATTAN VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER COMMERCIAL BUSINESS OWNER, TWO AT-LARGE RESIDENTS AND THREE AT-LARGE RESIDENTS OR BUSINESS OPERATORS.  
AGAIN THE LINK IS WWW.MANHATTAN BEACH.GOV/OUTDOORDINING.  
PLEASE VISIT FOR MORE INFORMATION.  
THANK YOU.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.  
>> GOOD EVENING, HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.  
I'M THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THE CERT ORGANIZATION.  
I'M HERE TONIGHT TO TRY TO GET EVERYONE MORE READY FOR THE BIG EARTHQUAKE THAT WE'LL EXPERIENCE SOME DAY HERE IN MANHATTAN BEACH.  
RECENTLY WE HAD AN EARTHQUAKE CLOSE TO MALIBU WHICH WOKE A LOT OF US UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND NOW WE'RE WATCHING WHAT'S GOING TO BE IN TURKEY AND SYRIA.  
WATCHING THE NEWS THIS EVENING BEFORE I CAME HERE I SAW LUCY JONES WHO CAME AND ACTUALLY TALKED TO US IN OUR COMMUNITY AND SHE SAID THIS IS THE TIME FOR OUR RESIDENTS HERE IN THE SOUTHLAND TO GET READY.  
AND CERT OFFERS A WEBSITE MBCERT.ORG TO GET READY AND BE PREPARED.  
CHECK OUT THE STATE'S WEBSITE, READY.GOV.  
>> Councilmember Howorth: CAN I ASK FOR SOME TECHNICAL COMMENTS BECAUSE I CAN'T GET TO THE TOUCH SCREEN.  
CAN ANYBODY GET TO THE TOUCH SCREEN?  
>> Mayor Napolitano: NO.  
WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT.  
>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR NAPOLITANO, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, RACHEL JOHNSON, YOUR POLICE CHIEF.  
AND I WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO OUR FIST OF TWO TOWN HALL MEETINGS WE'RE GOING TO HOLD THIS YEAR.  
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> AT 6 P.M. AT THE JOSLYN COMMUNITY CENTER.  
WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS CRIME TRENDS, CRIME PREVENTION, LIVING WITH WILDLIFE AND A VARIETY OF OTHER TOPICS THAT ARE SERVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.  
WE ALSO ENCOURAGE QUESTIONS BEFORE HAND SO WE CAN AGGREGATE THEM AND MAKE SURE EVERYONE'S QUESTION GETS ANSWERED.  
YOU HAVE QUESTIONS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE ANSWERED AT THE TOWN HAUL E-MAIL US AT ASKACOP@MANHATTAN BEACH.GOV.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE TOWN MEETING.  
>> HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE TONIGHT.  
DAVID ARCHER, MANHATTAN BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.  
I'M HERE TO INVITE THE COUNCIL, THE GALLERY AND ALL OF THE RESIDENTS TO COME OUT TO THE MONTHLY MIXER AT TEN ROOF BISTRO NEXT WED, FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 TO 7:30.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ANYONE ELSE FROM THE AUDIENCE FOR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS?

ANYONE ON ZOOM IN COUNCIL, ANY COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS?

>> Councilmember Howorth: YES, THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

I GOT A COUPLE OF COMMENTS VIA E-MAIL THAT THEY THOUGHT THAT OUR E-COMMENT SITE WAS DOWN BUT ASSISTANT CITY COUNCIL INFORMED ME THAT WE'RE CLOSING ECOMMENTS NOW AT NOON.

WE USED TO DO THAT AT 5:30, CORRECT?

SO JUST SO PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF US USED TO SUBMIT A LITTLE LATER.

SO IT WASN'T DOWN BUT WE STILL GOT YOUR COMMENTS VIA E-MAIL.

BUT I WANTED THE COMMUNITY TO KNOW THAT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: YOUR HONOR, JUST A THANK YOU TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

MOST PEOPLE WILL ACTUALLY GET TOYS DELIVERED TO US BEFORE CHRISTMAS. BUT AS USUAL MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS ARE SO GENEROUS THEY DONATE TOYS YEAR-ROUND.

WE HAD 300 TOYS LEFT OVER AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

THEY HELD THEM IN PROTECTIVE COVER UNTIL WE COULD DISSEMINATE THEM TO CHARITIES THAT TAKE TOYS YEAR-ROUND.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME TO UNLOAD IT, STORE IT AND DELIVER IT.

>> Councilmember Franklin: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE?

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?

>> Councilmember Franklin: I'M SET.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THAT TAKES US TO PUBLIC COMMENTS --

>> MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER RAISED HIS HAND FOR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I JUST SIMPLY WANTED TO SAY TO THE PUBLIC I'M PARTICIPATING REMOTELY BECAUSE I'M RECOVERING FROM SURGERY. BUT I'M PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.

I WANTED TO ADD TO THE COMMENTS REGARDING COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH WHY THE DEADLINE FOR ECOMMENTS WERE MADE EARLIER.

IT'S TO ALLOW THE COUNCILMEMBERS A CHANCE TO READ THE ECOMMENTS BEFORE THE MEETING.

THAT WAS AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THE ECOMMENTS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MOVING ON TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

THESE ARE THREE MINUTES PER PERSON.

AND YOU CAN SPEAK TO ANYTHING IN GENERAL HERE OR SOMETHING ON THE AGENDA.

BUT IF YOU SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM, THEN WE ASK THAT YOU NOT TRY AND SPEAK LATER ON THAT SAME ITEM AND TYPICALLY THOSE ITEMS HAVE TWO MINUTES ANYWAY.

ANYONE WHO WANTS TO COME FORWARD AND SPEAK NOW, PLEASE DO SO.

GAIL, IT'S YOU.

YOU'RE LOOKING AROUND.  
NO ONE IS NEXT TO YOU.  
>> I HATE GOING FIRST.  
HELLO, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS I'M GAIL FORTIS, A 30-YEAR RESIDENT.  
I'M AGAINST HIGH ROSE PROJECT AS PROPOSED.  
I'M SPEAKING FOR MYSELF AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF CHILL THE BILL,  
A NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUP WHICH INCLUDES REAL ESTATE INVESTORS,  
PROFESSIONALS AND DEVELOPERS.  
WE ARE NOT ABOUT BLOCKING DEVELOPMENT BUT ENSURING SAFE AND THOUGHTFUL  
DEVELOPMENT.  
OUR CITY NEEDS HOUSING, PARTICULARLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH IS NOT  
HIGH ROSE.  
OUR CHALLENGE TO HIGH ROSE IS IN THE SPIRIT OF PUBLIC INTEREST AND  
SAFETY.  
THE ADVERSE IMPACTS RESULTING FROM HIGH ROSE BEING NEXT TO CHEVRON  
ARE NUMEROUS.  
ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE AND REFINERY POLLUTION ARE PART OF EARTH  
JUSTICES RECENT LAWSUIT, INCLUDING FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.  
WHEN THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS DECIDED TO LOCATE A  
DESALINATION PLAN.  
YOU'RE SAYING THAT THE PEOPLE LIVING THERE DON'T -- YOU'RE COMPLICIT  
IN THE DECADES LEGACY OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING.  
HOW ABOUT THE STUDY IN JULY 16, 2020, THAT STATES LIVING NEAR NATURAL  
GAS FLARING POSES HEALTH RISK FOR PREGNANT WOMEN AND BABIES.  
WE ALL KNOW YOU'RE NOT EXPERTS BUT YOU'RE COMPLETELY IGNORED EVEN OUR  
STATE'S LAW, AB2011 WHICH 15 OF BERKELEY'S BRIGHTEST DETERMINED THE  
NEED FOR A 3200-FOOT BUFFER ZONE FROM REFINERIES.  
TO USE CITY PLANNING WHEREVER YOU ARE, JUST A FEW ADVERSE IMPACTS  
RESULTING FROM THE HIGH ROSE LOCATION ITSELF.  
HIGH ROSE IS NOT ABOUT SOLVING THE HOUSING CRISIS.  
IT'S AN OPPORTUNISTIC DEVELOPER'S DREAM, EARMARKED FOR SHORT-TERM  
RENTALS THAT SETS A PRECEDENT.  
SIT A BLATANT DISREGARD FOR RESIDENT'S SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.  
SO WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON HERE.  
YOU'RE ALL LEADERS.  
WE VOTED YOU IN.  
THE FAR MAJORITY OF YOUR RESIDENTS ARE AGAINST HIGH ROSE AS YOU'VE  
HEARD AND FOR GOOD REASON.  
Y EVE ALL SAID IT YOURSELF WITH THE YES HIGH ROSE VOTERS APOLOGIZING.  
IS THIS APATHY REARING ITS UGLY HEAD?  
WHAT, THE RESIDENTS ARE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT THIS FOR YOU?  
REALLY?  
THIS IS YOUR JOB.  
PLEASE DO WHAT'S BEST FOR THE CITY AND YOUR RESIDENTS, REVERSE THE  
EMBARRASSING REVERSAL OF YOUR OCTOBER 18, 2022, DECISION.  
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

OTHER SPEAKERS.

>> FRANK HILL AGAIN.

I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS ON HIGH ROSE TONIGHT.

GAIL DID THAT.

I'M GOING TO SWITCH IT UP A LITTLE BIT.

WE HAD OUR CERT BOARD MEETING LAST NIGHT AND ONE OF OUR CERT MEMBERS ALSO VOLUNTEERS FOR THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

SHE GOT INVOLVED IN THE MONTEREY PARK SHOOTING INCIDENT AND BROUGHT SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO US THAT I THINK OUR CITY SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER.

WE NEVER KNOW WHEN THESE INCIDENTS GOING TO HAPPEN OR WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO HAPPEN.

BUT THERE ARE CONTROL KITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE THAT COULD BE PUT NEXT TO THE ADD'S AND RED CROSS OFFERS A SHORT ONLINE TRAINING FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO ACT AND BE ABLE TO STOP LIFE-THREATENING BLEEDING BEFORE OUR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ARRIVE ON THE SCENE.

AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT REALLY COULD POSSIBLY SAVE LIVES IN THE FUTURE.

WE ALWAYS HOPE THESE INCIDENTS ARE NEVER GOING TO HAPPEN IN OUR COMMUNITY BUT EVERYONE ELSE THINKS THAT AND THEN IT HAPPENS IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

I THINK IT'S A TOPIC WE SHOULD CONSIDER AND MAYBE GO FORWARD WITH THAT TRAINING AND PUTTING THOSE BLEEDING CONTROL KITS RIGHT NEXT TO WHERE OUR ADD IS AND ENCOURAGE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DO THE SAME.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

>> MY NAME IS RAY JOSEPH.

I'M A REALTOR HERE IN TOWN.

AND ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WHEN SELLING A PROPERTY OR DOING ANY SORT OF TRANSACTION IS UNCERTAINTY.

SO IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH THE PROPERTY OR NOT, THAT'S WHEN YOU RUN INTO CHALLENGES AND THEN PEOPLE GET COLD FEET AND THEY CAN'T MAKE WELL-INFORMED DECISIONS UNLESS THEY KNOW EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON.

AND SO SOME OF THE ZONING THAT WE HAVE MAKES THESE THINGS A LITTLE COMPLICATED.

FOR EXAMPLE, ONE EXAMPLE IS A 24-FOOT WALL EFFECT.

WHAT THAT IS IF YOU HAVE A LOT WIDER THAN 35 FEET, YOU CANNOT HAVE AN EXTERIOR WALL FROM CURRENT GRADE GO TALLER THAN 24 FEET.

THAT ALSO APPLIES IN THE SAND SECTION WHERE YOU'RE ALLOWED TO BUILD 30 FEET FROM THE AVERAGE OF THE FOUR CORNERS.

YOU BUILD AN EXTERIOR 24 FEET, INSET 3 FEET AND GO BACK UP.

THAT'S INCREDIBLY RESTRICTIVE, ESPECIALLY IN THE SAND SECTION.

AND SOME OF THESE ARE HAT LOTS AND IT'S A HUGE -- YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH SQUARE FOOTAGE TO PLAY WITH ANYWAYS.

I THINK THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE NEED TO LOOK AT IN TERMS OF WHAT WE HAVE.



AND THEN ALSO IF YOU HAVE A CONCAVE LOT TOO, THAT MAKES THE MATTER EVEN WORSE.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE 24 FEET FROM TELL VEGAS, 6-FOOT IS A BAD ENOUGH LOT.

SAY YOU'VE GOT A STEEP LOT LIKE THIS AND IT'S A GREATER DELTA FROM THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT AND THOSE THINGS COULD BE A LITTLE PAINFUL.

AND THEN LOTS OUTSIDE OF THE SAND SECTION, IF YOU HAVE A CONCAVE LOT, YOU'RE GETTING CRUSHED BY THE 24-FOOT WALL EFFECT.

SO THERE'S SOME THINGS THAT WE CAN LOOK AT WHERE, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE A LOT OF THE SHAPES OF THE LOTS ARE NOT ORIGINAL SHAPES.

THEY'VE BEEN MODIFIED OVER THE YEARS WHERE PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, KIND OF STAIR STEP THEM AND WHAT NOT.

SO YOU DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE A NATURAL SLOPE.

I THINK OUR RULES SHOULD ALLOW FOR IF YOU PUT THE LAND BACK DO A NATURAL ELEVATION OR A SLOPE THAT'S APPROPRIATE, THEN THAT SHOULD WORK FINE VERSUS SAYING, YOU KNOW, THE SLOPE WHEN YOU GOT THE PROPERTY.

SO I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS WE CAN DO TO JUST MAKE THINGS A LITTLE EASIER FOR PEOPLE AND MAKE SOME PROPERTIES BETTER.

IN THE SAND SECTION I THINK THERE'S LIKE 40 OR 50 LOTS THAT ARE WIDER THAN 35 FEET.

AND A LOT OF THOSE -- LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, EL PORTO ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE OCEAN, EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM IS 35 FEET.

IF YOU'RE 35 FEET AND 1 INCH, GUESS WHAT.

24-FOOT WALL EFFECT.

SO I THINK THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE CAN DO, WE CAN REVIEW A LOT OF THE PLANNING THINGS AND MAKE SOME EASIER DECISIONS FOR PEOPLE WHEN THEY BUY A PROPERTY.

THEY DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING SADDLED WITH SOME OF THESE RULES.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

ANYONE ELSE, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION?

>> HELLO, HEIDI, A TREE SECTION RESIDENT.

I WANT TO TALK ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY AND SUPPORT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> WAS NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DAY AND WHILE CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY LIT THEIR POLICE STATIONS IN BLUE, FLEW THE BLUE LINE FLAG AND SUPPORTED THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT, MANHATTAN BEACH DID NOTHING. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BANNED THE BLUE LINE FLAG, A FLAG THAT REPRESENTS LAW AND ORDER AND SUPPORT FOR POLICE.

THESE DAYS A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT IN AMERICA IS BEYOND CHALLENGING AND DIFFICULT.

WORSE SO IN PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITIES PLAGUED WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEYS LIKE GEORGE GASCON THAT GO AGAINST THE JOB THEY WERE ELECTED TO DO. THE COLLATERAL DAMAGE IN THIS IS GETTING WORSE AND WORSE.

EVERY SINGLE DAY -- THE COLLATERAL DAMAGE IS GETTING WORSE AND WORSE EVERY SINGLE DAY.

SOME RECENT EXAMPLES SINCE THE LAST CITY COUNCIL MEETING THERE WERE

TWO ARMED ROBBERIES, ONE AT BEACH PIZZA AND ONE AT MACY'S.  
WHAT ABOUT THE MACHINE WHAT REGULARLY MASTURBATES IN FRONT OF THE  
RESTAURANT.

HOW DO YOU THINK IT FEELS TO BE A COP RIGHT NOW WITH YOUR HANDS  
LITERALLY TIED BEHIND YOUR BACK AND YOU CAN'T DO YOUR JOB.  
WHEN YOU ARREST CRIMINALS, THEY'RE BACK ON THE STREET THE NEXT DAY.  
I IMAGINE THAT FEELS PRETTY AWFUL AND DEMORALIZING.

IN THE SPIRIT OF DOING MY PART FOR THE COMMUNITY, I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW  
MY APPRECIATION AND HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR MBPD.

HEATHER KYM AND I AND HER CHILDREN REIMAGINED THE BLUE LINE FLAG.  
IT'S -- YEAH, THAT'S PERFECT.

IT'S A TESTAMENT TO HOW WE FEEL ABOUT OUR POLICE AND HOW WE SUPPORT  
OR POLICE.

AND WE'RE HERE TONIGHT TO ASK MAYOR NAPOLITANO AND THE ENTIRE CITY  
COUNCIL, OUR CITY MANAGER BRUCE MOE AND OF COURSE CHIEF JOHNSON TO  
ACCEPT OUR REIMAGINED BLUE LINE FLAG AND DISPLAY IT PROUDLY IN THE  
POLICE STATION LOBBY WINDOW.

MAYOR NAPOLITANO BACK IN APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> IN A CITY COUNCIL MEETING YOU  
ELOQUENTLY STATED, CITY COUNCIL SPEAKS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND THE  
CITY RESIDENTS.

EVERY DECISION WE MAKE, SOME OF THEM LIKE IT AND SOME OF THEM DON'T.  
WE STAND BEFORE YOU GUYS RIGHT NOW REPRESENTING THE MAJORITY OF  
RESIDENTS WHO FULLY SUPPORT OUR PD AND ASK THAT YOU AUTHORIZE THE  
DISPLAY OF THIS FLAG.

I KNOW IT WOULD MEAN THE WORLD TO OUR BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN THAT CURRENTLY  
SERVE OUR CITY AND IN FUTURE HIRES LOOKING FOR A CITY TO WORK AT THAT  
BACKS THE BLUE.

WE HAVE COMPLETE FAITH IN YOU THAT YOU WILL EXECUTE THIS FOR US.  
THANK YOU.

AND WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THIS TO YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: CITY CLERK.

>> THANKS, GUYS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

OTHER SPEAKERS?

>> HELLO, MY NAME IS HEATHER KYM AND I'M JUST REALLY GLAD THAT HEIDI  
WAS UP HERE JUST A MINUTE AGO EXPLAINING ABOUT THE FLAG THAT MY  
CHILDREN AND I AND HEIDI, WE ALL MADE TOGETHER.

IT WAS NOT JUST A FUN PROJECT FOR THEM, BUT IT'S A REAL HEARTFELT THANK  
YOU TO ALL OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.

AND I'VE BEEN HONORED TO BE PART OF THE CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY  
RECENTLY AND SO I'VE GOTTEN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT OUR POLICE  
OFFICERS DO.

SO I REALLY WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU.

AND I THINK IT'S ACTUALLY MORE IMPORTANT TO DISPLAY THIS FLAG IN CITY  
HALL SOMEWHERE, BUT ANYWAYS, I THINK WE SHOULD DISPLAY THIS FLAG TO  
DEMONSTRATE WE'RE A CITY AND COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORT OUR POLICE, THAT  
STAND WITH OUR POLICE.

MY KIDS AND I HAD THE BEST TIME MAKING THIS FLAG BECAUSE WE GREATLY VALUE AND APPRECIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RECOGNIZE HOW MUCH MORE DANGEROUS THEIR JOBS HAVE BECOME BECAUSE CRIMINALS DON'T GO TO JAIL ANYMORE.

SO POLICE ARE CONSTANTLY ARRESTING AND RELEASING AND ARRESTING AND RELEASING.

MEDIA HAS TRIED TO SLANDER THE BLUE LINE FLAG BUT PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE BLUE LINE REPRESENTS THE LINE BETWEEN LAW AND ORDER. CAN'T WE ALL AGREE THAT LAW AND ORDER IS EQUITABLE FOR ALL.

I ALSO FIND IT APPALLING THAT LAPD CHIEF BAND THE DISPLAY OF THE BLUE LINE FLAG IN HIS DEPARTMENT AND ON THEIR FLAGS.

I FEEL IT'S ESSENTIAL TO SHOW THE POLICE IN OUR CITY THAT WE'RE A COMMUNITY OF RESIDENTS AND LEADERS THAT BACK THE BLUE AND WE NEED TO SUPPORT THE MORALE OF THE FORCE.

IT IS OUR CIVIC DUTY.

I HAVE LEARNED SO MANY THINGS ABOUT WHAT THE POLICE DO ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS AND HOW EVER INTERACTION REALLY CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS, IT COULD END THEIR LIVES.

THEY MAY NOT GO HOME TO THEIR FAMILIES.

AND IT'S ALSO DANGEROUS WHEN CRIMINALS, THEY CAN ALSO BE SHOT AND KILLED DUE TO THEIR ACTIONS.

AND IT IS A SPLIT-SECOND DECISION THAT THESE OFFICERS HAVE TO MAKE.

I'M COMPELLED TO SPEAK ABOUT HAVING THE IMPORTANCE -- OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING THE SUPPORT OF THE POLICE AND THEIR OWN FLAG SINCE OUR TOWN SEEMS TO BE REALLY INTO FLAGS AND SIGNS.

LAW ENFORCEMENT IS THE BACKBONE TO A CIVILIZED SOCIETY.

THIS IS ONE TOPIC THAT REGARDLESS OF YOUR POLITICAL LEANINGS WE SHOULD ALL DEMAND A SAFE SOCIETY AND WE SHOULD ALL WANT A SOCIETY WHERE ARMED ROBBERIES AREN'T NORMAL AND EVERYONE FEELS SAFE.

SO PLEASE MAYOR NAPOLITANO I URGE YOU AND THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY MANAGER AND CHIEF JOHNSON TO SIGN THIS PLEDGE THAT HEIDI AND I WILL DELIVER TO YOU IN A LITTLE BIT SO THAT EVERYONE CAN SEE THE SUPPORT THAT WE HAVE FOR OUR OFFICERS AND HOPEFULLY IT GIVES THEM MORE STRENGTH TO DO THEIR JOB EVERY DAY.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

OTHER SPEAKERS?

NONE HERE IN THE AUDIENCE.

ANYONE BY ZOOM?

JILL?

>> HI, GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL.

THIS IS JILL LAMKIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IF ARE THE DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN BEACH BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION.

I'M SORRY I COULDN'T JOIN YOU IN PERSON THE THIS EVENING.

BUT I DID WANT TO WEIGH IN ON A COUPLE OF THINGS ON THE AGENDA TONIGHT. THE FIRST ONE IS I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CHIEF JOHNSON, CITY MANAGER MO AND COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH FOR MEETING WITH

ME FOR A LENGTHY PERIOD OF TIME THIS WEEK TO TALK ABOUT CRIME AND HOMELESSNESS IN DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN BEACH AND THROUGHOUT THE CITY, BUT MOSTLY IT WAS A VERY COLLABORATIVE WORK SESSION ABOUT HOW OUR BUSINESSES AND THE PD CAN WORK FOR COLLABORATIVELY TOGETHER AND SOME GREAT IDEAS CAME OUT OF THAT AND I'M SO THANKFUL FOR THE AMOUNT OF TIME THEY SPENT WITH ME.

I THINK IT WILL BE FRUITFUL FOR OUR DOWNTOWN.  
THANK YOU FOR THAT.

AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT I WANT TO PROVIDE OUR SUPPORT FOR CHIEF JOHNSON'S REQUEST TO INCREASE HER STAFF WITHIN MBPD.

I LEARNED A LOT FROM THOSE FOLKS THIS WEEK AND BASED ON HOW HARD THE JOB IS THAT THEY ARE DOING AND WHAT OUR EXPECTATIONS ARE AS A COMMUNITY, I FULLY -- AND THE DVPA FULLY SUPPORTS THE NEED TO HIRE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND WHATEVER CHIEF JOHNSON THINKS IS NEEDED, WE DEFINITELY SUPPORT THAT.

SO I HOPE THAT YOU GUYS WILL APPROVE THAT THIS EVENING.

AND THE OTHER PIECE ACTUALLY IS ABOUT SOMETHING THAT'S ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND THAT'S JUST THE HOMELESS REPORT THAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. I WOULD LIKE TO JUST POINT OUT THE NUMBERS THAT ARE ON THERE AND HOW SIGNIFICANT THEY ARE AND THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT IS BEING DONE WITH THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY.

AND I KNOW IN THE PAST WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT HOMELESS COURT IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE, BASED ON OUR COUNT NUMBERS PREVIOUSLY, THAT WE HAD SUCH A LARGE VOLUME.

BUT I THINK BY LOOKING AT THAT MONTHLY REPORT YOU CAN SEE THAT THE NUMBERS ARE INCREASING AND I'M THANKFUL FOR ALL OF THE RESOURCES THAT YOU'RE PROVIDING AND WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT CONTINUES.

AND IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE OF INCREASING THOSE RESOURCES AS WELL, WE WOULD ALSO BE FULLY IN SUPPORT OF THAT.

SO MOSTLY A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE BUT ALSO DEFINITELY SUPPORT ANY NEEDS THAT CHIEF JOHNSON NEEDS FOR INCREASING HER STAFF.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND HAVE A GREAT EVENING.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

ANYONE ELSE ON ZOOM?

LAST CALL FOR THE AUDIENCE.

ALL RIGHT.

SEEING NONE.

WE SHALL MOVE ON TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

AND THESE ARE ROUTINE CUSTOMARY ITEMS THAT ARE APPROVED WITH ONE VOTE. AND WE HAD NO PULLS, SO IS THERE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

>> Councilmember Howorth: SO MOVED.

>> Councilmember Lesser: SECONDED.

>> I'LL READ THE TITLE.

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 23-005U IN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AMENDING URGENCY ORDINANCE 20-0012-U AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED TO RESCIND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO COMMERCIAL TENANTS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES.

>> MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YES.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

NO ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR, NO PUBLIC HEARINGS. GENERAL BUSINESS.

CONSIDERATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING LEVELS AND AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE PERMANENT STAFFING BY SEVEN ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS, ONE POLICE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR, ONE CIVILIAN BACKGROUND INVESTIGATOR AND CONSIDERATION OF ENHANCED RECRUITMENT INCENTIVES. CHIEF JOHNSON.

>> I'M HERE TO ADDITION CUSS THE VERY LONG AGENDA ITEM SO ELOQUENTLY READ BY YOU, MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I PRACTICED THIS AMP.

>> FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC AND THOSE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WHO RETURNED TO US FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER ELECTION, I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO DISCUSS HOW WE GOT HERE AND HOW -- AND OUR STEPS FORWARD. SO AT THE OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> CITY COUNCIL MEETING THE CITY COUNCIL INCREASED THE OVERHIRE AUTHORIZATION OF OUR POLICE OFFICERS FROM TWO TO FIVE SWORN OFFICERS BRINGING OUR SWORN COMPLIMENT TO 70.

ON NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> CITY COUNCIL MEETING, FOLLOWING A REQUEST BY THE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THIS, WE DISCUSSED THE HIRING OF CONTRACT ARMED SECURITY TO PATROL THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

ULTIMATELY THE COUNCIL DECIDED AGAINST HIRING ARMED SECURITY BUT HAD A REQUEST TO BRING BACK A DISCUSSION ABOUT CONTRACTING WITH OUTSIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COVERAGE.

I RETURNED TO THIS BODY ON DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, MEETING TO DISCUSS THAT.

WHAT WE LEARNED IS THAT WHILE OUR MUTUAL AID PARTNERS ARE CERTAINLY WILLING TO ASSIST US WITH SINGLE EVENTS, MUTUAL AID REQUESTS, THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO SUPPORT US WITH OUTSIDE -- ONGOING OUTSIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT.

ALSO, AT THAT DECEMBER 20, 2022 MEETING, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER REQUESTED THAT WE EXAMINE POLICE STAFFING LEVELS AND RETURN WITH A DISCUSSION PRIOR TO THE MID-YEAR BUDGET.

IN ADDITION ALSO AT THAT MEETING MAYOR NAPOLITANO REQUESTED A DECISION ON ENHANCEMENTS TO HIRING INCENTIVES FOR NEW HIRES.

I'M HERE TO HAVE BOTH OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS.  
DETERMINING POLICE STAFFING MODEL IS A LITTLE BIT OF ART AND A LITTLE BIT OF SCIENCE.  
I HAVE SEVEN FACTORS THAT AID US IN DETERMINING STAFFING LEVELS. TAKEN SEPARATELY THEY'RE INSUFFICIENT AND INADEQUATE TO DETERMINE STAFFING LEVELS BUT TAKEN IN CONCERT, A LITTLE BIT HERE AND LITTLE BIT THERE GIVES US INFORMATION AS TO HOW STAFFING MODELS ARE DETERMINED.  
SO THE FIRST ONE, FIRST FACTOR IS CRIME TRENDS THAT'S AS IT SOUNDS. WE LOOK AT THE CRIME TRENDS AND SEE IF THEY'RE INCREASING OR DECREASING AND SEE IF THEY'RE IN CORRELATION TO NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS WE HAVE WORKING.  
THE NEXT ONE IS THE PER CAPITA APPROACH. IT'S COMMON BECAUSE IT'S TANGIBLE.  
HOW MANY POLICE OFFICER DO WE HAVE, HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THE CITY AND WHAT'S THE RATIO OF POLICE OFFICER TO THE POPULATION.  
YOU SEE THAT MANHATTAN BEACH SITS RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE WITH THE SOUTH BAY IN TERMS OF THE OFFICERS PER ONE THOUSAND MEMBERS OF THE POPULATION.  
THIS IS A GOOD PLACE TO START, IT'S STILL LIMITED.  
CERTAINLY WE GET CENSUS DATA AND THAT'S ON THE SLIDE, AND WE ALSO GET DATA REGARDING THOSE FOLKS WHO RESIDE IN TOWN HERE DURING THE DAY, AS WELL AS THE FOLKS WHO COMMUTE TO MANHATTAN BEACH AS WORK.  
WE CAN'T QUANTIFY THE VISITOR AND TOURIST POPULATION.  
AS YOU WOULD IMAGINE, ESPECIALLY IN A CITY LIKE OURS, IT'S PART 0 THE CALCULOUS THAT WE NEED TO CONSIDER WHEN WE'RE DETERMINING POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING.  
MINIMUM STAFFING IS ALSO AS IT SOUNDS, WE DETERMINE WHAT A MINIMUM NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS IS PER SHIFT PER DAY TO ADEQUATELY RESPOND TO CALLS AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY.  
WE DOUBLE THAT FOR THE NUMBER OF SHIFTS WE HAVE.  
WE TACK ON 25% TO ACCOUNT FOR STRUCTURED VACANCIES FOR TRAINING, VACATION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES AND WE EXTRAPOLATE THAT OUT OVER THE WORKWEEK.  
THAT'S A MINIMUM STAFFING NUMBER.  
OFTEN THAT NUMBER IS ANECDOTAL.  
IT'S A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE BUT NOT THE WHOLE PUZZLE.  
FOURTH WE HAVE AUTHORIZED BUDGET LEVELS.  
THAT'S SIMPLE MATH.  
HOW MUCH MONEY DO WE HAVE FOR PEOPLE AND THAT TELLS US HOW MANY PEOPLE WE CAN AFFORD.  
THAT'S PART OF THE CALCULOUS.  
A GOOD METRIC OF DETERMINING STAFFING IS A WORKLOAD ANALYSIS.  
IT'S TEDIOUS BUT AGAIN IT HAS LIMITATIONS.  
WE CAN QUANTIFY WHAT THE OFFICERS DO.  
WE HAVE DETERMINE HOW LONG IT TAKE TO GET TO A CALL, HOW MUCH TIME THEY SPEND ON THE CALLS, HOW MUCH AVAILABLE TIME THEY HAVE AND HOW

MUCH TIME THEY SPEND ON POLICE ACTIVITY.  
WHAT IS LESS SIMPLE ARE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS WHO DON'T WORK IN PATROL.

IT'S MUCH HARDER TO QUANTIFY THE WORKLOAD OF A DETECTIVE WHEN THEY'RE WRITING SEARCH WARRANTS OR READING THE RECEIPT OF INFORMATION OF GETTING A SEARCH WARRANT.

IT'S MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO QUANTIFY THEIR WORKLOAD.  
WORKLOAD AGAIN IS A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE BUT NOT THE ENTIRE PUZZLE.  
MOVING ON TO BENCHMARKING WHICH IS AS IT SOUNDS AS WELL, WHICH WE FIND SIMILARLY SITUATED AGENCIES, WE SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE THEY HAVE AND COMPARE OURSELVES TO THEM.

IT ALSO HAS LIMITATIONS BECAUSE EVERY CITY IS DIFFERENT BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE FINAL FACTOR WHICH ARE COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS.  
CRITICAL ELEMENT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATING PHILOSOPHY IS THAT THE POLICE AND THE COMMUNITY ARE ONE IN THE SAME AND THAT WE ARE OPERATING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SAME GOALS.

AND THE EXPECTATIONS SET BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOULD DRIVE THE DEPARTMENT STAFFING BOTH AN OVERALL AGENCY SIZE AND THE STAFFING.

OUR SHARED EXPECTATIONS THAT POLICE OFFICERS SHOULD RESPOND TO CALLS PROMPTLY, ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY, CONDUCT PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS THAT LEAD TO ARREST AND BE RESPONSIVE TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS RELATED TO QUALITY-OF-LIFE MATTERS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF DETERMINING OUR STAFFING LEVELS AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS MORE OF AN ART THAN IT IS A SCIENCE AND IT TRULY IS.  
I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO ADD SEVEN OFFICERS TO OUR COMPLIMENT.

AND A REASONABLE QUESTION IS HOW WE ARRIVED AT THAT NUMBER.  
AT THE FOREFRONT OF MY MIND IN EXAMINING THESE FACTORS AND COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS, HOW MANY PEOPLE WE NEED TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS WELL, HOW MANY PEOPLE WE CAN MANAGE AND QUITE FRANKLY HOW MANY PEOPLE WE CAN FIT IN THE BUILDING.

THAT IS ALSO A LIMITATION AS WELL.  
WE CAN ONLY HAVE SO MANY FOLKS IN THE BUILDING AND HAVE ADEQUATE SPACE FOR THEM TO WORK AND DO THE IMPORTANT THINGS THAT THEY DO.

OUR CURRENT STAFFING LEVELS ARE SUFFER TO MEET OUR CORE MISSION.  
AS I DISCUSSED AT THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING, WE WILL ALSO PRIORITIZE PATROL STAFFING TO ENSURE WE ARE THERE WHEN THE COMMUNITY CALLS US AND WE WILL HAVE DETECTIVE TO SUPPORT PATROL-BASED INVESTIGATIONS AND PROVIDE FOR RESOLUTION THROUGH ARRESTS AND PROSECUTION THROUGH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

NOW FOR OUR RECOMMENDATIONS.  
THE STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT WE HIRE SEVEN OFFICER TO SUPPORT THE FORMATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CRIME IMPACT GROUP AND A FULL-TIME BICYCLE PATROL.

THE CRIME IMPACT GROUP WOULD BE BASED OUT OF THE DETECTIVE BUREAU AND SUPPORT THE INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS THROUGH THE BUREAU, CONDUCTS

SURVEILLANCE, FOLLOWING LEADS AND MAKING ARRESTS AS APPROPRIATE. THIS GROUP WOULD ENHANCE THE DETECTIVE BUREAU'S ABILITY AND COULD BE USED AS NEEDED FOR PATROL-BASED EFFORT AS WELL.

THE TEAM WOULD BE SUPERVISED BY AN EXISTING SERGEANT WHICH I WILL DISCUSS MORE IN A MOMENT.

THE ADDITION OF A FULL-TIME BICYCLE PATROL CONSISTING OF FOUR OFFICERS ALLOW US TO HAVE CONSISTENT ENGAGE IN THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT INCREASING COMPLAINT ENGAGEMENT.

THIS BICYCLE PATROL WILL PROVIDE HIGH VISIBILITY PATROL IN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREAS AND THE BIKE PATHS, HIGH-DENSITY TRAFFIC LOCATIONS AND SMALL STREETS AND ALLIES.

CURRENTLY THE PARKING IN ANIMAL CONTROL PARKING IS SUPERVISED BY A SERGEANT.

THAT SERGEANT WOULD MOVE TO SUPPORT THE CRIME IMPACT GROUP AND SUPERVISE THAT OFFICERS.

THAT WOULD NECESSITATE HIRING A SUPERVISOR TO BACK PHIL THAT POSITION AND THE STAFF RECOMMENDS HIRING A CIVILIAN SUPERVISOR FOR PARKING AND ANIMAL CONTROL, INCLUDING PARKING ENFORCEMENT AND ANIMAL CONTROL WITH A FOCUS OF QUALITY-OF-LIFE MATTERS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

THIS ALSO PROVIDES A CAREER PATH FOR THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE SOMEWHAT LIMITED OPTIONS IN TERMS OF UPPER MOBILITY IN OUR ORGANIZATION.

IN ADDITION TO THE POLICE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR, STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT ADDITION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO SUPPORT THE DETECTIVE BUREAU.

THIS WILL PROVIDE CLERICAL SUPPORT TO THE DETECTIVE BUREAU TO INCLUDE CRIME BULLETINS, AND PROVIDING TIMELY CASE UPDATES TO VICTIMS.

FINALLY, STAFF RECOMMENDS THE ADDITION OF A FULL-TIME BACKGROUND INVESTIGATOR.

24 WOULD ENSURE THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS THE ABILITY TO MOVE CANDIDATES QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY THROUGH THE BACKGROUND AND HIRING PROCESS AND THEY WOULD OVERSEE ANY BACKGROUND INVESTIGATOR THAT WE HAVE TO SUPPORT THEM DURING PERIODS OF INCREASED HIRING.

IT WOULD ALSO SUPPORT THE PERSONNEL AND TRAINING SERGEANT IN THEIR HIRING AND RECRUITMENT EFFORTS.

NOW THE BUDGET IMPACTS OF THE STAFFING, POLICE OFFICER POSITION SENIOR PLANNER OF THEM AT A COST OF \$164,000 PER POSITION.

IT'S WORTH NOTING TO THE COUNCIL THAT IF WE HIRED A POLICE ACADEMY TRAINEE, THIS COST IS REDUCED BY ABOUT \$30,000 PER POSITION.

SO THIS IS THE COST OF HIRING A LATERAL OFFICER FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$1.1 MILLION.

THE HIRING OF A POLICE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR IS \$140,000, THE HIRING OF A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATOR IS \$11,000 WHICH WOULD BE OFFSET BY THE REDUCTION THAT WE CURRENTLY SPEND ABOUT \$65,000 A YEAR WITH OUR PART-TIME BACKGROUND INVESTIGATORS.

SOME OF THAT COST WOULD BE OFFSET BY THE REDUCTION IN HOURS FOR THE PART-TIME INVESTIGATOR STAFF AND FINALLY THE ADMINISTRATIVE



ASSISTANT AT \$89,000 BRINGING THE BUDGET IMPACTS OF THIS PROPOSAL TO \$1.4 MILLION.

I'M GOING TO TRANSITION TO DISCUSS RECRUITMENT.

OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO KEEP PACE WITH OUR TURNOVER.

WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MATCH THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT US FOR RETIREMENT OR OTHER CAREER OPPORTUNITIES OR THOSE FOLKS WHO AREN'T SUCCESSFUL IN THE POLICE ACADEMY OR THE FEEL TRAINING PROCESS, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO KEEP PACE WITH TURNOVER.

AND WE CONTINUE TO ATTRACT CANDIDATES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

WE HAVE A VACANCY OF 3% WHICH PUTS US AT THE LOWER END OF THE AGENCIES IN OUR LABOR MARKET.

WE HAVE ONE LATERAL CANDIDATE WHO'S CLOSE TO THE END OF THE PROCESS. WE HAVE A TRAINEE IN THE ACADEMY AND TWO OR THREE STARTING THE ACADEMY. SO WE ARE CONTINUING TO INCREASE OUR HIRING AND GET FOLKS THROUGH THE PROCESS TO INCREASE OUR SWORN COMPLIMENT.

OUR VACANCY RATE IS NOT REFLECTIVE OF ANY OF OUR RECRUITMENT OR RETENTION EFFORTS THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN WHAT WE CURRENTLY OFFER AS A RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE TO OUR LATERAL CANDIDATES.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WE HAVEN'T INCREASED OUR LATERAL RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE SINCE 2003.

IF THE COUNCIL IS INTERESTED IN INCREASING THE BONUS, TIE THE BONUS TO A SALARY SCHEDULE TO BE SURE THAT IT INCREASES OVER TIME AND REMAINS COMPETITIVE IN THE MARKET.

IF THAT'S THE DESIRE OF THE BODY, STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE BONUS BE SET BETWEEN 3% AND 10% OF THE ANNUAL SALARY STEP OF WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS HIRED AND THAT WOULD ALLOW THE CITY TO ADJUST THE BONUS APPROPRIATELY.

IF THE COUNCIL PROVIDES DIRECTION TO INCREASE THE CASH INCENTIVE, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU INCREASE THE REFERRAL BONUS FOR OUR CURRENT EMPLOYEES.

THEY'RE TRULY THE BEST RECRUITERS.

MUCH LIKE THE REFERRAL BONUS HASN'T INCREASED IN LONG TIME AND CURRENTLY SETS AT \$2,000.

IF WE TIED TO REFERRAL BONUS TO 5% OF THE POLICE OFFICER TRAINING SALARY, IN TODAY'S NUMBERS THAT WOULD BE ABOUT A \$4,000 REFERRAL BONUS FOR ANY OF OUR EMPLOYEES WHO REFER ANOTHER EMPLOYEE WHICH IS AN INCREASE OVER THE CURRENT BONUS OF 2,000.

IF THE COUNCIL PROVIDES DIRECTION TO ENHANCE THE CASH RECRUITMENTS -- THE COUNCIL CAN ALSO DO OTHER INCENTIVES.

WE REQUEST YOU PROVIDER US PARAMETERS SO THAT DETAILED INFORMATION CAN BE SENT TO THE COUNCIL.

OUR RECOMMENDATION, STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE PROPOSED STAFFING AND INCREASE THE POSITIONS TO WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS FOLLOWS.

ADDITION OF SEVEN POLICE OFFICERS, ONE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATOR AND

ONE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THESE POSITIONS BE ADD DOLLARS AS A PART OF THE MID-YEAR BUDGET.

STAFF FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL REVIEW THE INFORMATION PROVIDED REGARDING THE RECRUIT INCENTIVE ENHANCEMENTS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION REGARDING ANY REQUESTED MODIFICATION TO THE RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCIL, ANY QUESTIONS?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER, ANY QUESTIONS?

YEAH, JUST A SECOND.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER, QUESTIONS?

>> Councilmember Lesser: SO, YES.

CHIEF, I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR THIS PRESENTATION AND FOR OUR COMMUNICATIONS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS WHERE I HAVE ASKED, WHAT IS THE ANALYTIC FRAMEWORK FOR JUSTIFYING ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AND YOU'VE DONE THAT RELATIVELY WELL HERE TO TRY TO EXPLAIN HOW DID WE ARRIVE AT 65 WITH THE OVERCOUNT OF FIVE AND NOW THE ADDITIONAL ASK TO HELP GIVE US SOME BETTER BASIS FOR REQUESTING THE NUMBER THAT YOU HAVE.

BUT I GUESS --

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER, QUESTIONS?

>> Councilmember Lesser: YES.

SOME RESIDENTS HAVE ASKED HAS THE MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT BEEN UNDERSTAFFED TO MATCH RISING CRIME.

IS THAT NOT ONE OF THE DRIVERS HERE?

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT SINCE YOU'VE RETURNED TO THE COUNCIL.

AND THE QUESTION OF HAVE WE BEEN UNDERSTAFFED, THE ANSWER IS NO.

WE'RE ABLE TO MEET OUR CORE FUNCTION.

BUT THIS WILL MEET OUR COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR MORE ENGAGEMENT.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OFFICERS ON BICYCLES, ON FOOT.

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO THE POLICE OFFICERS ARE THAT ARE AROUND MY BUSINESS.

SO SOME OF THIS WOULD PROVIDE FOR THAT.

BUT ALSO SOME OF THIS WOULD HELP US WHEN WE NEED ADDITIONAL STAFFING TO ARREST CAREER CRIMINALS OR CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE AND OTHER MEANS TO PROVIDE A SHATTERER PATH FROM INVESTIGATION TO ARREST TO PROSECUTION.

WE ARE CERTAINLY ABLE TO DO THAT NOW BUT THIS WOULD INCREASE THE BAND WIDTH TO DO THAT MORE PROFESSIONAL.

>> Councilmember Lesser: SOME ASKED WHAT WOULD THIS MEAN TO AN INCREASE IN CONTROL, SOME RESIDENTS ARE BONDING TOGETHER AND ENGAGING PRIVATE SECURITY FORCES.

WHAT WOULD THIS INCREASE MEAN TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF ADEQUACY OF PATROL.

>> THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THAT QUESTION.  
AND OUR FULL-TIME BICYCLE PATROL, THEY WOULD BE PART OF THE PATROL.  
THAT WOULD BE PATROL OFFICERS.  
THEY WOULD HAVE THE SAME FUNCTION AS PATROL OFFICERS, THEY WOULD BE  
ON BICYCLES.  
IT ALLOWS THEM TO SLOW DOWN, GET OFF OF THEIR BIKES AND WALK A LITTLE  
BIT HERE AND THERE TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY.  
YOU WILL SEE MORE PEOPLE IN THE FIELD THROUGH OUR BICYCLE PATROL.  
>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.  
AND MR. MAYOR, I'D LIKE TOE ASK A QUESTION FOR EITHER THE FINANCE  
DIRECTOR OR THE CITY MANAGER ABOUT FINANCIALS HERE IF I COULD.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: GO AHEAD.  
>> Councilmember Lesser: MR. FINANCE DIRECTOR STEVE, I GUESS MY  
QUESTION IS HOW CAN WE AFFORD THE ADDITIONAL COST?  
IT'S SUGGESTED IN PASS IN THE STAFF REPORT THE VARIOUS WAYS THAT WE  
MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THIS.  
BUT THREE OF THE OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS ON THIS COUNCIL -- TWO OF THE  
OTHER COUNCILMEMBERS, WHEN WE REFUNDED UP TO 65 AFTER THE CUTBACKS  
FOLLOWING THE 2008 RECESSION, THE CUTBACK IN OFFICERS.  
AND I JUST WANTED TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PAY  
FOR THESE ADDITIONAL OFFICERS.  
>> THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.  
FINANCIAL DIRECTOR.  
IN REVIEWING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL FORECAST AND FUNDING FOR THE NEW  
POLICE SAFETY POSITIONS, WE IDENTIFIED THAT WE CAN ACCOMMODATE THIS  
WITH A COMBINATION OF THE CURRENT EXISTING REVENUE SOURCES AS WELL  
AS LOOKING AT NEW FUNDING SOURCES WHICH WILL BRING BACK THE  
MID-YEAR -- ONE OF THE FUNDING SOURCES WE'RE TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT  
IS MEASURE A, THE TRANSIT OCCUPANCY TAX INCREASE IN 2019 WHERE WE GOT  
A VOTER APPROVAL UP TO 4% AND THE ENTIRE MEASURE WAS BASED ON PUBLIC  
SAFETY AND, YOU KNOW, POLICE, FIRE, PUBLIC WORKS, STREETS AND THOSE  
TYPE OF THINGS.  
AND THIS IS A PERFECT FIT FOR THAT MEASURE.  
WE ONLY USED 2% OF THE UP TO 4% THAT WAS APPROVED IN 2019 AND WE HAVE  
THAT CAPACITY TO GO TO AN ADDITIONAL 2% TO TAKE THE TRANSIT OCCUPANCY  
TAX RATE TO 14% WHICH IS COMPARABLE WITH LIKE CITIES.  
WE'LL BRING THAT ACTIVITY BACK WITH THE MID-YEAR BUDGET FOR FULL  
DISCUSSION.  
THAT WOULD OFFSET SOME OF THE IMPACT.  
AND THE REST IS, YOU KNOW, WE DO NEED IT FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY  
AND FINANCIAL HEALTH.  
IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'LL BE LOOKING TO BRING BACK AND TRY TO GET  
THAT REVENUE SOURCE IDENTIFIED AND PUT INTO PLACE TO OFFSET SOME OF  
THESE COSTS.  
>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.  
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES, THANK YOU.

CHIEF, THANK YOU FOR THE DETAIL.

IT'S A VERY GOOD PLAN.

THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD DETAIL IN HERE.

I ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO READ THE STAFF REPORT.

IT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN ASKING FOR.

SO GOING AS FAR AS RETENTION AND REFERRAL BONUS, I WAS JUST CURIOUS AS TO WHAT PERCENT OF THE HIRINGS DOES THAT REPRESENT THAT CAME INTO THE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF THE REFERRALS.

AND THE REFERRER WAS PAID, YUAN, A REFERRAL BONUS.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, I DON'T HAVE THAT INFORMATION BEFORE ME, BUT CERTAINLY ANECDOTALLY, AS A NEW POLICE CHIEF, I'VE BEEN SPEAKING WITH A LOT OF MY OFFICERS, AND HEARD FROM THEM, I WENT TO THE ACADEMY WITH THIS PERSON, TALKED ABOUT NOTHING BUT GREAT THINGS ABOUT THE MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND I WANTED TO COME HERE.

ESPECIALLY WITH THE LATERAL CANDIDATES, THEY'RE OUR BEST RECRUITERS. LATERALS KNOW WHAT QUESTIONS TO ASK AND OUR PERSONNEL ARE ABLE TO TALK UP THE DEPARTMENT.

>> Councilmember Franklin: IT'S CERTAINLY WELL MONEY SPENT.

ONE THING I WANTED TO CLARIFY WHEN I WAS READING THIS -- I'M SORRY.

>> FOUR.

>> Councilmember Franklin: WHEN IT TALKS ABOUT NEW OFFICERS FOR THE eBIKE SPECIFICALLY.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO PUT THEM ON THE OLD-FASHIONED BICYCLES.

THEY'RE ON E-BIKES WITH SIRENS AND HORNS AND LIGHTS.

IT'S CERTAINLY COOL.

I'M LOOKING TO GET ONE.

NO.

BUT THOSE ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE NEW RECRUITS GOING TO BE DOING THAT. THAT FREES UP POSITIONS THAT MORE EXPERIENCED, EXISTING OFFICER CONSIST BE ON THE BICYCLE eBIKE PATROL.

>> THAT'S EXACTLY IT.

WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY HIRE NEW OFFICERS AND THEN ONCE WE HAD THE OFFICERS ON BOARD, WE WOULD ADVERTISE FOR INTEREST IN THESE POSITIONS AND THEY WOULD BE MORE THAN LIKELY TAKEN ON BY OUR OFFICERS WHO ARE MORE TENURED.

>> Councilmember Franklin: AND THE SAME FOR THE CRIME IMPACT GROUP.

>> YES, SIR, EXACTLY.

>> Councilmember Franklin: THAT WOULD BE MORE EXPERIENCED, NOT JUST THE NEW ONES COMING IN.

>> YES, SIR.

>> Councilmember Franklin: OKAY.

GREAT.

LET'S SEE.

LOOKING AT -- IT WAS VERY INTERESTING, THE REPORT OF THE OTHER CITIES, NOTICING THAT BEVERLY HILLS, WHICH IS IN THE NEWS QUITE A BIT, HAS

QUITE A NUMBER GREATER THAN 70.

I THINK IT WAS 145?

AND, YOU KNOW, FOR A POPULATION OF 30,000.

IS THAT JUST A SENSE THERE THAT THERE'S MORE TO PROTECT OR MORE DEMAND BY THE RESIDENTS FOR SECURITY?

>> I THINK IT'S COMBINATION OF COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND ALSO THE INTANGIBLE THAT WE CAN'T QUANTIFY, HOW MANY PEOPLE COME TO TOWN TO VISIT, HOW MANY PEOPLE COME TO TOWN FOR TOURISM.

WE ALL TRY TO QUANTIFY THOSE BUT IT'S IN RESPONSE TO THOSE NUMBERS. WE CAN'T JUST BE PREPARED FOR THE RESIDENTIAL POPULATION.

WE NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR THE INCREASE THAT WE EXPERIENCE EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK AND AS THE WEATHER GETS NICER, PEOPLE GO ON VACATION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THEIR BUDGET IS ABOUT SIX TIMES OURS AS WELL. IT'S TRUE.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YEAH, I KNOW.

WE NEED MORE SALES TAX AND BUSINESSES.

OKAY.

GREAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHIEF.

AGAIN, APPRECIATE THE DETAIL AND THE PLANNING.

>> THANK YOU, SIR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND THANK YOU, CHIEF. I THINK WE ALL ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS THOROUGH REPORT.

JUST A FEW QUESTIONS.

SO IF WE HIRE THESE NEW OFFICERS AND POSITIONS, I SHOULD SAY, WE WOULD NO LONGER RELY ON CSC -- YEAH, CSC LIKE IN A NORMAL TIME.

WE STILL MAY HAVE TO HIRE THEM FOR THE FIREWORKS OR SIX MAN ADDITIONAL BUT WE WOULDN'T HAVE THEM DOWNTOWN BEING AMBASSADORS WATCHING PEOPLE WALK BY.

>> CERTAINLY WE WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE THE USE OF CSC AND SEE HOW NECESSARY THEY ARE.

WE STOOD THEM UP DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD WHEN WE HAD INCREASED ACTIVITY IN TOWN.

AND NOW WE'RE NOT HAVING THEM UNTIL THE WEATHER INCREASES AND WE HAVE AN INCREASE IN POPULATION.

CERTAINLY, WE WOULD HAVE TO EXAMINE THEIR USEFULNESS.

I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING FOR OUR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM.

BUT EXACTLY YES.

WE WOULD BRING THEM IN FOR SIX MEN AND ALL OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS THAT WE NEED THE INCREASED ROBUST TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT THAT THEY'RE GOOD AT PROVIDING FOR US.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATOR, YOU SAID SOME OF THE COSTS OF THAT POSITION WOULD BE OFFSET BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE HAVE A PART-TIME POSITION.

>> WE HAVE TWO PART-TIME BACKGROUND INVESTIGATORS.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME OR IS IT

COMBINED -- LIKE IT'S ANOTHER POSITION, THIS BACKGROUND INVESTIGATOR?

>> WELL MY PLAN IS TO ONBOARD THE FULL-TIME INVESTIGATOR AND PHASE OUT THE WORK.

HAVE THE CAPACITY OF A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE TO ASSIST THE SERGEANT AND DO OTHER THINGS THAT OUR PART TIMERS JUST SIMPLY DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY DO BECAUSE THEY'RE TYPICALLY RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS. THEY HAVE A LIMITATION ON THE HOURS THEY CAN WORK.

>> Councilmember Howorth: GREAT.

THAT IS HELPFUL.

AND IN THE DETECTIVE BUREAU -- FIRST, IT'S SO SMART TO MAKE THE PARKING AND ANIMAL CONTROL SUPERVISOR A CIVILIAN.

I THINK THAT SEEMS LIKE A GREAT IDEA.

THE DETECTIVE BUREAU, LET'S SEE, IS IT THE EXISTING SERGEANT -- NO. DETECTIVE BUREAU ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

THAT'S PROFESSIONAL STAFF.

>> YES, MA'AM.

>> Councilmember Howorth: IT WAS NICE OF JIM LAMKIN TO THANK US FOR THE MEETING THAT WE HAD.

WE HEARD A LOT OF CONCERNS FROM HER ABOUT WHEN RESIDENTS OR BUSINESS OWNERS REPORT CRIMES AND POLICE COME, THEN THEY MIGHT NOT HEAR WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, RIGHT?

THAT IS REALLY SOMETHING THAT MAKES -- YOU FEEL LIKE NOTHING IS HAPPENING EVEN THOUGH SOMETHING IS HAPPENING.

DO YOU THINK ADDING THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WILL ACTUALLY ALLOW FOR OR WILL THEY BE DIRECTED TO DO SOME OF THE ENGAGEMENT WITH THOSE FOLKS?

>> THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION, COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, AND THE SHORT ANSWER IS YES.

ONE OF THE REASONS I WAS SPEAKING ABOUT THE DETECTIVE SERGEANT ABOUT THE NEED FOR THIS, THE DETECTIVES WERE TRYING TO RETURN THEIR OWN PHONE CALLS AND DO THEIR OWN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE VICTIMS.

IT'S ALWAYS TRYING TO TRADE THAT OFF WITH MAKING ARRESTS AND GOING TO COURT.

HAVING A PERSON WHO CAN TRIAGE THE PHONE CALLS, MAKE SURE THAT THE PHONE CALLS ARE RETURNED AND INFORMATION IS RETURNED TO CITIZENS, THAT'S A BIG PART OF WHY WE WOULD LIKE THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: PLUS, I MEAN, FOUR FOLKS WITHIN A DETECTIVE BUREAU, THAT SEEMS LIKE REALLY NEEDED.

AND YOU SAID THAT THOSE THREE ADDITIONAL OFFICERS IN THE DETECTIVE BUREAU, THEY'LL BE DOING SURVEILLANCE, SERVING WARRANTS BUT THEY COULD BE USED FOR PATROL IF -- I THINK YOU SAID THAT.

>> I DID.

AND SO WHAT I MEANT BY THAT, IF WE'RE HAVING A CRIME PATTERN IN A PARKING LOT, THEY COULD BE -- PATROL IS GOING TO BE THE FIRST GROUP THAT IS IMPACTED BY THAT.

THEY CAN MAKE A REQUEST SO THAT THE CRIME IMPACT GROUP WILL CONDUCT

SURVEILLANCE IN PLAIN-CLOTHES CARS OR WALKING AROUND TO TRY TO COMBAT THE CRIME TRENDS BEFORE THEY GET OUT OF CONTROL.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THAT'S GREAT.

I HAVE TWO MORE THINGS.

ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS -- I DIDN'T GET ANYBODY SAYING DON'T DO THIS. NO SURPRISE.

SOMEBODY DID SAY WE HOPE THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL REPORT OUT MORE ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

BECAUSE WE WILL HEAR THINGS ON NEXT DOOR OR FACEBOOK OR SOMETHING FROM OUR NEIGHBORS.

CAN YOU JUST COMMENT ON HOW SOMETIMES THERE'S LIMITATIONS ON HOW AND WHEN YOU MIGHT WANT TO REPORT OUT?

I DON'T THINK IT'S A LACK OF STAFF THAT IS MAKING THAT A REALITY RIGHT NOW.

>> CERTAINLY.

YOU KNOW, WE TRY TO KEEP THE PUBLIC INFORMED ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON IN THE COMMUNITY.

WE'RE WORKING RIGHT NOW ON REVAMPING THE CRIME MESSAGING THAT WE GIVE TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FOLKS THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE PUTTING IT ON THE SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS AND BROADCASTING MORE WIDELY.

WE'RE CHANGING THE FORMAT SO IT'S EASIER TO READS.

I UNDERSTAND THE HUNGER AND THE NEED FOR THAT INFORMATION.

BUT ALSO WITH SOME OF OUR INCIDENTS THAT OCCUR, WE'RE SIMPLY NOT ABLE TO REPORT SOME OF THE THINGS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY OR BY THE TIME WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE USEFUL, OUR ABILITY TO APPREHEND SOMEONE, YOU KNOW, RIGHT THEN HAS PASSED.

AND SO GREAT EXAMPLE OF THAT IS WHEN WE HAVE AN INCIDENT AND WE'RE NOT CALLED UNTIL TEN MINUTES AFTER IT OCCURS.

BY THE TIME WE GET THERE AND OBTAIN VIDEO AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS, THOSE PERSONS ARE LIKELY OUT OF THE CITY.

SO THEY'RE POSTING THEIR PICTURES ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR VIA OTHER MEANS IS LESS EFFECTIVE AND LESS IMPACTFUL BECAUSE THE PUBLIC IS NOT IMMEDIATELY ABLE TO AID US IN THEIR APPREHENSION.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I'LL SAVE MY COMMENTS FOR COMMENT SECTION. LOOK AT THAT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHIEF.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MOVING ON.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY, ANY QUESTIONS FROM YOU?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: NO, SIR, THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: NONE FROM ME.

WE'LL OPEN IT UP TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

ANYONE FROM THE PUBLIC WANT TO COME DOWN AND SPEAK TO THIS ITEM.

YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

COME ON DOWN TO THE PODIUM.

>> I'M SORRY.

I JUST HAD MY NOTES.

IT SEEMS LIKE A NO-BRAINER TO ME THAT CITY COUNCIL SHOULD HAPPILY

APPROVE THIS -- CHIEF JOHNSON'S REQUEST FOR MORE SWORN OFFICERS. AS A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY I WAS ABLE TO GO TO HERMOSA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK TO SEE THEIR SIMULATION ROOM.

IT CONSTANTLY GIVES OFFICERS PRACTICES CAN REAL-LIFE SCENARIOS. TO SHARPEN THEIR SKILLS.

THE COMPUTER SYSTEM CAN BRANCH OFF INTO DIFFERENT SCENARIOS THAT WOULD REQUIRE A MORE TALKING APPROACH VERSUS A TASER OR A GUN.

WHEN THE OFFICERS SIT AT THE RANGE, THE TARGET IS NOT MOVING BUT IT IS IN THIS SIMULATION.

THIS SIN VALUABLE.

SECONDLY, THEY HAVE A MAT ROOM TO PRACTICE TECHNIQUES FOR OFFICERS WHEN THEY COME HAND-TO-HAND WITH SUSPECTS.

THERE IS A SAFE WAY TO GET THEIR HANDS IN CUFFS USING THESE MOVES. I BELIEVE THE OFFICER MENTIONED IT WAS MAYBE \$400,000 THAT HERMOSA HAD PAID FOR THEIR MAT ROOM OR THE SIMULATION ROOM.

AND I HOPE THAT CITY COUNCIL CAN FIND A WAY TO ALSO FUND THIS.

IF OFFICERS ARE GETTING TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF COMFORTABILITY IN ENGAGES WITH OFFICERS AND ENABLES THEM TO GO HOME TO THEIR FAMILIES TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE, IS IT WORTH IT?

I THINK SO.

SOME CITIES ARE HIRING CRIMINALS TO BECOME POLICE OFFICERS.

THAT'S HOW BAD IT IS.

POLICE OFFICERS RISK THEIR LIVES FOR A THANKLESS JOB WITH THE DUTY INCREASING.

IT IS AN HONORABLE OCCUPATION BUT NOT A DESIRED ONE ANYMORE.

WE NEED TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN BY INCREASING INCENTIVES TO GET THE TOP OFFICERS IN OUR TURN.

YOU CAN'T PUT A PRICE ON OUR LIVES.

OUR LIVES MATTERS.

MY BUSINESS MATTERS.

MY PROPERTY MATTERS.

MY SENSE OF SECURITY MATTERS.

MY QUALITY-OF-LIFE MATTERS.

YES, NOT IN MY BACKGROUND.

THUGS ARE NOT WELCOME HERE.

YOU KNOW WHO DOES NOT SUPPORT POLICE?

THUGS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THANK YOU.

>> MAYOR NAPOLITANO, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, I JUST WANT TO THANK CHIEF JOHNSON.

I THINK THAT WAS VERY WELL PUT TOGETHER.

SEVEN POSITIONS IS A LOT TO ASK FOR.

I THINK THE DOLLARS -- I THINK STEVE HAS DONE SOME CREATIVITY IN TERMS OF HOW TO COME UP WITH THE DOLLARS.

AS A DOWNTOWN RESIDENT FOR A LOT OF YEARS, I THINK WE NEED IT.

I APPRECIATE JILL AND WHATEVER TIME SHE SPENT WITH YOU ALL BUT JUST



TALKING ABOUT THE BUSINESSES DOWNTOWN.  
PRACTICALLY WE NEED A POLICE PRESENCE DOWNTOWN.  
BICYCLES.  
I LOVE IT.  
E-BIKES, I'M GOING TO NEGOTIATE FOR ONE OF THESE WITH COUNCILMEMBER  
FRANKLIN.  
BUT JUST, I THINK -- I MEAN LOOK WHAT HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST MEETING  
WHAT HAPPENED WITH PASHA AGAIN AND VAUGHNS AGAIN IF POLICE WERE  
PRESENT, ON A BIKE, WALKING AROUND.  
YOU GUYS NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE PAY FOR IT.  
I LIKE THE IDEA OF NOT USING CSC ON THEIR PHONES.  
WHATEVER CREATIVITY WE CAN FIND IN THE BUDGET I WOULD ABSOLUTELY  
SUPPORT CHIEF JOHNSON, WHATEVER SHE THINKS WE NEED, LET'S DO IT.  
THANK YOU.  
s.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.  
>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL.  
MY NAME IS PATRICK SHARPLESS AND I FULLY SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE 37  
I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA.  
WE NEED POLICE.  
I SUPPORT THE OPINION OF THE LADY WHO JUST SPOKE.  
THESE ARE IMPORTANT ISSUES.  
WE NEED PROTECTION IN OUR COMMUNITIES.  
BUT I DIDN'T HEAR ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CSOs.  
IT WAS A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO THAT CAME UP TO COUNCIL FROM THE FORMER  
CHIEF OF POLICE AND THE CSOs WERE APPARENTLY BEING WEEDED OUT FROM  
PARKING ENFORCEMENT TO HELP THE POLICE OFFICERS.  
AND BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T AVAILABLE TO DO PARKING ENFORCEMENT, CITY  
COUNCIL WAS ASKED TO GIVE \$350,000 FOR PARKING TO HELP SUPPORT THAT  
EFFORT.  
AND I'VE LEARNED THAT GENERAL LAW CITIES AREN'T SUPPOSED TO HAVE  
CONTRACTOR TO ISSUE CITATIONS FOR VEHICLE PARKING VIOLATIONS.  
SO I'M A LITTLE TORN ON IF THIS IS SUCH A GREAT IDEA WITHOUT ANY CLARITY  
ON WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THE CSOs.  
IN MY OPINION WE SHOULD GIVE THEM THE POLICE OFFICERS THEY NEED, PAY  
ALL OF THE BONUSES THAT THEY NEED TO GET THE BEST QUALITY PEOPLE, BUT  
WE NEED TO LOOK CAREFULLY AT HOW THE CSOs ARE GOING TO BE MANAGED.  
IF WE GET MORE OFFICERS, DOES THAT MEAN THEY'RE GOING TO COME NEXT  
YEAR, IN SIX MONTHS SAYING WE NEED \$500,000 FOR MORE PARKING PEOPLE.  
IS THAT THE WAY IT'S GOING TO WORK?  
I THINK THAT'S A CONSIDERATION THAT SADLY DIDN'T GET ADDRESSED AND  
SHOULD BE ADDRESSED BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THE WHOLE THING WAS RIGHT  
TO BEGIN WITH.  
I THINK WE SHOULD LOOK CAREFULLY AT WHAT THE DUTIES OF THE CITY ARE  
WITH RESPECT TO HAVING THE CONTRACTOR SINCE THE LAW PROHIBITS HAVING  
THEM FOR SUGAR CITATIONS FOR VEHICLE PARKING VIOLATIONS.  
THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

OTHER SPEAKERS.

>> [INAUDIBLE] AGAIN.

THANK YOU, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

MANY OF MY FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, RESIDENTS COULDN'T BE HERE OR DON'T NECESSARILY WANT TO COME TO COUNCIL MEETINGS.

BUT THEY DID WANT ME TO COME AND EXPRESS ALL OF THEIR THANKS TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OUR POLICE OFFICERS THAT ARE OUT THERE.

AND THEY SUPPORT THIS FULLY.

THEY WANT TO GIVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THE IMPRESSION THAT WHAT NAY NEED, WHAT'S JUSTIFIED, THE RESIDENTS WANT TO GIVE THEM WHAT THEY NEED TO DO THEIR JOB.

AND PUBLIC SAFETY REALLY IS THE NUMBER-ONE REASON WHY WE HAVE OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IS TO PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS.

AND THEY FULLY SUPPORT WHATEVER DECISIONS THAT YOU MAKE AS COUNCIL TO SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC SAFETY, BOTH POLICE AND FIRE.

AND WITH THAT, THEY ALSO HAVE A CONCERN THAT THEY HAVE BEEN LIVING IN A BUBBLE BELIEVING THAT THERE REALLY HASN'T BEEN ANY CRIME IN MANHATTAN BEACH AND IT'S BEEN VERY SMALL.

AND WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN THE NEWS MEDIA AS REALLY OPENED A LOT OF THEIR EYE TO SAY LIKE, THINGS ARE HAPPENING HERE THAT I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT.

AND I THINK THROUGH THE TOWN HALL MEETINGS AND THE INFORMATION THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO PROVIDE WILL BE HELPFUL TO OUR COMMUNITY IN WAYS THAT THEY CAN ALSO PROTECT THEMSELVES FOR SOMETHING THAT THEY DIDN'T REALLY BELIEVE WAS THERE.

SO I ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN EVERY SINGLE WAY THAT YOU CAN.

THE COMMUNITY IS BEHIND YOU AND THAT DEPARTMENT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

OTHER SPEAKERS.

ALL RIGHT.

ANYBODY BY ZOOM?

OKAY.

LEIGH.

>> GOOD EVENING, CITY COUNCIL.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING MY COMMENTS TODAY.

MY NAME IS LEIGH PHILLIPS.

I SUPPORT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE POLICE ACADEMY THIS YEAR AND FIND IT VERY INFORMATIVE.

I DO SUPPORT HIRING MORE POLICE.

ONE OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE IS THE TIME FRAME TO HIRE THOSE POLICE. IT'S NOT AN OVERNIGHT OCCURRENCE.

SO, YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE ACADEMY AND THEN THERE'S PROBATION.

SO THAT ACADEMY IS WHAT, SIX MONTHS BUT SIX MONTHS' PROBATION AND

THAT'S A YEAR TO GET STAFFED UP.  
WE HAVE SIX MONTH TO SUMMER WHEN WE'RE TYPICALLY MUCH MORE BUSY.  
I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR A PLAN FOR ADDRESSING SAFETY UNTIL WE CAN GET OFFICERS STAFFED UP.  
IN MY MIND CSC IS MORE EVENT AMBASSADOR STAFFING.  
IS THERE ROOM OR DISCUSSION FOR ACTUAL PRIVATE SECURITY?  
THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE ARMED.  
THEY CAN BE UNARMED SECURITY IN A UNIFORM.  
WHAT ABOUT PRIVATE PATROLS IN SOME PARTS OF THE CITY TO FREE POLICE UP.  
AND YEAH, BASICALLY THE TIME FRAME TO GET PEOPLE STAFFED UP.  
AND THEN THE OTHER QUESTION IS SO WE STAFF UP POLICE, POLICE -- YOU KNOW, YOU CITE FOR MISDEMEANORS.  
SO A LOT OF THE MISDEMEANOR CRIMES -- SO I'D LIKE TO BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW MORE POLICING WILL IMPACT MISDEMEANOR CRIMES THAT ARE REALLY QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES.  
AND THEN FINALLY WHAT ABOUT TECHNOLOGY TO HELP US WITH POLICING.  
THANK YOU.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.  
ANYONE ELSE BY ZOOM?  
OKAY.  
LAST CALL FOR AUDIENCE.  
OKAY.  
COUNCIL.  
MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.  
>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.  
LET ME START OFF WITH THE OVERALL COMMENTS I HAVE HERE.  
THERE'S A LOT TO GO THROUGH SO BEAR WITH ME.  
THOSE OF YOU WHO HNOT BEEN RESIDENTS SINCE 2005 YOU WON'T KNOW THIS INFORMATION BUT I'LL KIND OF GIVE YOU THE HISTORICAL ASPECT FIRST.  
THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THE CITY HAS HAD A VOTE FOR OVERHIRES.  
THE PRECEDENT WAS 2010.  
SO LET'S NOT THINK IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE'VE EVER DONE THIS.  
IT'S NOT.  
I'VE BEEN THROUGH FIVE CHIEFS, FIVE POLICE CHIEFS.  
I'M NOT NEW HERE.  
THE ONLY PERSON WITH MORE TIME ON THE COUNCIL IS THIS GUY TO MY LEFT.  
IN THOSE DAYS IT WAS POST-RECESSION.  
I DISAGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUE DAVID.  
WE DO NOT CUT BACK OFFICERS EVER.  
WHAT WE DID IS NOT HAVE NEW OFFICERS DURING OUR RECESSION.  
WE DID NOT CUT BACK OFFICERS.  
THAT'S THE SECOND THING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT.  
THE POINT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PAST THAT POINT IS -- WHAT ELSE IS THERE -- I DON'T WANT POLICE TO ENGAGE IN SOCIAL MEDIA DEBATES OR INSTANT GRATIFICATION FOR PEOPLE TO GO LOOK AT NEXT DOOR AND THINK THEY KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON.

THEY DO NOT EVER KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.  
I DON'T WANT OUR CHIEF TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON AN ONGOING  
INFORMATION.  
THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY DO.  
THEY CAN REPORT OUT CRIMES WHEN THEY HAVE THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
AND NOT BEFORE.  
WHEN WE HAVE THE INFORMATION CORRECTLY, ACCURATELY, THEN THE CHIEF  
AND THE STAFF WILL PUT THEM OUT.  
NOT SO SOMEONE WANTS TO KNOW RIGHT AWAY, THEY CAN'T GET IT ON THE  
SCANNER AND THEY THINK THE POLICE IS HIDING SOMETHING FROM THEM.  
EVERY COUNCILMEMBER ALL THE WAY DOWN, WE ALL KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WHEN  
THEY CAN TELL US THINGS ARE GOING ON, THEN IT COMES OUT.  
START WITH THOSE TWO PREMISES.  
SECOND.  
LET'S SEE, THE SECOND THING.  
I HEARD SOMEONE'S COMMENTS ABOUT LAPD.  
WE DO NOT CONTROL THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT.  
NOR DO WE CONTROL ATTORNEY GASCON AND HIS CATCH AND RELEASE POLICIES.  
WE CONTROL MANHATTAN BEACH.  
OUR BACK YARD.  
PROP 47-109 IS A LOT TO GO THROUGH.  
OUR JOB IS THE CITY.  
NOT OUTSIDE THE CITY.  
STOP THERE WITH COMMENTS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS OUTSIDE OUR BOUNDARIES.  
WE CAN'T CONTROL THINGS OUTSIDE OUR BOUNDARIES.  
THE OTHER COMMENT WE DON'T SUPPORT OUR POLICE.  
REALLY?  
MY 14 YEARS ON COUNCIL WE'VE ALWAYS SUPPORTED OUR POLICE.  
WE HAVE EQUIPMENT REQUESTS, NEVER I HAVE SEEN -- WHEN THE CHIEF ASKED  
FOR RADIOS, RADIOS THAT WORK ON THE GROUND.  
WE GAVE THEM TO THEM.  
TRAINING, EQUIPMENT, PAY AND BENEFITS, NOT ONE TIME HAVE I EVER SEEN  
THAT HAPPEN HERE, COUNCILS, PRIOR COUNCILS HAVE EVER SAID NO TO POLICE  
REQUESTS.  
SO THROW THAT ONE OUT.  
THAT'S ALSO SOMEBODY'S COMMENTS THAT ARE NOT REALISTIC.  
YES, PROVIDING MORE POLICE OFFICERS TO THE POLICE CHIEF IS ALWAYS A  
POSITIVE IDEA.  
ABSOLUTELY.  
I WOULD SAY -- LET ME REPHRASE THAT FOR A SECOND.  
THE CHIEF PROFESSIONAL DECIDES IF THEY NEED EXTRA PATROLS, BIKE  
PATROLS DOWNTOWN, CRIME SUPPRESSION, SPECIAL DETAILS.  
THAT'S ALSO HER CHOICE, NOT TO GO LOOKING FOR EXTRA BODIES -- DEBATE  
EARLIER WAS TALKING ABOUT LET'S GO TO BEVERLY HILLS.  
LET'S HIRE COMPANY THAT CARRY GUNS.  
BY THE WAY, THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITH THE GUNS.  
ALL THEY DO IS CALL THE POLICE AND HAVE THEM COME ARREST THEM.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

SERIOUSLY?

WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO WHAT BEVERLY HILLS DID.

BUT WE HAVE BEEN INVITED AND THE CHIEF KNOWS THIS AND BRUCE KNOWS THIS BY BEVERLY HILLS TO COME LOOK AT WHAT THEY'RE DOING WITH THEIR DRONES AND EXTENSIVE CAMERA NETWORK.

IT COMES WITH A PRICE.

WE'RE LOOKING AT ALL AVENUES IF CHIEF JOHNSON IS OPEN TO THOSE IDEAS, TO EXPAND NOW AND GO INTO THE FUTURE.

IN NO WAY ARE WE SITTING ON OUR HANDS GOING WHAT WE'RE DOING IS GOOD ENOUGH.

IT'S NOT EVER GOOD ENOUGH.

AS A FORMER OFFICER I TELL YOU WHAT I'VE SEEN, ALL OF YOU HAVE SEEN THE SAME THING, MORE HOSTILITY TOWARDS THE POLICE.

YOU'RE SEEING MORE AGGRESSIVENESS, MORE SHOTS BEING FIRED, MORE POLICE OFFICER FATALITIES.

WE NEVER SAW THAT BEFORE.

YOU WANT TO LOOK AT COVID AS A DRIVER, THE GEORGE FLOYD INCIDENT, THE PROTESTS, THE FRUSTRATION, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT, WE'RE SEEING THE EFFECTS NOW.

YOU SAW IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, TWO SHERIFFS BACK-TO-BACK.

WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPEN.

IT'S NOT GOING AWAY.

IF YOU WANT TO POINT THE FINGER, IT'S NOT THINGS THAT WE CONTROL THERE.

BUT WE CAN CONTROL ADDING BODIES TO OUR PATROLS AND MORE OFFICERS BEING SEEN AND TO CHIEF JOHNSON'S EFFORT, THEY'RE UNDERCOVER.

YOU DON'T SEE THEM.

JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T SEE THEM DOWNTOWN DOESN'T MEAN THEY'RE NOT THERE.

THEY'RE UNDERCOVER.

THAT'S WHAT I WANT.

GREAT.

THE SUPPRESSION DETAILS ARE UNDERCOVER AND THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO.

CAREFUL WHEN YOU SAY WE DON'T SEE POLICE DOWNTOWN.

THAT IS WRONG.

I KNOW BECAUSE I PUSH FOOT PATROLS, MAYOR KNOWS THIS, COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN KNOWS THIS.

IN 2020 DURING COVID WE PUSHED FOR THAT AND THEY DID IT BUT THEY WEREN'T ALL IN UNIFORM BUT THEY WERE THERE.

ANOTHER POINT OF FACT THAT I PUSH BACK ON WHEN PEOPLE SAY THEY DON'T SHOW UP OR ARE NOT THERE.

ONE FORMER COUNCILMEMBER, AND I WON'T MENTION HIS NAME, WOULD WRITE UP ON DETAILS OF POLICE AND TELL THEM HIS OPINION ON WHAT TO DO.

HE WAS NEVER AN OFFICER.

NOBODY HATES THAT MORE THAN I DO.

THAT'S NOT COUNCIL'S JOB.

OUR JOB IS TO LET CHIEF JOHNSON AND HER CAPTAINS RUN THE PATROL.  
NOT COUNCIL TO THIRD GUESS THEM SITTING UP HERE.  
THEY'RE THE PROFESSIONALS.  
NOT US.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT EVER AGAIN.  
QUALITY OVER QUANTITY COMMENTS, I AGREE 100%.  
CHIEF, TAKE THE LONGEST TIME YOU NEED TO HIRE THE BEST PEOPLE YOU CAN.  
DON'T RUSH TO HIRE.

AND THE COMMENTS EARLIER THAT IT WAS GOING TO TAKE EIGHT MONTHS OR  
TEN MONTHS IN THE ACADEMY, IF YOU READ THE STAFF REPORT, THE CHIEF  
IS TRYING TO HIRING LATERALS.

THEY WANT TO WORK HERE.

THERE IS NO ACADEMY DOWNTIME.

THEY GET AN FTO, FIELD TRAINING OFFICER WHO SHOWS THEM OUR CITY, LET  
THEM LEARN WHAT WE DO HERE AND GO ON FROM THERE.

WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN.

DO WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE IN THE ACADEMY?

YES.

BUT CHIEF JOHNSON CAN FIND A GOOD LATERAL OFFICER, TO LEAVE LAPD OR  
THE SHERIFFS OR WHATEVER, SHE CAN GET A GOOD ONE, WE'LL TAKE THEM.  
I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE BUTTON PUSHED SPEED OVER QUALITY.

NEVER WANT TO PUSH THAT IDEA.

MY LAST -- I'M SORRY, YOU KNOW, I'LL WRAP UP WITH THIS LAST ONE.  
IT SAYS SOMEONE ASKED CAN YOU AFFORD THIS, 1,005,337 THE OPPOSITE  
ANSWER SHOULD BE CAN WE NOT AFFORD IT?

WE CANNOT AFFORD NOT TO DO IT.

PEOPLE FORGET, THOSE OF YOU WHO COME TO BUDGET MEETINGS, FIVE PEOPLE  
EVER SHOW UP FOR BUDGET MEETINGS.

AND THE FIVE OF YOU THAT SHOW UP, THANK YOU.

WE HAVE ECONOMIC RESERVES THAT I LOATHE TO USE BUT THIS IS ECONOMIC  
UNCERTAINTY 101.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S GOING TO COME FROM, WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT  
TO YOU, PUBLIC SAFETY OR WHAT IF.

THIS IS AN EASY ANSWER TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION HERE.

I FULLY SUPPORT THIS, YOUR HONOR, AND NOT ONLY CHIEF JOHNSON'S  
OFFICERS BUT THE STAFF SUPPORTS THAT SHE NEEDS SO THAT PEOPLE IN THE  
FIELD CAN DO THEIR JOB.

THAT'S MY MOTION RIGHT THERE, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

BEFORE WE GO THERE, QUICK QUESTION TO THE CITY ATTORNEY.

IT WAS BROUGHT UP EARLIER, THE ASSERTION THAT PARKING ENFORCEMENT BY  
A CONTRACT ENTITY WAS ILLEGAL, IS THAT CORRECT?

>> NO, THAT'S NOT CORRECT.

THERE WAS A CASE A FEW YEARS AGO IN A RELATED SUBJECT THAT FELL TO  
THAT ISSUE.

BUT CITY CONSIST DO THAT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I IMAGINE THAT COMPANY WOULDN'T BE IN BUSINESS

IF THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO DO THAT.  
>> CORRECT.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.  
OTHER SPEAKERS.  
COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.  
>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.  
I BELIEVE COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY HAD A MOTION THERE TO SUPPORT WHAT  
THE CHIEF IS ASKING FOR, CORRECT.  
>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: YES.  
>> Councilmember Howorth: I WANT TO SECOND THAT MOTION.  
WE NEED TO FEEL SAFE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE NEED TO BE SAFE.  
AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ALWAYS PRIDE OURSELF ON IS NO CALL IS  
TOO SMALL, RIGHT?  
AND I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE'RE SEEING WITH CRIME TRENDS, ET  
CETERA, FOR WHATEVER REASONS, CALLS ARE GETTING A LITTLE BIGGER.  
AND SO ACCORDINGLY SO SHOULD OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT.  
BECAUSE THINK ABOUT HOW THIS WILL ALSO IMPACT THE OFFICERS AND THE  
CIVILIANS THAT WE DO HAVE WORKING IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.  
IT WILL ALSO REDUCE THEIR WORKLOAD A BIT SO THAT THEY ARE NOT WORKING  
SO MUCH OVERTIME AND HAVING MENTAL HEALTH CRISES.  
IT'S A VERY GOOD THING FOR THE OFFICERS WHO ARE THERE ALREADY.  
I THINK THAT -- I MEAN IT WAS A FANTASTIC REPORT.  
I ALSO WANT TO APPLAUD -- I MEAN, YOU GOT SWORN IN WHAT, LAST SUMMER,  
AND IN DECEMBER WE SAID COME BACK AND SHOW US WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE  
AND HERE YOU ARE.  
WELL DONE.  
WELL DONE.  
I THINK -- YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT, OUR FOLKS ARE  
THE BEST OF THE BEST.  
AND SUPPORTING THEM IS SOMETHING THAT I'M SO HAPPY TO DO, ESPECIALLY  
SINCE, AS FINANCE DIRECTOR CHARELIAN POINTED OUT, FINANCE HAS A PLAN.  
OOHS NOT JUST ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY.  
THERE ARE 2% THAT WE ARE NOT CAPTURING THAT WE CAN USE THAT IS  
ABSOLUTELY APPROPRIATELY EARMARKED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.  
I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT THAT'S ALSO PRESENTED ALONG.  
I APPRECIATE ONE OF THE SPEAKERS WHO TALK ABOUT WHAT HERMOSA BEACH  
IS DOING.  
MAYBE WE CAN LOOK AT STUFF LIKE THAT IN THE FUTURE.  
I APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING UP, MAYOR PRO TEM, MPT MONTGOMERY ABOUT  
GOING TO BEVERLY HILLS AND EXPLORING TECHNOLOGY.  
I THINK THAT'S RIGHT.  
WE GOT TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN.  
ADDITIONALLY, YOU KNOW, WE DO -- YOU KNOW, PEOPLE HAVE BROUGHT UP,  
OH, MISDEMEANORS, BUT PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO CALL THE POLICE ANYMORE.  
CALL THE POLICE.  
EVEN IF IT'S A MISDEMEANOR, EVEN IF THAT PERSON ISN'T HELD, IF YOU  
CAN BUILD A CASE AGAINST A PERSON WITH ENOUGH MISDEMEANORS, THEY WILL

GET PROSECUTED.  
SO PLEASE, THIS IS A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT.  
PLEASE CALL THE POLICE.  
AGAIN, NO CALL TOO SMALL BUT I DON'T WANT TO DIMINISH ANY OF THE CALLS  
EITHER.  
SO LET ME SEE.  
I FULL SUPPORT, SECOND, APPRECIATE THE FINANCIAL UPDATE.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: IN SUMMARY YOU'RE FOR FUNDING THE POLICE NOT  
DEFUNDING THE POLICE?  
>> Councilmember Howorth: THAT IS GOING TO BE MY LINE.  
I AM NOT A CRIME SYMPATHIZER.  
I DID WANT TO SAY I'M A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED IN THE E-BIKES SIMPLY  
BECAUSE IT WILL BE HARDER DO A RIDE ALONG.  
I'M TRYING TO FIGURE THAT OUT.  
I'LL TRY TO KEEP UP BUT YES, I SUPPORT THIS.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: I SAW YOU COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN BUT  
COUNCILMEMBER LESSER HAD HIS HAND UP FIRST.  
>> Councilmember Lesser: I'M HAPPY TO DEFER TO COUNCILMEMBER  
FRANKLIN.  
>> Councilmember Franklin: THANK YOU.  
I COULDN'T SEE HIM FROM THE SCREEN.  
SORRY ABOUT THAT, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.  
AS TO RIDING SIDE SADDLE ON THE BACK OF A BICYCLE, I JUST CAME BACK  
FROM VIETNAM, THAT'S A VERY COMMON PRACTICE.  
AND THE eBIKE WILL HELP.  
I FULLY SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL.  
I TOO AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE DETAIL.  
IT'S NOT ONLY WHAT THE RESIDENTS WANT BUT IT'S WHAT THE COUNCIL WANTS.  
AND IT'S -- THE ONLY THING I'M HOPING IS THAT THE BAD GUYS ARE WATCHING  
TONIGHT BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE A DIFFERENT -- YOU KNOW, THERE'S  
GOING TO BE A DIFFERENT TYPE OF CITY.  
WE'VE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB.  
THIS IS ONLY GOING TO MAKE IT BETTER.  
I LIKE THE IDEA -- I ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT THE RECRUITING TOOL,  
WORD OF MOUTH, COMRADES IN ARMS HELPING, GETTING OTHER PEOPLE, THEY  
SOCIALIZE WITH THEM, OTHER DISTRICTS.  
I FEEL SORRY FOR THE OTHER CITIES THAT MIGHT LOSE SOME GOOD OFFICERS,  
BUT WE HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF SEVERAL THINGS.  
NUMBER ONE, WE CAN OFFER THAT KIND OF RECRUITING BONUS AND FIRST-YEAR  
BONUS.  
YOU'VE GOT TREMENDOUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT.  
WE SAW THAT WITH THE THIN BLUE LINE FLAG.  
I HOPE WE DO DISPLAY THAT SOMEWHERE BECAUSE I THINK THAT MEANS A LOT  
TO THE POLICE TO KNOW THAT -- AND FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE FIRE  
DEPARTMENT -- TO KNOW THAT WE SUPPORT THEM.  
THERE'S A LOT OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT BEHIND THEM.  
I GOT TO IMAGINE IT FRUSTRATES THEM IN SOME COMMUNITIES WHERE THAT



SUPPORT IS NOT THERE.  
SO I THINK THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT.  
I LOVE THE IDEA OF eBIKE PATROL.  
THEY ARE GOING TO BE VISIBLE.  
THEY ARE GOING TO BE INTERACTING.  
THERE WAS ANOTHER LINE YOU HAD IN THERE, CHIEF, ABOUT ALSO BEING ABLE  
TO LIAISON WITH THE STORE OWNERS AND THE RESTAURANTS AND THE DOWNTOWN  
RESIDENTS.  
THAT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT.  
THOSE BECOME OUR EYES AND EARS.  
THE OTHER THING THAT AGAIN SORT OF TO GO ALONG WITH YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE  
ANNOUNCEMENT IS WE STILL NEED, AS RESIDENTS, TO BE PART OF THE  
SOLUTION.  
LOCK UP YOUR CARS.  
LOCK UP YOUR HOMES.  
GET SECURITY DEVICES.  
IT'S NOT THE MANHATTAN BEACH THAT IT WAS 40 YEARS AGO WHEN I MOVED  
HERE.  
BUT, YOU KNOW, WE'VE SEEN THE STORIES ALL OF THE TIME.  
SOMEONE HAD THEIR BICYCLE STOLEN FROM THEIR BACK YARD WITH THEM IN  
THE HOME.  
IT'S BECAUSE SOMEONE WAS WATCHING THEM.  
CLOSE THE GATE, LOCK THE GATE, CLOSE THE GARAGE DOOR, LOCK THAT GARAGE  
DOOR.  
I WOULD GO SO FAR AS TO LOCK YOUR BICYCLES AND THINGS INSIDE THE CLOSET  
OR INSIDE THE GARAGE.  
HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS.  
HELP YOUR COMMUNITY.  
HELP THE POLICE.  
JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH.  
GET INVOLVED WITH THAT.  
GET ON THEIR LIST.  
TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS.  
VOLUNTEER TO HELP THEM.  
BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.  
HARDEN THE TARGETS.  
THE THINGS I'M A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED ABOUT IS SUSTAINABILITY DURING  
RECESSION.  
I FOR ONE, HAVING SEEN A LOT OF RECESSIONS AND THE ECONOMICS, IT'S  
THERE.  
I MEAN SOME THINGS ARE UNPRECEDENTED, LIKE WE HAD WITH THE COVID, THE  
COVID SUPPORT AND RESPONSE.  
SO THERE IS STILL A LOT OF MONEY OUT THERE.  
YOU HAVE THE FED WHO IS, YOU KNOW, STILL RAISING INTEREST RATES.  
I THINK AS OF TODAY THEY RAISED THEM ANOTHER QUARTER OF A PERCENT.  
YOU'VE SEEN IT IN YOUR OWN HOMES.  
YOU'VE SEEN IT IN YOUR INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNTS BECAUSE YOU'RE

GETTING PAID MORE.  
YOU'RE NOT GETTING PAID NOTHING.  
YOU'RE PAID MORE.  
BUT ALSO WITH THE EXPENSES, YOUR LOANS AND THE LIKE.  
WE'RE LIKE YOU.  
WE HAVE LOANS AND WE HAVE EXPENSES LIKE THAT.  
SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KEEP ON EYE ON THE SUSTAINABILITY,  
THAT THIS MAINTAINS -- STAYS AS A PRIORITY AND WHERE WE MIGHT HAVE  
TO MAKE CUTS IN OTHER AREAS, BE AWARE THAT THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE PUTTING  
THIS AS A FIRST-TIME PRIORITY.  
THE OTHER THING THAT'S SO IMPORTANT WITH THIS, IT HELPS WITH THE MORALE  
OF OUR EXISTING OFFICERS.  
I THINK IT WILL HELP RECRUIT FUTURE OFFICERS IS WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING  
ABOUT PROSECUTION SERVICES.  
WE'VE GONE -- PREVIOUS COUNCILS HAVE GONE TWICE TO THE COUNTY DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY AND ASKED IF WE COULD PURSUE OUR OWN PROSECUTION SERVICES  
FOR MISDEMEANORS AND FOR THE HOMELESS COURT.  
THESE ARE AREAS -- YOU KNOW, THE BROKEN WINDOWS THING.  
THESE KIND OF CRIMES, CRIMINALS SEE THEM.  
THEY SEE IF THEY DO GET CAUGHT THEY'RE RELEASED IN ONE HOUR.  
TWO HOURS.  
THINGS LIKE THAT.  
AND WE'VE HAD REPORTS OF THEM COMING BACK AND DOING IT AGAIN.  
SO I KNOW THE DEFINITION OF INSANITY IS DOING THE SAME THING OVER AND  
OVER AGAIN EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS.  
WE'VE GOT A NEW COUNCIL.  
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AND WOULD LIKE TO ALSO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE GO  
BACK TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND WE MAKE THE APPEAL THAT  
WE CAN GO AHEAD AND WORK WITH OUR COMPANION CITY REDONDO BEACH WHO  
HAS THEIR OWN DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.  
ONE IS DEDICATED TO QUALITY-OF-LIFE ISSUES WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY  
AMAZING.  
AND THAT ALSO REINFORCES SORT OF A SOUTH BAY FORTRESS, IF YOU WILL,  
AGAINST CRIME.  
BECAUSE SOMEBODY WHO IS COMMITTING A CRIME IN MANHATTAN BEACH MAY GO  
TO REDONDO BEACH OR VICE VERSA, HERMOSA BEACH.  
THEY ALSO GET THEIR PROSECUTION SERVICES FROM REDONDO BEACH.  
WE HAD AN AGREEMENT HAMMERED OUT.  
IT WAS \$300,000 A YEAR.  
IT WOULD HAVE A GOOD IMPACT ON THE CRIME BECAUSE THE CRIMINALS KNOW  
IF YOU COMMIT A CRIME HERE AND GET CAUGHT, THERE ARE SEVERE  
CONSEQUENCES.  
BECAUSE THE DIRECTIVES FROM GASCON HAVE NOT BEEN RESCINDED, HAVE NOT  
BEEN TURNED BACK AND WE'RE CLOSER NOW TO HIS REELECTION IN 2024 AND  
MAYBE, YOU KNOW, HE MIGHT ALLOW US TO DO THAT.  
SO I WOULD LIKE TO AT LEAST ASK MY FELLOW COUNCILMEMBERS THAT WE --  
>> Mayor Napolitano: [INAUDIBLE]

>> Councilmember Franklin: I UNDERSTAND.

>> Mayor Napolitano: [INAUDIBLE]

>> Councilmember Franklin: THAT WE GO AHEAD AND EXPLORE THAT HAND IN HAND WITH THIS AND THAT WAY WE BRING THE FULL FORCE OF LAW AND ORDER TO THIS PROCESS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> YES.

YOU CAN DEFINITELY BRING THAT UP LATER ON TONIGHT BUT IT'S NOT PART OF THIS PARTICULAR AGENDA ITEM.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I WANTED TO THANK CHIEF JOHNSON AGAIN FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD, ALONG WITH HER SENIOR STAFF AS WELL AS CITY STAFF IN DEVELOPING THIS PROPOSAL.

RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, ALL OF US ARE CONCERNED BY THE RISING PROPERTY CRIME IN OUR CITY AND WANT TO GIVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THE RESOURCES THEY NEED.

QUESTIONS FROM ME, HOW DO WE ARRIVE AT THE NUMBER.

I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE ANALYTIC FRAMEWORK EVEN THOUGH AS CHIEF JOHNSON INDICATED, THERE'S NO KEY SCIENCE HERE.

OBVIOUSLY AS MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY MENTIONED, OBVIOUSLY WE ALL WANT TO HIRE MORE POLICE OFFICERS.

BUT THERE ARE LIMITATIONS AS TO HOW MANY CAN BE HIRED.

I THINK WHAT IS PRESENTED IS A REASONABLE RECOMMENDATION AND I'M SUPPORTIVE OF IT.

MY OTHER CONCERNS WERE HOW DO WE PAY FOR THE ADDITIONS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE LATER PRESENTATION ON HOW WE MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT PRIOR FACILITY THAT WAS VOTED ON BY THE PUBLIC.

ALSO ANTICIPATED A FINANCIAL DOWNTURN.

I DID WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY WAS CORRECT.

THERE WERE POSITIONS LEFT OPEN AS OPPOSED TO CUTTING.

WE'S QUITE RIGHT ABOUT THAT.

BUT WHAT WE DID AS A COUNCIL WITH MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY AND COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, WE WERE ABLE WHEN THE FINANCIAL POSITION IMPROVED TO FILL THOSE POSITIONS WHERE THERE HAD BEEN RECIDIVISM IN PRIOR YEARS.

ANOTHER QUESTION IS HOW DOES THIS COMPARE WITH THE EARLIER PROPOSAL TO BRING IN A PRIVATE CONTRACTED POLICE FORCE AND I THINK ALMOST ALL WOULD AGREE THAT TO SPEND 1.1 MILLION FOR THE PRIVATE FORCE JUST FAILS IN COMPARISON TO GETTING THE GREATER CAPACITY THAT THIS BROADER PROPOSAL BY CHIEF JOHNSON REFLECTS.

SO I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THE RECOMMENDATION.

ONE THING THAT HAS NOT BEEN FULLY DISCUSSED IS RECRUITMENT WHICH WAS SUGGESTED BY THE MAYOR.

I WOULD BE RECEPTIVE FOR FURTHER CONVERSATION AND CURIOUS WHAT THE MAKER OF THE MOTIONS WOULD SUGGEST AS AN INCREASE FOR THE RATES THAT WERE LAST SET BY THE BONUSES, INCENTIVES IN 2003.

IT IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL.

I'M RECEPTIVE TO HEARING WHAT THAT ELEMENT OF THE MOTION WOULD BE BUT OTHERWISE I'M SUPPORTIVE.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: IS THERE ANY COMMENT FROM THE MAKER OF THE MOTION. THERE WAS THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION, ON PAGE 6, PAGE 152 OF YOUR AGENDA, SECOND FULL PARAGRAPH THERE SAYS THAT STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE RECRUITMENT BONUS BE SET AT A DISCRETIONARY 3% TO 10% OF THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE POLICE OFFICER STEP IN WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS HIRED. THAT'S THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION.

DOES THE MAKER OF THE MOTION INCORPORATE THAT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: YES, YOUR HONOR.

I SUPPORT THAT.

IF YOU WANT ME TO READ THE ENTIRE MOTION I WILL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: NO.

FOR ME --

>> STAFF WAS RECOMMENDING THAT THE REFERRAL BONUS BE INCREASED TO 5% OF THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE POLICE ACADEMY TRAINEE, NEXT PARAGRAPH DOWN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: IF YOU WANT TO USE 5% AS A FIXED NUMBER I'M FINE WITH THAT AS WELL.

>> THE STAFF ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL INCREASE TO 5% OF THE SALARY OF THE POLICE ACADEMY TRAINEE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THERE'S REFERRAL, LATERAL AND --

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: ACCEPTED AND NOTED.

YES.

>> Mayor Napolitano: PART OF THE MOTION?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: YES.

>> Councilmember Franklin: SECONDED.

>> Mayor Napolitano: IT'S ALREADY BEEN SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Franklin: THERE WAS A SECOND MOTION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: NO.

MORE MYSELF, I'M NOT GOING TO BELABOR THIS.

LET ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.

THERE'S NEVER BEEN A CASE IN MY TIME ON COUNCIL WHERE I'VE TURN DOWN A REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

I'M NOT GOING TO START NOW.

SO LET'S DO THIS.

CAN WE HAVE A VOTING SCREEN, PLEASE.

>> ROLL CALL VOTE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ROLL CALL VOTE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: YES.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.  
>> Councilmember Howorth: YEP.  
>> MAYOR NAPOLITANO.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.  
>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY MONTH.  
>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I WAS REMISS IN NOT POINTING OUT, CHIEF JOHNSON THANK YOU FOR THE OFFICERS IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS. THOSE HAVE BEEN QUALITY HIRES. THANK YOU FOR THAT. I WANT TO BE SURE EVERYBODY HEARD THAT. THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN.  
>> THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM, I DO WANT TO RECOGNIZE LISA JENKINS AND HER STAFF. IT'S PEDAL TO THE MEDAL AND WE'LL FILL THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: MOVING ON UNLESS SOMEONE WANTS A BREAK.  
>> Councilmember Howorth: A QUICK BREAK. FIVE-MINUTE BREAK.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: FIVE-MINUTE BREAK REQUESTED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.  
[ BRIEF RECESS ]  
>> Mayor Napolitano: WE'VE BACK. WE'RE LIVE. WE'RE LOSING FOLKS RIGHT AND LEFT. JUST KIDDING. GIVE ANOTHER MOMENT FOR COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN. ALL RIGHT. ACTUALLY WE'RE ON TO ITEM 11 NOW, CONSIDERATION OF AQUATICS CENTER SURVEY SUMMARY REPORT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BEGG POOL ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSULTANT SERVICES INCLUDING SCHEMATIC DESIGN AND COST ESTIMATES.  
>> GOOD EVENING, THIS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE SEEP YOUR RECREATION MANAGER, MELISSA McCOOL.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY. COMING IN WITH A DRAMATIC FLURRY.  
>> WE'RE HERE TONIGHT TO PRESENT FINDINGS FROM A STATISTICALLY VALID AQUATIC SURVEY CONDUCTED IN OCTOBER OF 2022, AS WELL AS TO DISCUSS A STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF OPTIONS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR REPAIRING AND REPLACING BEGG POOL. TIM WHO IS PRESIDENT OF TRUE NORTH RESEARCH WILL REPRESENT SURVEYS IN A MOMENT. 58% OF RESIDENTS AND OVER 50% OF FAMILIES WITH YOUTH USE A SWIMMING POOL WITH SOME CAPACITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND 64% SAID THEY WOULD USE A NEW AQUATIC FACILITY FOR EXERCISE. AND ALTHOUGH INTERESTS IN A NEW AQUATIC CENTER IS WIDESPREAD, THIS INTEREST DID NOT TRANSLATE INTO WIDE SPREAD STRATEGIES FOR FUNDING. WE WILL REVIEW COUNCIL DIRECTION GIVEN AT THE JOINT PARKS AND REC

COMMISSION MEETING ON JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION FOR A NEXT STEP.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE AQUATIC SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THEIR EXTENSIVE RESEARCH AND OUTREACH OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS THAT HAS REALLY HELPED GREAT US TO THIS POINT.

SO TIM IS GOING TO PRESENT HIS FINDINGS VIA ZOOM.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

I'M PRESIDENT OF NORTH RESEARCH.

WEAVE SPECIALIZED IN WORKING WITH CITIES AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES IN USING SURVEY TO UNDERSTAND THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITIES AND CUSTOMERS THEY SERVE.

TO DATE WE HAVE WORKED OVER 1200 RESEARCH SURVEYS AND I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING ON MANHATTAN BEACH WITH SURVEYS ABOUT A DOZEN OF THEM DATING BACK TO 1988.

TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION WILL COVER THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SURVEY RECENTLY COMPLETED.

THERE IS A FULL REPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE DETAILS. LET ME GO AHEAD AND SHARE MY SCREEN FOR YOU.

EVERYBODY GOT THAT?

OKAY.

AND I WELCOME QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL AS I GO OR AT THE END, WHICHEVER IS YOUR PREFERENCE.

LET ME ADVANCE THIS.

OKAY.

SO BEFORE WE TALK ABOUT THE RESULTS LET'S TAKE A MOMENT TO REVIEW THE METHODOLOGY OF THE SURVEY.

THE METHODOLOGY IS VERY SIMILAR THAT WE'VE BEEN USING IF ARE THE CITY'S LARGER COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEYS OVER THE LAST FEW CYCLES.

WE START OUT WITH A COMPREHENSIVE DATABASE OF MANHATTAN BEACH HOUSEHOLDS AND USE WHAT'S CALLED A STRATIFIED RANDOM SAMPLE TO PULL A RANDOM SAMPLE.

WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT DURING DATA COLLECTION SOMETIMES YOU A DIFFERENT RESPONSE RATE FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF HOUSEHOLDS AND INDIVIDUALS AND WE MONITOR THE DEMOGRAPHICS AS WE GO BASED ON CENSUS DATA FOR THE CITY.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS SURVEY THAN OUR NORMAL RESIDENT SATISFACTION SURVEYS IS THAT WHEN WE REACH AN ADULT RESPONDENT, WE ASK THEM TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD. THE REASON FOR THAT WHEN WE'RE THINKING ABOUT A POOL OR RECREATION FACILITIES, THOSE ARE USED BY ADULTS WITH, CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS. SO WE WANTED THE ADULT TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THEIR ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD. ONCE WE HAD RANDOMLY SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS, WE REACHED OUT BY E-MAIL, BY TEXT AND BY TELEPHONE.

THE E-MAIL AND TEXT HAVE A LINK THAT WOULD CONNECT AN INDIVIDUAL TO THE SURVEY SITE.

EACH ONE OF THE LINKS HAS A UNIQUE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THAT PARTICULAR RESPONDENT AND THAT ENSURES THAT WE PROTECT THE WEBSITE, ONLY

MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS WHO ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE THIS THE SURVEY COULD DO SO.

ONCE THE LINK WAS USED, IT COULDN'T BE USED AGAIN.

IT PROTECTED THE INTEGRITY OF THE SITE.

THE RESPONDENTS HAD THE OPTION OF COMPLETING THE SURVEY BY TELEPHONE.

WE ACTUALLY WALKED BACK IN WITH 574 COMPLETED SURVEYS.

WE HAD A NICE RESPONSE RATE.

ACTUALLY A LITTLE BIT BETTER RESPONSE RATE THAN I WAS ANTICIPATING TO THE STUDY.

BECAUSE THIS WAS A RANDOM SAMPLE OF 570 HOUSEHOLDS, NOT A CENSUS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLDS WITH A MARGIN OF ERROR SAMPLING.

IN THIS CASE THIS IS PLUS OR MINUS 4%.

WE CAN BE CONFIDENT THAT THE RESULTS ARE WITHIN 4% OF WHAT WE WOULD HAVE FOUND HAD WE SPOKE WITHIN ALL MANHATTAN BEACH HOUSEHOLDS.

AND FINALLY THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN OCTOBER OF THIS PAST YEAR.

WE STARTED OUT THE SURVEY BY JUST ASKING INDIVIDUALS THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH THEY ENGAGE IN EACH OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU SEE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SLIDE.

WHEN WE WERE DOING THE INVITATION, WE DIDN'T ANNOUNCE THAT THE SURVEY IS ABOUT AQUATICS OR SWIMMING.

WE DIDN'T WANT TO CREATE A SELF-SELECTION BIAS.

WE WANTED TO MAKE IT A LITTLE MORE GENERAL, THAT WAY WE'RE NOT JUST SPEAKING WITH POOL ENTHUSIASTS.

WE'RE GETTING A RANDOM SAMPLE OF ALL ADULTS IN THE COMMUNITY.

BUT AS YOU CAN SEE HERE THE FIRST QUESTION WHICH PERTAINS TO ADULTS IN MANHATTAN BEACH AND HOW FREQUENTLY THEY ENGAGE IN EACH OF THE ACTIVITIES YOU SEE THERE ON THE BOTTOM OF THE GRAPHIC THAT THE MOST COMMON PRACTICE OR ACTIVITY THEY ENGAGE IN IS VISITING A PARK OR OPEN SPACE OR.

80% OF ADULT RESIDENTS INDICATE THEY DO THAT ONCE PER MONTH.

THAT WAS FOLLOWED BY GOING TO THE GYM FOR EXERCISE, 65% FOR MONTH, VISITING A RECREATION OR COMMUNITY CENTER 38% FOLLOWED BY USING A POOL OR SWIMMING, WATER PROGRAMS OR WATER SPORTS ABOUT 31% REPORTED DOING THAT ONCE PER MONTH AND FINALLY THE FAR RIGHT, PICKLEBALL, YOU HAVE 30% INDICATING THEY DID THAT ONCE PER MONTH.

WHEN YOU FOCUS IN ON A POOL FOR SWIMMING OR WATER SPORTS, OVERALL 55% OF ADULTS DO SO OCCASIONALLY AND ABOUT 20% DO SO WEEKLY.

NOW THIS NEXT SLIDE SHOWS THE EXACT SAME QUESTION, ONLY THIS TIME WE'RE FOCUSING ON YOUTH.

SO CHILDREN AND TEENS IN TERMS OF HOW FREQUENTLY THEY ENGAGE IN THOSE ACTIVITIES.

HERE AGAIN VISITING A PARK OR OPEN SPACE AREA WAS THE MOST COMMON.

WHAT WE SEE IS THAT USING A POOL FOR SWIMMING, WATER PROGRAMS AND WATER SPORTS WAS AMONG THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES THAT WE EXPLORED HERE WAS MORE COMMON AMONG YOUTH THAN IT WAS ADULTS.

YOU HAD 54% WHO INDICATED THE YOUTH IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD DO THIS AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH.

AND THEN FOLLOWED BY THE OTHER ACTIVITY TO THE RIGHT.  
72% INDICATED THEY DO.  
36% INDICATED THAT DO SO WEEKLY.  
THE NEXT SLIDE IS A COMBINATION OF THE TWO.  
IT LOOKS AT THE PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAD ONE ADULT OR ONE CHILD OR TEENAGER ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITY.  
YOU SEE THAT USING A POOL FOR SWIMMING, WATER PROGRAMS OR WATER SPORTS WAS REPORTED BY ABOUT 25% OF HOUSEHOLDS AS SOMETHING THEY DO WEEKLY AND 58% DO SO OCCASIONALLY.  
AFTER THAT WE, FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE POOL USERS, THEY INDICATED THEY DID SO ON THE LAST SLIDE, WE SIMPLY ASKED THEM WHAT TYPE OF TOOLS THEY DO THIS AT.  
DO THEY DO IT AT A POOL IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE OR A POOL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR BOTH.  
AND YOU CAN SEE HERE THAT ABOUT 16% COSO EXCLUSIVELY AT A PRIVATE RESIDENCE POOL, 23% DO SO EXCLUSIVELY AT A PUBLIC POOL, ABOUT 13% USE BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC POOLS.  
IF YOU TAKE THOSE TWO SORT OF LIGHTER BLUE SLICES, YOU HAVE 56% OF THE HOUSEHOLDS INDICATE THAT THEY ARE POOL USERS AND THEY USE A PUBLIC POOL AT LEAST PART OF THE TIME IN TERMS OF WHEN THEY USE A POOL.  
WE WENT ON FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO INDICATED THEY USE A PUBLIC POOL TO ASK THEM WHICH PUBLIC POOLS THEY ACTUALLY USE.  
THIS WAS LIKE CHECK ALL IN TERMS OF THEY GOT TO LOOK DOWN THE LIST FOR THOSE WHO ARE ONLINE.  
WHAT YOU SEE IS THAT BEGG POOL WAS MENTIONED MOST OFTEN, 41% OF THE PUBLIC POOL USERS MENTIONED THAT THEY USE BEGG POOL, 25% THE BAY CLUB POOL AND EL SEGUNDO AT 25% AND THE MANHATTAN COUNTY CLUB POOL AT 21%. SO OVERALL BEGG POOL WAS THE MOST COMMONLY MENTIONED.  
IF YOU PUT THESE RESULTS IN THE CONTEXT OF ALL RESPONDENTS OR ALL RESPONDENT HOUSEHOLDS, NOT JUST THOSE WHO USE PUBLIC POOLS, 15% OF ALL RESPONDENTS MENTION USING BEGG POOL.  
THAT IS THOSE WHO USE PRIVATE POOLS, PUBLIC POOLS, THAT WHO DON'T USE A POOL AT ALL, ABOUT 15% OF ALL RESIDENT HOUSEHOLDS USED BEGG POOL. RESPONDENTS INDICATED THAT THEY DIDN'T USE A POOL PERIOD, WHETHER IT BE A PRIVATE POOL OR PUBLIC POOL, WE WANTED TO GET A SENSE FOR WHY. WE ASKED IF THERE IS A PARTICULAR REASON THAT THEIR HOUSEHOLD DOESN'T USE THE POOL.  
THE BIG TAKEAWAY WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE LIST, FOR THE MOST PART, THEY DON'T HAVE A PARTICULAR REASON OR THEY DON'T ENGAGE IN SWIMMING. ONLY ABOUT 6% MENTIONED THE CONDITION OF A POOL OR AVAILABILITY OF POOL TIME ET CETERA AS A REASON FOR NOT SWIMMING.  
IT WASN'T FOR THE CONDITION OF THE FACILITY OR LACK OF ACCESS.  
NOW, WE STEP BACK AT THIS POINT AND ASK ALL RESPONDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO EITHER REPORTED THAT THEY DIDN'T SWIM AT ALL OR THEY SWAM IN PRIVATE POOLS, WE STEPPED BACK AND ASKED ALL RESPONDENTS WHETHER THE PAST TWO YEARS THEY OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD HAVE VISITED BEGG POOL AND WE CLARIFIED THIS IS THE MUNICIPAL POOL FOR



MANHATTAN BEACH IN CASE SOME DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THE NAME.  
AND YOU SEE THAT OVERALL, JUST OVER A QUARTER, 26% INDICATED THAT YES,  
ONE MEMBER OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD HAD VISITED BEGG POOL DURING THE TWO  
YEARS PRIOR TO THE SURVEY.  
THE REMAINDER INDICATED THEY DID NOT DURING THE PERIOD OR WERE UNSURE.  
RESPONDENTS WHO VISITED BEGG POOL, WE ASKED THEM WHAT ACTIVITIES THEY  
ENGAGED IN AT BEGG POOL.  
WE PUT THE RESULTS IN TERMS OF THE CONTEXT OF THE RESPONDENTS.  
YOU HAD THREE QUARTERS THAT DIDN'T VISIT DURING THIS PERIOD.  
THAT'S THE WHITE.  
THE GREEN IS THE PERCENTAGE THAT VISITED BEGG POOL AND ENGAGED IN  
ACTIVITY.  
YOU SEE THE RECREATIONAL WATER PLAY IS THE MOST COMMON ACTIVITY  
FOLLOWED BY LAP SWIM AND SWIM LESSONS AND SWIM LESSONS REQUIRED BY  
MANHATTAN BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL.  
SO AGAIN, ALL RESPONDENTS HERE FACTOR INTO THIS QUESTION.  
WE ASKED INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES AS WELL AS WHAT  
THEY MAY HAVE HEARD FROM OTHERS, HOW WOULD THEY RATE BEGG POOL ON EACH  
OF THE DIMENSIONS YOU SEE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE GRAPHIC.  
AND WHAT YOU SEE HERE, THERE'S A COUPLE OF PATTERNS THAT ARE PROBABLY  
WORTH POINTING OUT.  
THERE'S A LOT OF GRAY ON THE SLIDE.  
GRAY MEANS EITHER NOT SURE, THE LIGHT GRAY, PREFER NOT TO ANSWER IS  
THE DARK GRAY.  
THIS REFLECTS THE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF RESPONDENTS WHO HADN'T VISITED  
BEGG POOL, DIDN'T HAVE ANY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE FACILITY AND  
DIDN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE OFFERING AN ANSWER.  
THE OTHER THING THAT JUMPS OUT WHEN I LOOK AT THE OTHER DIMENSIONS,  
THERE'S ONLY ONE DIMENSION WHERE THEY SAY EXCELLENT OR GOOD IS GREATER  
THAN THE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE WHO PAY FAIR, POOR AN VERY POOR.  
IT'S PARKING.  
AVAILABILITY OF CLASSES AND PROGRAMS, ABILITY OF THE SWIM LESSON OR  
LANE AS WELL AS THE CONDITIONS OF THE FACILITIES, CHANGING ROOM,S,  
LOCKERS OR BATHROOMS, THE PERCENTAGE IS OUTRATED BY THOSE WHO  
INDICATED THEY WAS FAIR, POOR OR VERY POOR.  
NOW, THIS SLIDE THAT I'M SHOWING HERE IS AMONG ALL RESPONDENTS,  
INCLUDING THOSE WHO HADN'T VISITED BEGG POOL AND AS YOU CAN SEE A LOT  
OF THEM DIDN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE THAT THEY COULD RATE THOSE DIMENSIONS.  
THE NEXT SLIDE IS THE SAME QUESTION ONLY HERE WE'RE ISOLATING THOSE  
INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD ACTUALLY, THEIR HOUSEHOLD HAD VISITED BEGG POOL  
DURING THIS PERIOD.  
EITHER THE RESPONDENT OR SOMEBODY ELSE IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD HAD VISITED  
BEGG POOL.  
WHAT YOU SEE HERE IS FIRST OF ALL A LOT MORE PEOPLE HAVE OPINIONS ABOUT  
BEGG POOL ON EACH OF THESE DIMENSIONS, BUT ONCE AGAIN WHAT YOU FIND  
IS THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AVAILABILITY OF PARKING, THE PERCENTAGE  
WHO RATED THAT DIMENSION AS FAIR, POOR, VERY POOR IS STILL LARGER THAN

THE PERCENTAGE WHO RATED THE DIMENSION AS EXCELLENT OR GOOD. THAT WAS ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE FOR THE ITEM AT THE BOTTOM, THE CONDITION OF THE FACILITIES, INCLUDING CHANGING ROOMS, LOCKERS AND BATHROOMS.

NOW, WE HAD THAT QUESTION THAT WAS BURIED IN THE LAST SLIDE WHERE WE ASKED THEM TO RATE THEIR OVERALL EXPERIENCE WHEN VISITING BEGG POOL. FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WE THEN, ONCE THEY GAVE US A RATING, WE ASKED THEM IN AN OPEN-ENDED MANNER, IS THERE A PARTICULAR REASON WHY YOU RATED YOUR OVERALL EXPERIENCE AS EXCELLENT OR AS GOOD OR AS POOR WHEN VISITING BEGG POOL.

THIS WAS AN OPEN-ENDED QUESTION.

THEY COULD TELL US IN THEIR OWN WORDS WHAT IT WAS THAT WAS DRIVING THEIR ANSWER.

AND WE WENT BACK AND LOOKED AT THOSE VERBATIM RESPONSES, GROUPED THEM INTO THE CATEGORIES THAT WE SEE HEAR.

TO MAKE IT EASY, ANYTHING THAT WAS A FAIR, POOR OR VERY POOR ANSWER OR A REASON FOR HAVING A POOR RATING FOR THE OVERALL EXPERIENCE IS HIGHLIGHTED IN RED, THE GREEN IS A POSITIVE REFERENCE IN TERMS OF THE OVERALL RATING OF THE EXPERIENCE AT BEGG POOL.

WHAT YOU SEE IN TERMS OF THE NEGATIVES, THE MOST COMMON ANSWER AS SOMETHING TO DO WITH FACILITIES ARE OLD AND NEED UPDATING.

A QUARTER ARE OF THE RESPONDENTS THAT GAVE A POOR RATING MENTIONED THAT THE FACILITIES ALL NEED UPDATING.

THAT WAS FOLLOWED BY THE POOL IS TOO SMALL OR TOO SHALLOW AT ABOUT 10%, POOR CONDITIONS OF POOL WATER, LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF CLASSES. THOSE ARE THE MAIN REASONS WHY FOLKS RATE THEIR EXPERIENCE AS FAIR, POOR OR VERY POOR.

AMONG THE POSITIVE RESPONDENTS, THOSE INDIVIDUALS MADE SOME SORT OF POSITIVE COMMENT IN GENERAL ABOUT THE POOL.

I LIKE THE POOL.

SOMETHING REAL GENERIC.

AMONG THE MORE SPECIFIC REASONS FOR RATING IT POSITIVELY, THEY MENTIONED THAT IT'S SORT OF INEXPENSIVE AND THEY MENTIONED THE CLEAN WATER AND THE STAFF AND TRAINERS AS THE REASON FOR PROVIDING A POSITIVE RATING.

AMONG PUBLIC POOL USERS WHO INDICATED THEY DON'T USE BEGG POOL, WE ALSO ASKED THEM, IS THERE A PARTICULAR REASON WHY YOU DON'T USE BEGG POOL BECAUSE THEY SEEMED TO BE IN THE MARKET FOR A PUBLIC POOL BUT NOT CHOOSING TO USE BEGG.

30% DIDN'T HAVE A PARTICULAR REASON.

ONLY ABOUT A THIRD OF THESE INDIVIDUALS SITE THE POOL CONDITION OR THE AVAILABILITY OF THAT POOL AS BEING A REASON FOR NOT USING BEGG POOL.

AND YOU SEE THAT KIND OF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GRAPH THERE, REFERENCES TO AVAILABILITY OF CLASSES AND FREE SWIM TIME.

THE FACILITIES ARE OLD, NEED UPDATING, ET CETERA.

AT THIS POINT IN THE POLL WE ASKED THEM WHAT THEIR SWIMMING ACTIVITIES

ARE, THEIR EXPERIENCES AT BEGG POOL AND TO RATE BEGG POOL IN A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS.

AT THIS POINT IN THE SURVEY WE INTRODUCED THE CONCEPT OF A POTENTIAL NEW AQUATIC CENTER.

TO DO THIS WE FIRST GAVE HIM A HISTORY LESSON ON BEGG POOL.

WE INDICATED IT WAS BUILT IN 1940, 82 YEARS AGO.

ALTHOUGH IT'S BEEN RENOVATED MULTIPLE TIMES THE POOL REACHED AGE WHERE IT MAY BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE TO REPLACE THE POOL WITH AN AQUATIC CENTER AND HOW INTERESTED WOULD YOUR FAMILY BE IN USING THE NEW AQUATIC CENTER.

60% INDICATED THEIR FAMILY WOULD BE INTERESTED, 11% SAID SLIGHTLY INTERESTED AND A QUARTER WHO WERE NOT INTERESTED.

WHEN WE WENT ON AND ASKED INDIVIDUALS WHAT TYPES OF FACILITIES OR AMENITIES THEY SHOULD BE PRIORITIES IF FOR INCLUSION IN THE POOL, EACH ONE OF THESE ITEMS WE ASKED THEM TO RATE ON A SCALE OF HIGH PRIORITY, LOW PRIORITY.

AND WHAT YOU SEE AMONG THE VARIOUS FEATURES 0 AMENITIES, THIS 35-METER POOL FOR SWIMMING LAPSE, SWIM COMPETITIONS AND WATER SPORTS WAS THE HIGHEST RATED PRIORITY FOR THE NEW FACILITY, FOLLOWED BY A SHALLOW POOL FOR SWIM LESSONS, WATER AEROBICS, WATER THERAPY AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING AND THIRDLY A WET CLASSROOM TO TEACH YUAN YOUR LIFEGUARD AND SWIM LESSONS.

WE ALSO FOLLOWED UP WITH THE QUESTION OF IF A NEW AQUATIC CENTER IS BUILT, DO YOU EXPECT THAT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS 0 YOUR HOUSEHOLD WOULD PARTICIPATE IN EACH OF THE ACTIVITIES THAT YOU SEE ON THE SLIDE.

SWIMMING FOR EXERCISE WAS BY FAR THE MOST POPULAR ITEM AND THE ONE THEY EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MOST, FOLLOWER BY WATER PLAY AND WATER AEROBICS.

THE FINAL SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION OF THE SURVEY GOT TO THE ISSUE OF FUNDING.

WE'VE ALREADY MEASURED THEIR ACTIVITIES, MEASURED THEIR RATINGS OF BEGG POOL, MEASURED THEIR INTEREST IN A NEW AQUATIC CENTER.

WE WENT ON TO ASK THEM ABOUT POTENTIAL FUNDING MECHANISMS.

WE PREFACED THIS BY SAYING BUILDING A NEW AQUATIC CENTER WILL RARE NEW FUNDS, AND WHICH ARE YOU WILLING TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE.

AND WE TESTED THOSE INDIVIDUALLY.

THE MOST IS INCREASING FEES PAID BY THOSE WHO USING THE CITY AQUATICS.

71% OF THE RESPONDENTS WE SPOKE WITH INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT THAT STRATEGY FOR RAISING FUNDS TO BUILD A NEW AQUATIC CENTER.

SEN IT CAME TO THE OTHER TWO WHICH WAS SPECIAL TAXES, ONE INCREASING LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES BY \$140 A YEAR AND THE FAR RIGHT INCREASING THE LOCAL SALES TAX BY ONE QUARTER OF A PERCENT, THERE'S A LOWER APPETITE FOR THOSE FUNDING OPTIONS, BOTH SITTING AROUND 28% SUPPORT.

IF THEY WERE TAX MEASURES ISOLATED TO FUNDING THE AQUATIC CENTER, THAT MAKES THEM WHAT'S KNOWN AS A SPECIAL TAX UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW, IT WOULD REQUIRE TWO-THIRDS SUPPORT.

SO THIS FINAL SLIDE SHOWS HOW SUPPORT FOR EACH OF THOSE FUNDING

ALTERNATIVES VARIES BASED ON WHETHER THEIR HOUSEHOLD HAD USED BEGG POOL IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

WHAT'S INTERESTING IS ON THE FAR LEFT, WHETHER YOU'VE USED BEGG POOL IN THE LAST TWO YEARS OR NOT, THE PERCENTAGE WHO INDICATED THEY WOULD SUPPORT INCREASING FEES PAID BY THOSE WHO USE CITY AQUATIC AND REC PROGRAMS TO FUND THE CENTER HAD SIMILAR SUPPORT LEVELS.

I FIND THAT INTERESTING BECAUSE IT MAKES SENSE IF YOU'RE A USER YOU HAVE AN INITIATIVE AND YOU'RE WILLING TO PAY THE ADDITIONAL FEE. IF YOU'RE A NEW USER YOU KNOW IT'S NOT GOING TO COST YOU ANYTHING AND YOU'RE WILLING TO SUPPORT THAT TOO.

WHEN YOU GET TO THE TWO TAX ALTERNATIVES, THE USERS OF BEGG POOL WERE TWICE AS LIKELY TO BE WILLING TO SUPPORT A TAX MEASURE OF SOME SORT TO FUND A FACILITY.

BUT EVEN AMONG USERS YOU'RE COMING IN 20-PLUS PERCENT SHY OF THE TWO-THIRDS THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO FUND THIS.

I WILL ALSO SAY THE FOURTH ALTERNATIVE HERE THAT WE DID NOT TEST IN THE SURVEY AND SO WE DON'T HAVE ANY DATA TO SPEAK TO IT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER AND THAT'S THE NOTION OF A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP OF SOME SORT.

THE DETAILS OF THOSE TEND TO BE A LITTLE MORE DETAILED THAN WHAT YOU CAN CONVEY IN THE SPACE OF A SURVEY AND GET AN ACCURATE READ.

THERE ARE OTHER ALTERNATIVE FUNDING OPTIONS THAT WEREN'T NECESSARILY TESTED AS PART OF THE SURVEY.

AND SO THAT IS THE LAST SLIDE IN MY PRESENTATION.

I WELCOME QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL IF THERE ARE ANY AT THIS POINT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCIL, QUESTIONS?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: NONE FROM ME, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: NO QUESTIONS RIGHT NOW, YOUR HONOR.

>> I'LL STOP SHARING.

>> Councilmember Franklin: CAN I GET A CLARIFYING --

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE HAVE A SEMI QUESTION HERE.

>> Councilmember Franklin: THANK YOU, BY THE WAY.

THE LAST SLIDE WAS AQUATIC CENTER FUNDING OPTIONS BY BEGG POOL USE IN PAST TWO YEARS.

THAT'S WHY THE DELAY.

I WAS TRYING TO FIND THE ONE SLIDE THAT SHOWED, WHAT WAS THE PERCENTAGE OF THE RESPOND DENS WHO SAID THEY USED BEGG POOL IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

>> 25% OF HOUSEHOLDS.

>> Councilmember Franklin: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

ALL RIGHT.

SEEING NONE.

>> PART TWO.

SO AS A REMINDER AT THE JOINT MEETING ON JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL GAVE DIRECTIONS TO COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF, INCLUDING TO PRIORITIZE THE BIG POOL SITE OVER OTHER LOCATIONS, TO INCLUDE TWO POOLS, ONE 25-METER POOL AND ONE 35-METER COMPETITION POOL TO DETERMINE COSTS, INCLUDING

POOL AND SITE RENOVATIONS AND THE OPERATING COST FOR A NEW FACILITY. PARKS AND REC COMMISSION WAS TO RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL FOR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ABOUT A DEVELOPMENT OF A 501(C)(3), POTENTIAL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP FUND THE POOL.

AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES WOULD INITIATE DYING LOG AT A CITY SCHOOL AD HOC MEETING.

SO BASED ON ADDITIONAL COUNCIL DIRECTION AT THAT MEETING, FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH PLANNING, BUILDING, PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND REC AND COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES WAS HELD ON SITE IN JANUARY TO DISCUSS PROJECT COMPLEXITIES AND DETAIL WHEN BEGG POOL IS RENOVATED OR REPLACED.

ONE REQUIREMENT IF A NEW AQUATIC CENTER IS BUILT IS ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE ENTIRE SITE FROM PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY.

SO THAT WOULD INCLUDE ROADS AND SIDEWALKS IN ADDITION TO THE POOLS, THE BUILDINGS AND PARKING AS THERE CURRENTLY ONLY THE ONE-WAY ROAD INTO THE PARKING LOT BY BEGG POOL.

OTHER POTENTIAL CHALLENGING INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PARKING REQUIREMENTS, ACCESS TO UTILITIES IN THE PARK AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE ARCHITECT REQUIREMENTS DUE TO THE SITE BEING OWNED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

ALL OF THESE DETAILS AND COST ESTIMATES PLUS THE WORK REQUIRED AND RELATED COST FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE POOL, THE POOL IS THE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS, THE BUILDING SYSTEMS, THE POOL DECK AND SEATING AREAS, THE REST ROOM AND LOCKER ROOMS AND BUILDING SHELL AND FINISHES, ALL ARE NEEDED TO DETERMINE THE OVERALL PROJECTED PROJECT COSTS.

TO MOVE FORWARD STAFF IS RECOMMENDING A SIMILAR PROCESS TO HOW EL SEGUNDO IS RENOVATING THE PLUNGE AFTER DECADES OF EFFORTS TO EITHER REPAIR OR REPLACE THE INDOOR POOLS, IN 2021-2022 THEY SPENT \$130,000 FOR A NEEDS ASSESSMENT, DETAILED ESTIMATES OF PROBABLE COST WAR REQUIRED, ESSENTIAL AND ENHANCED IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS.

THEY'VE SPENT 1 MILLION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND ARC TECH CHURL DESIGN DOCUMENTS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO GO OUT TO BID FOR CONSTRUCTION. THE CITY COUNCIL RECENTLY DIRECTED STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION BIDS AND THE CURRENT ESTIMATE FOR THEIR POOL AND BUILDING RENOVATIONS IS \$11 MILLION.

SO DUE TO THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE BEGG POOL SITE AS WELL AS BEST PRACTICES FOR LARGE-SCALE MUNICIPAL PROJECTS, STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE STAFF DEVELOPMENT FOR A REQUEST OF PROPOSAL FOR BEGG POOL ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSULTANT SERVICES.

THE SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR THIS NEXT PHASE WOULD INCLUDE SITE ANALYSIS, NEEDS ASSESSMENT, SCHEMATIC AND CONCEPTUAL DESIGN AND PREPARATION FOR ESTIMATES FOR PROBABLE COST OF BEGG POOL REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT AS WELL AS THE RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS.

IF APPROVED STAFF WOULD RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL FOR FUNDING FOR THOSE ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSULTANT SERVICES AS PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024.

WE APPRECIATE CONSIDERATION OF OUR RECOMMENDATION.

I DO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT DIRECTOR LEYMAN, SENIOR RECREATION

SUPERVISOR WHO OVERSEES THE AQUATIC FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS AS WELL AS PARKS AND RECREATION CHAIR LAURA MCCARTHY ARE HERE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS FOR ANY OF US.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ANY QUESTIONS OF STAFF?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I HAVE ONE, YOUR HONOR. ACTUALLY TWO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MPT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I'M NOT SURE YOU KNOW THE ANSWER. YOU MENTIONED COST NUMBERS AND TIMING.

DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT TOOK EL SEGUNDO TO BUILD THEIR AQUATIC CENTER, NOT THE ONE THEY'RE BUILDING BUT THE ONE THAT'S BUILT?

>> I DO NOT HAVE THAT INFORMATION ON ME.

I KNOW LORA MAY.

SHE HAD A LOT OF INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I'LL HOLD UNTIL SHE COMES DOWN LATER. DO YOU OR ANYONE AT STAFF LEVEL KNOW HOW MUCH THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH HAS PUT INTO THE MAINTENANCE/UPGRADING UPDATING THE BEGG POOL IN THE LAST TEN YEARS.

>> I THINK 100,000 FOR RENOVATION BUT NOT FOR OVERALL MAINTENANCE.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: MAYBE WE'LL SAVE THAT QUESTION FOR LATER ON.

I'LL STOP THERE.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

WE'LL OPEN UP TO PUBLIC COMMENT, THEN.

>> Councilmember Lesser: MR. MAYOR, I HAVE ONE. THIS IS DAVID.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

OLD ON JUST ONE SECOND.

MELISSA, YOU WANT TO COME BACK TO THE PODIUM?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER, GO AHEAD.

>> Councilmember Lesser: SORRY, MR. MAYOR.

I HAVE ONE GENERAL QUESTION FOR PARKS AND REC STAFF BUT PERHAPS MAYBE MORE FOR THE FINANCE DIRECTER.

HOW DO WE AVOID GETTING AN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN THROUGH AN RFP THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BUILD?

HOW DO WE BEGIN PUTTING ASIDE MORE FUNDING FOR A PROJECT THAT WE KNOW IS GOING TO COST, YOU KNOW, A CONSIDERABLE SUM?

>> GOOD EVENING AGAIN.

STEVE CHARLIAN.

IT WOULD BE REVIEWING ALL OF THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS THAT WE HAVE AT OUR ABILITY.

SALES TAX, USERS TAX.

THERE'S A NUMBER OF WAYS THAT WE CAN SEE WHAT REVENUES WE CAN GENERATE WITH THE OPTIONS THAT WE HAVE.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I'M SORRY.

I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT IT IN A WHILE.

IS THERE CIP FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN PUT ASIDE FOR A POOL FOR THIS FUTURE INEVITABILITY OR IS IT REALLY PUT ASIDE FOR THE CONTINUAL BAND-AIDS THAT AS MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY SUGGESTED IN HIS QUESTION THAT THE CITY HAS BEEN PAYING OUT FOR MANY YEARS IN THIS FACILITY THAT IS WELL BEYOND ITS LIFE.

>> IT WOULD BE THE OPERATIONS FOR THE CIP AND NOT MONIES FOR A FUTURE RENOVATION.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.

>> YOU'RE WELCOME.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: CAN I GET SOME CLARIFICATION OF THE DIMENSIONS OF THE POOLS, JUST USING MIRA COASTA AS AN EXAMPLE. IS THAT 35 METERS LONG?

>> Councilmember Howorth: ANYBODY?

>> GOOD EVENING, SENIOR RECREATION SUPERVISOR.

I'M SORRY, DO YOU WANT THE DIMENSIONS FOR BEGG POOL?

>> Councilmember Franklin: NO, MIRA COASTA. THAT'S A COMPETITION POOL.

I THINK IT'S SOMEWHERE AROUND 35 METERS.

>> YEAH, I BELIEVE IT'S ABOUT 38 OR SO METERS.

THEY USE IT FOR -- 30 METERS FOR WATER POLO.

BUT THERE IS A LITTLE SECTION THAT IS SHALLOW.

AND THEY ALSO USE IT FOR COOL DOWN.

IT'S ABOUT 12 LANES.

>> Councilmember Franklin: BUT FOR SWIMMING COMPETITION IT'S BASICALLY A -- BECAUSE THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO GET A 35-METER COMPETITION POOL.

IS THAT WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY AT MIRA COASTA.

>> THAT IS CORRECT, VERY SIMILAR.

I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT DIMENSIONS BUT IT WOULD BE VERY SIMILAR.

>> Councilmember Franklin: HOW LONG IS BEGG POOL RIGHT NOW, I THINK IT'S 25 YARDS?

>> IT'S 25 YARDS BY --

>> Councilmember Franklin: I JUST WANTED THE LANES.

>> SIX LANES, 25 YARDS.

>> Councilmember Franklin: SIX LANES, 25 YARDS.

OKAY.

GREAT.

OKAY.

AND SO -- SO MUCH TO THIS.

I THINK I'M GOOD.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

WE'RE GOING TO OPEN UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION THEN.

TWO-MINUTE TIME LIMIT.

COME DOWN FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEAK.

>> KIM MINER FROM SECOND TERM COMMISSIONER FOR PARKS AND RECREATION. LORI AND I ARE GOING TO TAG TEAM ON THIS BUT WE WANT TO FRAME IT IN

TERMS OF THE WORK PLAN WE BROUGHT TO YOU IN JANUARY.  
AS PART OF THE PARKS MASTER PLAN WHICH WE COMPLETED IN 2020, THE COMMISSION FORMED VARIOUS SUBCOMMITTEES AROUND THE SPECIFIC PROJECTS THAT THE COUNCIL AGREED TO TO SEE WHAT THEIR WORTH WAS AND IF THE COMMISSION COULD EXPLORE AND PUT MORE FOCUS ON THEM.  
ONE WAS THE AQUATIC SUBCOMMITTEE WHOSE MANDATE WAS TO EXPLORE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO RENOVATE BEGG POOL WHICH HAS BEEN SAID OVER AND OVER AGAIN IS ON ITS LAST RIGHTS, USEFUL LIFE AS WELL OR TO CREATE A NEW AQUATIC CENTER SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY.  
THE SUBCOMMITTEE AS DONE DUE DILIGENCE ANALYZING THE STATE OF THE BEGG FACILITY, MEETING WITH MANAGEMENT AS MELISSA INDICATED ON WHAT NEWER AQUATIC FACILITIES WITHIN THE SOUTH BAY, LEARNING ABOUT PREFERRED PRACTICES, LAY OUTS AT THE AQUATIC CENTER AND SPEAKING WITH OTHERS ABOUT THE FUNDS RAISED FOR THESE AQUATIC CENTERS.  
WE REPORTED BACK TO COUNCIL IN JANUARY OF 2022.  
AT THAT TIME COUNCIL AUTHORIZED THE INITIATION OF A STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY WHICH YOU JUST HEARD FROM TIM.  
THANK YOU, TIM.  
AND THE NUMBERS THAT YOU WERE ASKING FOR IN TERMS OF THE NEED FOR A POOL WE THINK ARE SUBSTANTIATED BY WHAT HE PROVIDED.  
SO THE NEXT STEP, WHICH LORI WILL BRING TO YOU NOW IS TO TALK ABOUT HOW WE HAVE SORT OF PROGRESSED ALONG IN THIS EFFORT.  
>> GOOD EVENING.  
MY NAME IS LORI McCORE THINK AND I'M THE CURRENT CHAIR OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND WITH KEN I'M HEADING THE AQUATIC SUBCOMMITTEE.  
AS YOU KNOW FROM THE SURVEY RESULTS WE LEARNED THAT A LARGE CROSS-SECTION OF MANHATTAN BEACH USE POOLS.  
FAMILIES WITH YOUTH UNDER 18 USE THEM MORE.  
THE CLASSES ARE SENIOR, RECREATION SWIMMING AND MBMS SWIMMING CLASSES ARE ALL IMPORTANT TO OUR RESIDENTS.  
WE HAVE 150 YOUTH ON OUR LOCAL SWIM TEAM AND THAT ALL OF OUR PROGRAMMING IN EVERY SEASON IS SPOKEN FOR WITHIN MINUTES DURING OUR ONLINE SIGN-UPS.  
IN FACT, DEMAND FAR EXCEEDS THE SUPPLY OF AVAILABLE PROGRAMMING.  
WE SIMPLY HAVE A VERY, VERY AGING POOL FACILITY AND ONLY ONE 25-YARD SIX-LANE POOL TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS.  
IT IS NOT ENOUGH WATER THE MEET THE NEEDS OF THAT WHO WOULD WANT TO USE IT.  
AS PART OF OUR 2023 PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE OUR SUBCOMMITTEE INDICATED THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS TO DETERMINE THE NEW COST OF POOLS AT BEGG AND ARRIVE AT APPROPRIATE SCHEMATICS.  
WE ALSO INDICATED WE WOULD LIKE TO CREATE A 501(C) (3) FOR TAX EXEMPT FUND-RAISING SO THAT A TRUE PUBLIC-PRIVATE RELATIONSHIP.  
WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND MOVING AFFORD WITH AN RFP FOR A NEW AQUATIC CENTER AT BEGG FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FOR MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS.  
WE WANT TO SHOW THE COUNCIL WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE WITH THE NEW POOL



AND WE WANT TO HAVE APPROPRIATE COST ESTIMATES FOR THE POOL AND THE SURROUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES.

WE HOPE THAT COUNCIL WILL BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE RFP.

THANK YOU.

AND SEPARATELY I HAVE ANSWER TO A BUNCH OF THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU ASKED IF YOU WANT ME TO.

>> Councilmember Franklin: I HAVE GOT ANOTHER QUESTION.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS THE OVERALL PERCENTAGE OF THE POOL USE BY MBMS PROGRAMMING, LIKE FOR THE KIDS AT THE SCHOOL?

>> I WOULD ARGUE THAT ALMOST ALL OF IT.

THERE IS SOME FREE SWIM BUT A LOT OF IT IS MBMS PROGRAMMING.

I DON'T KNOW THE SPECIFIC NUMBER FOR THAT.

I WOULD DEFER THE PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT FOR THAT.

IT'S NOT JUST STUDENTS.

THERE'S A SWIM TEAM.

THERE'S SCHEDULED MASTER SWIM.

>> Councilmember Franklin: BUT AS FAR AS MBMS.

>> YOU MEAN THE CLASSES?

>> Councilmember Franklin: YEAH, THE CLASSES, THE USE.

THEY PROBABLY DON'T USE IT DURING THE WEEKEND FOR THE CLASSES.

JUST AN IDEA, 40%?

30%?

>> CORRECT.

SO THE SCHOOL USES THE POOL FOR THEIR PE CLASSES TWO SEMESTERS.

IN THE FALL THEY USE IT FROM AUGUST UNTIL MID NOVEMBER, END OF NOVEMBER AND THEN START AGAIN EITHER THE END OF MARCH, BEGINNING OF APRIL ALL THE WAY TO JUNE.

TO THERE'S A SECTION IN THE CENTER THEY DON'T USE IT AND THEY DON'T USE IT IN THE SUMMER OR ON THE WEEKENDS.

SO THAT'S WHEN WE USE IT.

WE USE IT AFTER 3:00.

>> Councilmember Franklin: JUST A NUMBER.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO HOLD YOU TO IT.

JUST AN IDEA.

IS IT 30%, 60%, IN THE MIDDLE THERE?

>> Mayor Napolitano: LET'S JUST START WITH WE DON'T KNOW AND TAKE THAT QUESTION AND COME BACK WITH THAT.

BECAUSE THERE'S NO POINT IN GUESSTIMATING HERE.

IF YOU WANT CERTAIN INFORMATION, WE DON'T HAVE IT.

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THE DIMENSION OF THE POOL IS.

SO LET'S GET THAT.

STAFF SHOULD KNOW, LORI.

THANK YOU.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I HAVE A QUESTION FOR STAFF --

>> Mayor Napolitano: WHO IS ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS HERE.

THIS ISN'T A -- I'M -- THIS IS NOT A PRESENTATION BY THE COMMISSION, OKAY.

SO IF THERE ARE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE, THEN GREAT, COME DOWN.

BUT, YOU KNOW, I WANT STAFF TO HAVE THESE ANSWERS.

SO WHEN YOU MAKE A PRESENTATION ON THE POOL, WE SHOULD KNOW THE DIMENSION OF THE POOL.

IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A POOL IN MANHATTAN BEACH, WE SHOULD KNOW WHAT THE DIMENSIONS OF THE MIRA COASTA POOL IS.

SO LET'S GET THAT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

OTHER QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE, COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH?

>> Councilmember Howorth: YEAH.

AND I KNOW THAT -- WELL, IT WOULD BE FOR STAFF.

I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP.

I THINK THIS WOULD BE FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY.

WOULD THE COMMISSIONERS OR THE SUBCOMMITTEE OR THE GROUP NEED OUR DIRECTION OR OUR APPROVAL TO FORM A 501(C)(3)?

>> YES.

>> Councilmember Howorth: OKAY.

>> THERE'S NO INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY.

IF IT'S GOING THROUGH THE SCHOOL, IT COULD BE A DIFFERENT SITUATION. BUT WITH OUR STAFF IT HAS TO BE THE CITY COUNCIL.

>> Councilmember Howorth: DIRECTING TO FORM -- LIKE IF A GROUP OF CITIZENS FORMED OUR OWN 501(C)(3), THAT WOULDN'T FLY?

THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING.

>> THEY COULD BUT IT WOULD BE LIKE VOLUNTEERS -- IT WOULD BE LIKE THE SCOUT HOUSE OR SOME OTHER JOINT VENTURE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: AND THIS IS A QUESTION I GUESS FOR THE PARKS AND REC STAFF.

SO IT WAS JUST TRIGGERED BY COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN'S QUESTION.

DO WE EVER EMPTY OUT OUR POOL AND THEN REFILL IT?

>> YES, WE DO.

WE DO THAT EVERY YEAR IN THE WINTER.

>> Councilmember Howorth: IN THE WINTER.

>> CORRECT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THIS IS A WILD IDEA.

I'M GOING TO THROW IT OUT HERE NOW.

THERE ARE SOME COMMUNITIES THAT, WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO EMPTY THE POOL, THEY HAVE A NUMBER OF SLOTS AND DOG OWNERS CAN RESERVE THOSE SLOTS AND THEY COME AND SWIM AND THEN THEY EMPTY OUT THE POOL AND CLEAN IT OUT.

IT'S A REALLY FUN THING.

WANT TO THROW THAT OUT THERE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: GLAD WE'RE FOCUSING HERE.

OKAY.

QUESTIONS?

MAYOR PRO TEM, YOU HAD QUESTIONS?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I DO HAVE A QUESTIONS TO MY COLLEAGUES. I'M GOING TO HOLD OFF ON STAFF.

NOTHING ELSE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM?

DO WE HAVE ANYONE ON ZOOM?

OKAY.

BACK TO COUNCIL THEN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I'LL START US OFF, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I CIRCLED ONE PAGE, 22, IF YOU LOOK AT PAGE 22 OF THE TRUE NORTH SURVEY.

THERE'S A GRAPH THERE, FIGURE 20.

INTEREST IN NEW AQUATIC CENTER.

WHAT JUMPS OUTS AT ME AND PROBABLY JUMPED OUT AT EVERYONE, 25.4% ARE NOT INTERESTED.

THAT'S A HUGE NUMBER TO LOOK AT.

AUTOMATICALLY 25% OF THE PEOPLE, IF YOU PUT YOUR FAITH IN THE SURVEY AREN'T INTERESTED.

OKAY.

THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME PERCENTAGE NO MATTER WHAT YOU PUT OUT THERE. 25% IS ONE BIG NUMBER.

THE SECOND BIGGEST NUMBER I LOOKED AT WAS SOMEWHAT INTERESTED, SOMEWHAT INTERESTED 20.7.

SO IF YOU BELIEVE THE DATA AND THE SURVEY, YOU'RE ALREADY FIGHTING 45% OF THE RESIDENTS IF YOU'RE ASSUMING THAT NUMBER AREN'T EITHER, A, INTERESTED OR LUKEWARM INTERESTED.

SO WE HAVE TO OVERCOME THAT OFF THE BAT.

IT'S NOT LIKE A LIBRARY.

MUCH DIFFERENT CONCEPT HERE.

OR A SKATE PARK.

MUCH DIFFERENT.

I WANT EVERYBODY TO READ THE SAME THING I'M READING AND MAKE SURE THEY GIVE THE SAME PROCESS.

AND WE HEARD TONIGHT DISCUSSION OVER ADDING A MILLION-FIVE TO OUR BUDGET FOR HIRING OFFICERS AND WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO GOING FORWARD. THEN YOU FORGOT ABOUT THE WORD SCOUT HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER SOMEWHERE IN THE QUEUE OF EVENTS WE'RE PAYING FOR.

I'M MAKING SURE WE ALL SEE THE LIST HERE.

POLICE OFFICERS, SCOUT COMMUNITY CENTER, POOL.

SO IF WE GO DOWN THAT ROAD -- I'M NOT SAYING WE SHOULD GO DOWN THE ROAD -- WE PRIORITIZE EVERYTHING.

AND BEFORE WE CAN JUMP OFF IN THE POOL HERE, WE FIND OUT WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST, EVEN FOR THE ACTUAL RFP CONSULTING SERVICES.

IF THAT NUMBER IS A HUGE NUMBER AND WE'RE TIED TO THAT NUMBER, THAT'S MONEY WE'RE THROWING AWAY FOR -- FORGET ABOUT THE WORD RECESSION ANYWHERE IN THAT CONVERSATION.

IF THINGS GO SOUTH -- I'M NOT SAYING THEY'RE GOING TO GO SOUTH BUT IF THEY DO WE'RE GOING TO PUT FULL BRAKES ON AND YOU KNOW WHAT, WE'RE GOING TO FOCUS ON THE JOHNSON REQUEST OR WE'RE GOING TO HOLD EVERYTHING

ELSE BACK IN THE QUEUE.  
THAT MEANS THE AQUATIC CENTER, THE SCOUT HOUSE, WHATEVER WILL SIT IN  
THE QUEUE WILL WAIT.  
THIS IS NOT THE HIGH PRIORITY IN ANY HEAD.  
IT'S ON THE WISH LIST.  
NOT MY NEED LIST.  
ON MY WISH LIST.  
IF EVERYTHING GOES RIGHT, NO RECESSION, NO BUMPS, WE FIND MONEY TO  
PAY FOR OUR POLICE AND WE GET MONEY ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PAY FOR  
THE SCOUT HOUSE, MAKE THINGS HAPPEN, FANTASTIC.  
BUT IF THE GROUP CAN LOOK AT A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP PART OF IT,  
GREAT, I'M OKAY WITH THAT PART OF IT.  
EVEN BETTER I WOULD SAY IF THAT FAITH OR THAT DRIVE IS THERE, LORI  
AND HER FRIENDS ARE DOING THAT, LET THEM PONY UP LIKE WE DO FOR THE  
UNDERGROUND DISTRICTS, PONY UP THE MONEY TO GET THESE THINGS STARTED.  
WHAT'S THE TOTAL COST GOING TO BE.  
A KEEPS OUR MONEY SAFE UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS GOING TO BE.  
MAYBE IT'S 11 MILLION.  
MAYBE IT'S 28 MILLION.  
NO ONE KNOWS THE NUMBER YET.  
I DON'T WANT TO SEE US COMMITTING UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT IT IS, GET PAST  
THE RECESSION IF THERE IS ONE, MAKE SURE WE HAVE MONEY IN THE BANK  
WITH THE PD AND THE SCOUT HOUSE WHICH WAS FIRST IN ALL FAIRNESS, BEEN  
SITTING THERE THREE OR FOUR YEARS NOW, AND THEN WE LOOK AT THE POOL  
OPTION.  
I'M NOT AGAINST THE POOL OPTION.  
I'M AGAINST THE PRIORITY OF THE AQUATIC CENTER.  
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT WILL BE.  
I'LL STOP THERE, YOUR HONOR.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.  
COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.  
>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.  
LOOKING AT PAGE 22 OF THE TRUE NORTH, I SEE IT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY  
THAN YOU DO.  
I LIKE TO -- WHEN I LOOK AT THESE REPORTS, YOU PUT THE VERY INTERESTED  
WITH THE SOMEWHAT INTERESTED.  
SO THAT GETS YOU TO 55%.  
THE SLIGHTLY INTERESTED GOES WITH THE NOT INTERESTED.  
SO I SEE IT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY.  
BUT I DO, I UNDERSTAND THE, YOU KNOW, THE CAUTION AROUND FINANCES.  
SO I'M JUST SAYING I SEE THAT DIFFERENTLY.  
IT'S AN 82-YEAR-OLD POOL, RIGHT.  
AND WE HAVE -- I THINK THE \$400,000 NUMBER, I WANT TO SAY, IS NOT QUITE  
20 YEARS OF MAINTENANCE.  
BUT WE'RE GOING TO BE PUTTING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS INTO  
THAT POOL OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS ANYWAY AT SOME POINT.  
I BELIEVE -- MY BELIEF WOULD BE TO -- ONCE WE DO THE RFP, AND IT IS

A CASH OUTLAY, THEN WE GO BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AND WE SAY IT'S \$11 MILLION AND WE HAVE THIS NONPROFIT.

IT'S \$28 MILLION AND WE -- WHATEVER THE CONCEPT -- WHATEVER THE REALITY IS.

AND I THINK THAT FRANKLY I WOULD GO BEYOND LIKE A SURVEY AT THAT POINT AND DO SOME COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EXERCISES AT JOSLYN, YOU KNOW, WHERE YOU HAVE PEOPLE -- THE ONE THING THAT I REMEMBER FROM THE FACILITIES STRATEGIC MASTER OLYMPIAN AND THIS IS NOT THAT.

THIS IS NOT THAT CONCEPT.

BUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN A POOL ARE REALLY INTERESTED IN A POOL.

IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF A DECEPTIVE, I THINK, YOU KNOW, RESULT.

SO I BELIEVE -- OR I WANT TO APPROVE THE -- OR DIRECT STAFF TO GO BACK, CREATE THE RFP, COME BACK TO THE MID-YEAR BUDGET WITH HOW MUCH THAT WILL COST.

THAT'S WHAT -- I THINK THAT WAS THE DIRECTION, THAT WE DIRECT THEM TO CREATE AN RFP AND COME BACK TO THE MID-YEAR TO TELL US HOW MUCH THOSE CONTRACTS WOULD COST OR IS IT THAT WE'RE APPROVING 300,000 AND A MILLION?

SHE'S GOING TO CLARIFY THAT.

BUT WE CAN -- WE MAY HAVE TO HOLD OFF ON IT FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS IF THERE IS A RECESSION.

BUT WE HAVE TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION.

WE HAVE TO HAVE WHAT IS POSSIBLE.

AND WE HAVE TO START -- THIS IS A PROJECT -- WE ARE A COMMUNITY, A COASTAL COMMUNITY THAT PRIDES OURSELF ON ATHLETIC -- NOT JUST ATHLETIC ABILITY BUT ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENT, OLYMPIANS.

MY GOD, WE TOUT OUR ATHLETIC BONA FIDES ALL OF THE TIME.

WE HAVE A LOT OF KIDS AND A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT NEED THAT POOL.

I CAN'T SWIM BUT I STILL WANT THIS POOL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: FOR THE DOGS.

>> Councilmember Howorth: FOR THE DOGS.

THAT WAS A GREAT IDEA.

MELISSA, DID YOU WANT TO COMMENT ON --

>> I DID WANT TO CLARIFY THAT OUR RECOMMENDATION IS JUST TO CREATE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND THEN SOLICIT THOSE PROPOSALS AND BRING THOSE BACK TO YOU.

THE OTHER PIECE I WANT TO CLARIFY IS WE COULD WRITE THAT RFP IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE'RE ASKING FOR DIFFERENT LEVELS OF UPGRADES.

SO WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO JUST TO MEET CODE AND FOR SAFETY, WHAT ARE THOSE ESSENTIAL THINGS TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS' EXPERIENCE OF THE POOL AND WHAT IS THE COST FOR THE FULL VISION OF THE TWO POOLS WHICH WOULD GIVE YOU SOME OPTIONS BUT ALSO IT IS AN 80-YEAR-OLD POOL SO THERE IS WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE REGARDLESS ON HEATER, ON PLUMBING, IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE THAT POOL.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THAT'S GREAT.

ONE MORE COMMENT.

BECAUSE A RESIDENT WROTE IN, YOU KNOW, WHY -- DID YOU HAVE DISCUSSION ON THE SITE AND HOW MANY POOLS AND WE DID AT THE JOINT PARKS AND REC COUNCIL COMMISSION.

WE HAD DISCUSSION AND THAT'S WHY THE STAFF REPORT REFLECTS THOSE CONDITIONS.

LOOK AT THE BEGG POOL SITE.

LOOK AT POTENTIALLY TWO POOLS.

RIGHT.

WE DISCUSSED THAT, GAVE THEM SOME FRAMEWORK TO GO WITH.

I SAY WE GIVE STAFF THE DIRECTION TO DEVELOP AN RFP AND SEE WHAT THEY COME BACK WITH.

WE NEED TO TAKE THE STEPS TO SEE IF IT'S POSSIBLE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I WANT TO ECHO COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH AND IF THAT WAS A MOTION, COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, I WOULD SECOND IT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU.

>> Councilmember Lesser: AND IN ADDRESSING MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY'S REALLY GOOD POINTS, I WOULD SAY THIS.

THE FACTS ARE WE HAVE THIS 82-YEAR-OLD POOL THAT IS HEAVILY UTILIZED. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT WE DON'T PLAN FOR ITS SUCCESSION, WE'RE JUST GOING TO CONTINUE TO EXPEND EVERY-INCREASING FUNDS THAT COULD BE BETTER SPENT ON PLANNING FOR ITS REPLACEMENT ON JUST MAINTENANCE. I SUPPORT ALSO WHAT WAS JUST SUGGESTED IN TERMS OF HAVING THE TWO OPTIONS.

ONE, WHAT WOULD BE THE DESIGN AND WHAT ARE THE SCHEMATICS AND ALL OF THE PIECES INVOLVED IN WHAT I THINK THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMISSION WOULD MOST WANT AND THE COMMUNITY WOULD MOST WANT, THESE TWO POOLS. BUT IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDING IS LIMITED, WHAT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN REALLY UPDATING IT, UPGRADING IT AND MAKING IT AT LEAST TO HAVE A FEW MORE YEARS OF USEFUL LIFE THAN IT CURRENTLY DOES.

BUT CLEARLY THE LAST COMMENT IS WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A CLASH. THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH IN THE FORM OF CAPACITY FOR OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS.

AND TO THE EXTENT WE'RE LOOKING AT THE SCOUT HOUSE AS WELL AS A POOL WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE SOME REALLY DIFFICULT CHOICES.

THAT'S ALL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES, THANK YOU.

I HAVE USED THAT FACILITY SO LONG I MIGHT HAVE TO RECUSE MYSELF. I LOVE BEGG POOL.

IT WAS A GOD SEND TO MY GROWING FAMILY.

THE STAFF IS WONDERFUL.

YOU DO -- THEY DO THIS BIRTHDAY PARTY THERE THAT MY KIDS ARE JUST ONE YEAR APART.

WE WOULD HAVE THIS HUGE BIRTHDAY PARTY THERE.

THE STAFF -- YOU KNOW, I GAUGED MY FATHER HOOD AS TO HOW MUCH TIME I COULD SPEND SITTING AND NOT ACTUALLY, YOU KNOW, BEING OUT THERE STANDING UP, PLAYING WITH THE KIDS.  
THE STAFF TOOK CARE OF EVERYTHING.  
SO IT'S A GREAT FACILITY FOR THAT.  
MY CHILDREN ALSO WENT THROUGH MBMS AND THE SWIM PROGRAMS THERE.  
THEY LEARNED HOW TO SWIM THERE.  
I AGREE WITH A COUPLE OF THE COMMENTS THAT YOU CAN'T REALLY LEARN TO SWIM IN THE OCEAN.  
BY THE TIME WE HAND THEM OFF TO JUNIOR GUARDS, THEY SHOULD HAVE SOME IDEA OF HOW TO SWIM.  
AS I GOT OLDER, PERSONALLY I'VE USED IT FOR LAP SWIMMING.  
I REMEMBER IT WAS 71 LAPS FOR A MILE.  
THAT'S WHEN IT WAS 25 YARDS.  
BUT I JUST WANTED TO VERIFY THAT.  
AND THEN, YOU KNOW, SO I JUST WANT TO SORT OF TAKE -- GO UP ABOUT 30,000 FEET.  
YOU'VE GOT THIS NEED.  
OKAY.  
THE GREATER NEED IS FOR CHILDREN.  
THAT'S WHY I ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL.  
WHAT PERCENT OF THE TIME IS THE POOL MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMMING.  
IT'S DONE WITH THE PE CLASSES.  
WHAT ARE THEY, THE DOLPHINS, I BELIEVE, MBMS DOLPHIN SWIM TEAM.  
IT'S USED BY ADULTS FOR LAP SWIMMING.  
I'VE SEEN, YOU KNOW, OLDER ADULTS IN THERE DOING WATER AEROBICS.  
SO IT'S GOING TO BE SO EXPENSIVE TO BUILD A 35-METER POOL THERE AND A 25-METER POOL THERE.  
AND THE LAST PAGE OF TIM'S PRESENTATION, YOU KNOW, HIS SLIDE PAGE 19 SAYS IT ALL.  
I MEAN RIGHT THERE.  
IT'S 74 OR 71% OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE USED THE POOL IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, WHICH HAS ONLY BEEN -- 72% HAVE NOT VISITED BEGG POOL IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.  
SO 28% HAVE.  
SO THOSE 28% SAY THEY WANT THE FEES TO BE PAID BY THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE USING IT.  
THAT'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF MONEY FOR THOSE USER FEES.  
I DON'T THINK IT'S PRACTICAL TO A PARK AND RECREATION PROGRAM TO CHARGE THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY TO PEOPLE, OR AT LEAST WHEN YOU FINALLY PRESENT TO THEM AND SAY IT'S GOING TO COST YOU THIS MUCH TO USE THESE POOLS, THEY'RE GOING TO SAY NO.  
REALLY WE'RE COMPETING IN THE REALM OF PRIVATE POOLS OUT THERE.  
YOU'RE COMPETING -- IF YOU'VE GOT A CHILD THAT REALLY HAS EXCELLED.  
YOU'VE SEEN THEY WANT TO SWIM AND THEY HAVE THE DESIRE, YOU'RE GOING TO FIND A SWIMMING PROGRAM SOMEWHERE.  
PART OF SOMETHING I DID DURING THE MEETING WAS, YOU KNOW, THE WISE

POOL COMPLEX.

THAT'S A BEAUTIFUL COMPLEX AND IT COSTS 12 TO \$15 MILLION, MAYBE LESS.  
THAT'S TEN MINUTES AND ONLY THREE MILES AWAY.

I'M GOING TO TAKE MY CHILD THERE AND GET IN THE PROGRAM EVEN THOUGH  
I'M NOT A RESIDENT.

THERE'S THE REFURBISHED SWIM CENTER STADIUM, THREE AND A HALF MILES  
AWAY, TEN MINUTES.

THE EL SEGUNDO INDOOR POOL IS EIGHT MINUTES AND 12 MILES AWAY.

I'M GOING TO GET MY CHILD INTO THAT POOL.

I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO BUILD OR REPLACE BEGG WITH TOURNAMENT STYLE,  
HIGHER-QUALITY KIND OF POOL.

I DO HOWEVER AGREE TO THE SECOND POOL.

I DON'T THINK IT NEEDS TO BE 25 METERS.

BUT ONE OF THE DOWNSIDES OF BEGG POOL IS THAT -- HELP ME WITH THE DEPTH.  
IS THE DEPTH UNIFORM, I THINK, 3 FEET ACROSS?

A LITTLE DEEPER?

>> IT'S ABOUT 3 TO 3 1/2.

>> Councilmember Franklin: RIGHT.

SO MY KIDS AT AGE 4 AND 5 ARE LIKE THIS TRYING TO STAND AND TRYING  
TO BREATHE, YOU KNOW, IN THAT POOL.

SO IF WE WANT THEM TO START YOUNGER THAN 5 OR 6, THEN I THINK WE SHOULD  
HAVE A SHALLOW POOL.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE AS ELABORATE, BUT SOMETHING WHERE THE INFANTS,  
TODDLERS AND, YOU KNOW, YOUNGER KIDS CAN SWIM AND GET USED TO THE WATER  
AND SWIM AROUND.

BECAUSE THAT IS ONE OF THE DRAWBACKS OF BEGG IS THIS -- IS THIS DEPTH  
LEVEL.

SO THEY REALLY DIDN'T -- YOU AS A PARENT -- AND THIS VIOLATES MY FATHER  
HOOD TECHNIQUE LIKE I SAID.

I WOULD HAVE TO BE IN THAT POOL WITH THAT CHILD TO MAKE SURE, YOU KNOW,  
WHEN THEY'RE 5, 6, TO HELP THEM SWIM AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

SO I THINK WE CAN OPTIMIZE WHAT WE HAVE.

I AGREE, IT'S 80 YEARS OLD.

IT'S GOING TO NEED TO BE REPLACED.

BUT I JUST THINK WE GOT TO FIND THAT MEDIUM WHERE IT'S AFFORDABLE TO  
THE USERS BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN HERE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET A BOND  
MEASURE, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET A PARCEL TAX NECESSARILY TO PAY FOR  
THIS.

YOU COULD GET PRIVATE, YOU KNOW, PUBLIC-PRIVATE, BUT THAT'S GOING TO  
BE A LONG WAY TO GET THAT MONEY AND THEN THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE, YOU  
KNOW, IT'S GOING TO BE A LOT MORE THAN A BUILDING LIKE THE SCOUT HOUSE.  
IT'S GOING TO BE THE POOL, YOU GOT TO CLEAN UP AFTER THE DOGS, AFTER  
WE SWITCH THE WATER.

SO I WOULD SAY NARROW IT MORE IN SCOPE.

BUILD IT WHAT IT IS, YOU KNOW.

IT'S TO INTRODUCE YOUNGER CHILDREN TO THE JOYS OF SWIMMING AND THE  
SAFETY OF SWIMMING.



AND THEN THEY CAN GO OFF AND DO VERY WELL AT COSTA, RIGHT, WHERE IT IS SET UP FOR TOURNAMENTS OR THE LIKE OR GO OCEAN SWIMMING AND BE A SURFER AND JUNIOR GUARD AND ALL OF THAT SORT OF STUFF.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: A COUPLE POINTS MAYBE TO COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

I SEE IT AS A -- I HEAR WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE POOL TO TEACH YOUNGER CHILDREN THE JOY OF SWIMMING.

BUT I BELIEVE WE HAVE TO LOOK AT IT AS A COMMUNITY-WIDE POOL.

AND YOU TALK ABOUT YOU COULD GO TO THESE OTHER PLACES TO SWIM, BUT CAPACITY IS -- THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS IMPACTED.

IT'S NOT JUST OUR TOWN, YOU KNOW.

THERE'S NEED FOR WATER.

BUT I WANT TO -- I HEAR WHAT EVERYONE IS SAYING.

I'M NOT SAYING THAT WE ABSOLUTELY SHOULD GO FOR A BOND OR A TAX.

I SEE THOSE NUMBERS.

BUT LET'S UNDERSTAND THAT THESE ARE NUMBERS BASED ON LITTLE TO NO EDUCATION, LITTLE TO NO SCHEMATICS.

THIS IS NOT THE FINAL ANSWER.

AND I DON'T THINK ANYONE COULD SUGGEST THAT YOU COULD SUPPORT A POOL ON USER FEES ALONE.

THAT IS NOT A THING.

IT'S EXPENSIVE.

IT'S GOING TO BE HARD.

BUT I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THOSE POINTS.

I STILL -- MY, YOU KNOW -- I THINK LOOKING AT DIFFERENT SCOPES MAY BE POSSIBLE, LIKE IF I THAT COME BACK AND SAY X, THEN WE SAY LET'S GO DOWN TO X MINUS FIVE.

BUT THOSE ARE MY -- JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THOSE THINGS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: CLARIFYING COMMENTS.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS MY EARLIER COMMENTS.

I'M NOT SAYING THAT BEGG POOL IS NOT AN INCREDIBLE RESOURCE.

IT IS.

IT'S A POOL WE DON'T OWN HOWEVER.

I DON'T HEAR ANYONE SAYING THEY TALKED TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO SAID GO AHEAD AND DO WHAT YOU WANT.

HAS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SAID YES?

THEY OWN THE LAND.

WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LANDLORD IS SAYING THEY'RE SAYING YES TO THIS.

NOWHERE HAS IT SAID THAT MBMS HAS GIVEN US THE GO AHEAD.

WHAT HAS THE COST BEEN FOR MAINTENANCE/UPGRADES, UPDATING.

SOMEONE KNOWS THE ANSWER TO THAT.

AND FOLLOWING BEHIND THAT, WHAT DID IT TAKE FROM CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETION.

THE WISEBERN POOL IS A GOOD ONE.  
IT DIDN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT.  
REMEMBER, EVERYBODY, THE SCOUT HOUSE TOLD US YEARS AGO THEY HAD MONEY  
TO PAY FOR THE SCOUT HOUSE PRESIDENT AT THE END OF THE DAY THAT HASN'T  
HAPPENED.  
NOT TO ANY FAULT OF THEM.  
JUST SAYING THE CONDITIONS DIDN'T HAPPEN.  
BEFORE WE COUNT ON PRIVATE MONEY WE NEED TO KNOW ALL OF THIS BEFORE  
WE SPEND MONEY SOMEWHERE ELSE.  
PRIORITIES ARE PRIORITIES.  
PUBLIC SAFETY, POLICE AND THEN WE HAVE A HARD DISCUSSION, DOES THE  
SCOUT HOUSE STAY IN FRONT, DUDS IT STAY BEHIND, CAN THEY BE  
SIMULTANEOUS, DO WE HAVE THE RECESSION ISSUE?  
I'M NOT GOING TO GO FOR ANY OF THIS UNTIL I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE STAND,  
WHO HAS APPROVED WHAT, WHERE DO WE STAND LEGALLY, ALL OF THAT GOING  
FORWARD AND THEN WE HAVE AN HONEST DISCUSSION OF DO WE PAY FOR THIS  
RFP THAT MAY GO NOWHERE.  
I'M OKAY WITH THE STEP OF GOING FORWARD BUT I'M NOT COMMITTING PAST  
THAT POINT, I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO PAY FOR, WHAT IT'S GOING  
TO BE.  
CAN ANYBODY SET UP PRIVATELY.  
THAT WAY WE'RE NOT SITTING ON THE HOOK LIKE ON OTHER PROJECTS WHERE  
THE BOTTOM FALLS OUT.  
I'LL STOP THERE.  
>> Mayor Napolitano: WHAT DID MARK TWAIN SAY, THERE ARE LIES, THERE'S  
DAMN LIES AND THEN THERE ARE STATISTICS.  
SO YOU CAN READ INTO THIS SURVEY WHAT YOU WANT.  
WE ASKED FOR IT.  
BUT LOOKING AT PAGE 11, 42% NO POOL USE, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A LOT  
OF SUBSETS AFTER THAT JUST TO GET TO THAT 25%.  
AND AS THE -- OUR SURVEY FOLKS SAID, THERE'S A LOT OF GRAY, A LOT OF  
GRAY SPACE ON THERE IN THE GRAPHS, A LOT OF GRAY, WHICH IS A LOT OF  
NOT SURES AND UNKNOWNNS AND EVERYTHING ELSE.  
AND I THINK THAT SPEAKS TO BEGG POOL ITSELF.  
I THINK IT SPEAK TO THE FACT THAT IT'S UTILIZED WELL BY THE PEOPLE  
WHO KNOW AND USE IT, BUT NOT BY THOSE WHO HAVEN'T EVEN BOTHERED TO  
KNOW THAT IT'S THERE.  
MAYBE IT'S OUR FAULT, MAYBE IT'S THEIR FAULT.  
WHOEVER'S FAULT IT IS, THE FAILURE OF IT IN PART, I THINK, LENDS ITSELF  
TO ITS LOCATION, TUCKED BACK BEHIND A BUNCH OF STUFF WITH A ONE-LANE  
ROAD MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO GET TO.  
WHICH WE HAVE TO UPGRADE.  
I WOULD LOVE TO SPEND A BUNCH OF MONEY ON UPGRADING ACCESS TO THE POOL  
WHEN WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS PUT MONEY INTO THE POOL ITSELF AND IMPROVE  
THAT.  
AND SO I'M GOING TO OFFER UP A THIRD ALTERNATIVE TO CONSIDER BECAUSE  
WE ARE ALSO ENTERING INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGARDING OUR FIELD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WHICH THEY MIGHT LOOK AT THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SQUEEZE US MORE IF THEY'RE WATCHING RIGHT NOW.

BUT THAT'S A DIFFERENT DISCUSSION.

I WOULD LIKE US TO TAKE A LOOK AT ANOTHER SITE, AND THAT IS THE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE YARD THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS THERE AT THE CORNER OF PECK AND MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD AND IF WE CAN SWITCH THAT WHERE THE CURRENT SETUP OF BEGG POOL IS NOW.

AS AN OPTION I WOULD LIKE AT LEAST FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES IF WE DO AN RFP TO CONSIDER THAT LOCATION.

THEN THAT GIVES US VISIBILITY ALONG THE WELL-TRAVELED ROAD WHERE FOLKS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE IT AND THEY'LL SAY AH, WE HAVE A PAL, WE HAVE TWO POOLS, WE CAN USE THOSE.

WE'RE NEVER GOING TO RAISE ENOUGH MONEY THROUGH USER FEES TO PAY FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

SO THAT TO ME BEGS A WIDER DISCUSSION OF FUNDING FOR CIP PROJECTS IN GENERAL.

IT CAN'T JUST BE THIS PROJECT.

I HAVE LITTLE TO NO FAITH IN A PUBLIC PARTNER, PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BEING A SOLUTION HER.

IT CAN BE A CONTRIBUTOR BUT NOT A SOLUTION.

BECAUSE THE PROBLEM AS WE'VE SEEN OFTEN ENOUGH IS THAT WE'LL SAY, HERE'S WHAT IT COSTS.

IT COSTS \$11 MILLION.

FUND RAISE FOR THAT.

AND THEN WE FUND RAISE, IT TAKES TWO, THREE YEARS TO FUND RAISE.

BY THE TIME THE THREE YEARS PASS, IT'S GOING TO BE 15 TO \$16 MILLION AND THEY'RE LOOKING TO US TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE AND WE HAVEN'T BUDGETED FOR IT.

WE REALLY NEED TO DO BETTER AT FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN MANHATTAN BEACH, NOT JUST THIS PROJECT.

AGAIN, WE HAVE CONSTITUENCIES FOR EVERYTHING.

DOES EVERYONE IN MANHATTAN BEACH WANT A POOL?

NO.

DOES EVERYONE IN MANHATTAN BEACH USE THE LITTLE LEAGUE FIELDS.

NO.

THE TENNIS COURTS, NO.

WIDE SWATHS DO NOT USE THE INDIVIDUAL FACILITIES BUT WE HAVE THEM THAT ENOUGH DO USE THEM THAT IT'S A BENEFIT TO EVERYONE.

AND FOR THAT REASON I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO SEEK OUT A FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE LONG TERM.

ONE OF THOSE THINGS -- WELL, THIS SURVEY SHOWED A LOW SUPPORT FOR A SALES TAX INCREASE.

I DO THINK THAT A SALES TAX INCREASE, WE'RE A QUARTER ARE PERCENT BELOW WHAT THE STATE ALLOWS BECAUSE WE'RE TIED TO L.A. COUNTY.

AND WE'VE GOT SEVERAL SALES TAX RATES THAT ARE LEVEED ON TOP OF THE BASE RATE AND THAT'S FOR TRANSPORTATION, THAT'S METRO.

WE GOT ABOUT A QUARTER CENT TAX LEFT AND THAT'S ON TOP OF THE QUARTER CENT FOR THE HOMELESS FUNDING THAT WE'VE -- THE VOTERS APPROVED. AND SO, YOU KNOW, SEVERAL COMMUNITIES AROUND US HAVE VOTED IN FAVOR OF RESERVING THAT QUARTER CENT FOR THEMSELVES IF THE COUNTY GOES AFTER THAT FOR THEM.

SO RATHER THAN GIVING OUT OUR QUARTER CENT SALES TAX, WE SHOULD BE KEEPING THAT QUARTER CENT.

IF L.A. COUNTY GOES FOR IT, THEN ACTUALLY WE WOULD GO ON THE BALLOT AND THAT QUARTER CENT TO US.

I DON'T LIKE THE SALES TAX.

I DON'T WANT TO GO THERE.

WE HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES AND ENDLESS NEEDS.

THERE ARE WANTS, THERE ARE NEEDS.

BUT FOR PARKS AND RECREATION AND FOR OUR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, WE NEED LONG-TERM FUNDING.

WE CAN'T RELY ON WHATEVER SCRAPS ARE LEFT OVER AFTER THE BUDGET YEAR. THAT'S WHAT WE'VE RELIED ON IN THE PAST.

WE NEED ONGOING.

WE SET ASIDE A PORTION OF THE PARKING INCREASE SEVERAL YEARS BACK. ONE OF THE THINGS I PUSHED FOR.

FIFTY CENTS OF THE INCREASES GOES TO PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

THIS IS ONE OF THOSE PROJECTS.

JOSLYN CENTER REPLACEMENT FOR HEIGHTS IMPROVES TO POLLIWOG, IMPROVEMENTS TO ANY OF OUR PARKS, BASEBALL FIELDS, WHATEVER IT IS, DORSI IS LOOKING SHABBY OUT THERE.

WE NEED TO FIX THAT PLACE UP.

WE NEED A LONG-TERM FUNDING SOURCE FOR OUR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE. AND WE NEED TO START LOOKING AT THIS AS PART OF THAT SOLUTION.

BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO FUND ITSELF.

WE'VE GOT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR IT.

SO I'M FINE WITH GOING FOR THE RFP.

I WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SCHOOLS FACILITY MAINTENANCE YARD AND SEE WHAT A SWITCH MIGHT ENTAIL THERE SO WE CAN PUT MORE MONEY TOWARDS THE ACTUAL SPACE ITSELF AND --

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> Mayor Napolitano: -- AND HAVE ACCESS.

HOLD ON.

AND THEN LEAVE IT TO THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE TO COME UP WITH SOME ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES FOR LONG-TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

THIS WOULD BE ONE OF THOSE THINGS.

AND THEN IT'S UP TO COUNCIL TO PRIORITIZE THE SPENDING AFTER THAT. COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I WAS GOING TO SAY IS THAT A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I WOULD ACCEPT.

I REALLY, REALLY VALUE THOSE COMMENTS.

EXCELLENT.

WELL SIDE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

YOU'RE ON MUTE, COUNCILMEMBER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.

I AGREE.

I WOULD ACCEPT THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

THE ONLY COMMENT I WOULD MAKE IS MY RECOLLECTION IS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DID DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN AND THEY DID HAVE A PLAN OF USE FOR THE CORNER AND MAYBE ANOTHER PART OF THIS MIGHT BE FOR THE SCHOOL'S COMMITTEE ON WHICH, I BELIEVE, MAYOR YOU SIT, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY JUST TO REVIEW WHAT THE SCHOOL'S PLANS ARE.

BUT I'M RECEPTIVE TO THE AMENDMENT NOW TO KEEP THIS MOVING FORWARD IN TERMS OF EXPLORING A PROJECT ON THAT CORNER LOT IF THAT'S THE WILL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THANK YOU.

YEAH.

WE ALL KNOW HOW MASTER FACILITIES USE PLANS GO.

SO I'M NOT REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THAT.

OKAY.

SO WE HAVE A MOTION, WE HAVE A SECOND.

ROLL CALL.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: YES.

>> MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YES.

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: YES.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MOTION PASSES 5-0.

OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND QUESTIONS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB1234 REQUESTS.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: WELL, YOU KNOW, I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO ATTEND THE MAYOR'S PLACE AS A FORMER MAYOR.

AND MAYOR PRO TEM, THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS.

WE'VE BEEN MEMBERS FOR A LONG TIME.

SINCE 1975.

AND WHAT THIS IS, IT IS THE MAYORS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, AS SMALL AS EL SEGUNDO, DALLAS, BOSTON.

CALIFORNIA LED THE WAY WITH 42 MAYORS IN ATTENDANCE.

I'M NOT GOING TO READ THE WHOLE LIST BECAUSE THE BOOK HAS 400 OF THESE.

I'LL READ THE TOP TEN THAT I THOUGHT WERE THE MOST PREVALENT TO LISTEN TO.

UNFORTUNATELY THE FIRST I'M GOING TO READ IS THE ONE THAT HAPPENED BEFORE THE BAD NEWS HIT CALIFORNIA AND MONTEREY PARK.

AND CHIEF WILL APPRECIATE THIS.

THEY HAD A HUGE PANEL ON RESPONDING TO MASS SHOOTINGS AND HOW IRONIC IT WAS RIGHT BEFORE MONTEREY PARK.

AND WE WERE ALL THERE WITH THE POLICE CHIEFS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY TALKING ABOUT HOW THEY RESPONDED FROM COLORADO TO FLORIDA AND EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED.

IT WAS JUST -- WHEN I LOOK BACK ON IT, WHAT HAPPENED, THE UNFORTUNATE PART OF IT.

BUT WHAT THEY'RE ALL DOING -- WE HAVE ALL OF THIS.

PARKS AND REC WOULD LOVE IT.

PICKLEBALL.

I'M GOING TO READ A COUPLE OF THEM.

LEVERAGING PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS TO SOLUTIONS.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TIMELY.

STRATEGIES TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS.

THE MAYOR'S ROLE IN SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH IN COMMUNITIES, SMALL BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURS, THE FINAL ONE, SOLVING THE CHALLENGES OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

ALL IT WAS WAS THEY'RE REALLY IN-DEPTH, AND THE LAST ONE COMBINING HATE AND EXTREMISM AND THE VIOLENCE THEY FUEL.

YOU GET TO HEAR FROM CITIES NOT JUST IN CALIFORNIA BUT ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

AND THERE'S NOTHING WITHHELD.

THEY WILL TELL YOU EVERYTHING FROM BEGINNING TO END.

THANK YOU TO THE MAYOR WHO COULDN'T MAKE IT.

I'M GLAD I ATTENDED AND BROUGHT THIS BACK.

IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT, THE CITY CLERK WOULD HAVE IT AS A BREAK GROWN.

THE MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, CITY MANAGER MOE, ' ALL ATTENDED AN ASSOCIATION SEMINAR THIS WEEKEND.

THEY ARE THEIR OWN POLICE AND/OR FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT WERE THERE. AND CHIEF JOHNSON WAS TRYING TO GET HER FEET ON THE GROUND AND SHE'S GOING TO GO NEXT YEAR.

ALL THE SPOTS OUT OF RAISED CONCRETE.

WHEN SOMEONE SAYS IT'S NOT WORTH IT, YOU HEAR ABOUT IDEAS, THAT'S WHY WE GO. THAT'S MY REPORTING, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY WAS THE CHAIR, IT HAS A LOT OF VALUE AND NETWORKING AND SHARING IDEAS AND THOUGHTS WITH OUR COLLEAGUES AND FROM OTHER CITIES IS REALLY FRUITFUL AND PRODUCTIVE. APPRECIATE ALL YOU DID TO MAKE THAT CONFERENCE HAPPEN.

WITH THAT, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER?

>> D. Lesser: LAST WEEK I ATTENDED COUNCILMEMBERS AND MAYORS ACADEMY. I HAVE THE BROCHURE.

I WAS INTERESTED IN THE MATERIALS --

>> Mayor Napolitano: WHAT DID YOU TEACH THEM?

>> D. Lesser: OLDIE, AS OPPOSED TO A NEWBIE.  
PATIENCE.

I WENT THROUGH WHAT IS REQUIRED, MANDATORY, AB 1661, HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING FOR SUPERVISORS AND CREDENTIALS, I WAS ABLE TO SATISFY THAT REQUIREMENT, AND AB 1234, UNDERSTANDING ETHICS LAWS AND PRINCIPLES BUT BEYOND THAT I FOUND EFFECTIVE COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER TEAM SESSION TO BE PARTICULARLY INFORMATIVE.

THE KEY TO GOOD GOVERNANCE IN THE CITY'S SUCCESS AND COMMUNICATIONS. I WILL BE COMMUNING SOME OF THESE PRINCIPLES TO THE CITY MANAGER AND OTHERS AS TIME GOES ON.

>> Mayor Napolitano: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH?

>> A. Howorth: I ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE, THAT'S MY AB 1234 REPORT. IT WAS VERY USEFUL AND INFORMATIVE.

IT WAS GREAT COMMUNICATING DURING A CRISIS.

IT WAS REALLY, REALLY GREAT, SO KUDOS.

AND THEN I ALSO THOUGH, I DID ACTUALLY, I WAS ON A PANEL AT THE CAL CITIES NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS SESSION THAT DAVID ATTENDED.

I WAS ACTUALLY ON THE PANEL FOR A DYSFUNCTION JUNCTION WHICH IS AN ATTEMPT TO MODEL GOOD MEETING BEHAVIOR AND BROWN ACT COMPLIANCE TO ALL THE NEWLY ELECTED'S IN THE ROOM.

I LEARNED A LOT MYSELF.

>> Mayor Napolitano: CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THAT ONE IN PRACTICE.

>> A. Howorth: PRETTY FUNCTIONAL, ACTUALLY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ANY REPORTS?

>> J. Franklin: I KNOCKED ON THE DOOR OF CITY HALL OF HOE CHI MEN CITY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: TAKES US TO FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

ANYONE HAVE ANY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH?

YOU RAISED YOUR HAND.

>> A. Howorth: IT'S HARD WITHOUT THE BUTTONS, NOT THAT I USE THEM PROPERLY ANYWAY.

I WOULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES IF WE COULD DIRECT STAFF TO BRING IT BACK. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING BACK AN ITEM ON CIRCUIT, WHICH IS A HYPERLOCAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE THAT THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION IS SORT OF WORKING WITH, BUT I WOULD LIKE IT TO COME BACK IN A TIMELY MANNER TO DISCUSS BECAUSE THEY ARE LOOKING FOR A GRANT OPPORTUNITY.

SO IT WOULDN'T BE A FULL REPORT ON, WE SHOULD DO THIS BUT IT WOULD BE INFORMATION AND HOW WE CAN BE A PART OF THE GRANT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WHAT'S THE DEADLINE?

DO THEY JUST NEED A LETTER OR SOMETHING?

>> A. Howorth: I THINK WE SHOULD DISCUSS IT BEFORE -- YES, YOU DID A LETTER ALREADY, CORRECT?

YOU DID.

BUT THERE'S A COMPONENT OF IT THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT BEFORE IT GOES

TO -- I CAN'T REMEMBER IF THE DEADLINE IS THE END OF MARCH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: IS THERE A SECOND FOR THIS?

BRING IT BACK.

>> A. Howorth: GREAT, THANKS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY, COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN?

>> J. Franklin: YES, HI, I APPRECIATE THAT.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US TRY AGAIN TO GET OUR INDEPENDENCE FROM COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GASCON'S OFFICE FOR PROSECUTION OF MISS DEAN DEMEANORS AND DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN THE HOMELESS COURT.

WE TRIED IT LIKE I SAID BEFORE, THE DEFINITION OF INSANITY IS DOING SOMETHING AGAIN AND EXPECTING DIFFERENT RESULTS.

BUT I THINK WE SHOULD TRY THAT HAND IN HAND WITH THE NEW POLICE OFFICERS WE ARE GOING TO BE HIRING.

THE EXISTING POLICE OFFICERS WE HAVE, WHERE THEY DO ALL THIS GREAT WORK AND PERPETRATORS BECAUSE OF DIRECTIVES FOR WHICH WE DIDN'T VOTE FOR --

>> Mayor Napolitano: THIS IS JUST TO PUT IT ON.

IS THERE A SECOND FOR THAT?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I WILL SECOND.

FOR CLARIFICATION , IT'S TO SEE IF THEY WILL MEET WITH US TO DISCUSS. NOT TO DISCUSS.

BUT MEET WITH US TO DISCUSS.

I WILL SECOND.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

ANYTHING ELSE?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER?

>> D. Lesser: A WEEK AGO LAST MONDAY THERE WAS A POWER OUTAGE IN DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN BEACH, AND DRIVING THROUGH IT, MANY STOP LIGHTS WERE COMPLETELY BLACK.

THERE WEREN'T BLINKING LIGHTS, IT'S A REMINDER THERE AREN'T BATTERY BACK UPS, BECAUSE THEY WERE FROM TEN YEARS AGO.

I WOULD LIKE STAFF TO CHECK WHAT WOULD BE INVOLVED TO CHECK THE SIGNAL LIGHTS AND HOW MUCH IT MIGHT COST TO ADD BATTERY BACK UP SO AT LEAST WE HAVE BLINKING LIGHTS WHEN THERE'S A POWER OUTAGE.

>> A. Howorth: SECOND.

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY, THERE'S A SECOND.

>> THANK YOU, YOU CAN ASK THEM TO COME BACK WITHOUT GOING THROUGH A THREE-STEP PROCESS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THIS ISN'T FOR EDISON.

THIS IS DIRECT STAFF TO COME BACK WITH A REPORT ON WHAT THE COST OF BATTERY BACK UP WOULD BE, IF EDISON FAILS.

>> City Attorney Q. Barrow: THE CITY MANAGER CAN DIRECT US TO DO THAT AND STAFF WILL COME BACK WITH A RECORD.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THIS ISN'T REGARDING EDISON, THIS IS TO COME BACK WITH A REPORT ON BATTERY BACK UP.

ANYTHING ELSE?

CITY MANAGER REPORT?



>> City Manager B. Moe: YEAH.

[OFF MIC]

>> Mayor Napolitano: WHAT?

>> City Manager B. Moe: I WOULD LIKE TO ASK COLLEEN AND OUR ACTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ON OUTDOOR DINING.

>> TO BRING YOU A QUICK GLIMPSE I WANT TO START BY REDIRECTING, THE MEMBERS FOR THE TASK FORCE.

THE TASK FORCE MEETINGS WILL COMMENCE IN APRIL WITH THE FIRST COURSE OF BUSINESS BEING IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY TOPICS, CONCERNS, BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM, WHICH WILL THEN SERVE TO SHAPE THE FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS AS WELL AS OUR UPCOMING ACTION ITEMS.

IN THE MEANTIME, STAFF HAS ESTABLISHED REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION.

THE FIRST OF WHICH OCCURRED YESTERDAY.

THIS MEETING WAS VERY PRODUCTIVE AND HIGHLIGHTED THE PRIORITIES WE WILL NEED TO FOCUS ON FOR SUCCESSFUL COASTAL PERMITTING.

AND WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT WE HAVE AGREED TO KEEP THEM ENGAGED IN OUR PROCESS, WHAT OUR VISION IS FOR THIS PROGRAM SO THAT IN RETURN THEY CAN TELL US WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRAM, THAT WAY WHEN WE ADOPT THE PROGRAM AND GO TO THEM REQUESTING THEIR APPROVAL, THERE WILL BE NO SURPRISES, THEY WILL HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PROCESS DURING THE ENTIRE, DURING THE ENTIRE EFFORT.

AND THEIR PART OF THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL IS GOING TO GO MUCH MORE EFFICIENTLY AND QUICKLY.

ADDITIONALLY, STAFF IS IN THE MIDST OF PREPARING AN R.F.P. FOR CONSULTANTS IN THE EXPERTISE OF DESIGN AND ENGINEERING, FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY, PARKING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW WHICH WOULD ACCOMPANY THIS EFFORT.

THE PLAN IS TO SECURE A CONSULTANT IN THE SPRING WITH OUR PRIORITY BEING FOCUSED ON THE PARKING COMPONENT OF IT.

THAT ANALYSIS NEEDS TO COMMENCE AS EARLY AS THE SPRING AND THE SUMMER SO WE CAN TRULY UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR PARKING NEEDS WOULD BE IN THE PEAK SEASONS AND HOW WE CAN ACCOMMODATE THE LOST PARKING SPACES THROUGH THIS PROGRAM.

SO THAT'S WHERE WE ARE TODAY.

AND THAT'S WHAT OUR NEXT STEPS ARE GOING TO LOOK LIKE.

AND WE HOPE TO HAVE ANOTHER UPDATE FOR YOU, SHORTLY AFTER THE MEETINGS COMMENCE IN APRIL.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: I HAVE A QUESTION, TWO QUESTIONS, PEOPLE WATCHING AT HOME DON'T KNOW THE HISTORY OF WHAT'S GOING ON.

YOUR COMMENTS IN THE COASTAL COMMISSION REGARDING PERMANENT DINING DECKS IN THE FUTURE, IF WE VOTE THAT WAY.

THAT'S ITEM ONE, TWO, THE RESTAURANT OWNERS WOULD HAVE TEMPORARY DECKS, THEY NEED TO BE DOWN BY WHAT DATE?

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

WE HAVE INFORMED THEM THEY NEED TO BE DOWN BY MARCH 10th.

TEN DAYS AFTER THE EMERGENCY ORDER EXPIRES.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: PERFECT.  
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> J. Franklin: IF YOU CAN PLEASE CONFIRM THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR SIGNING UP.

>> SURE, FEBRUARY 24th AT 5:00 P.M. IS THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE TASK FORCE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WHAT KIND OF NOTICE IS BEING PROVIDED TO APPLICANTS REGARDING THE TIME COMMITMENT?  
WHAT I DON'T WANT TO DO IS APPOINT ANYONE WHO THREE OR FOUR MEETINGS INTO IT SAY I CAN'T DO THIS, IT'S MORE THAN I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE.

>> UPON THE COUNCIL'S DECISION TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD ONCE A MONTH.  
AND AS A PART OF OUR APPLICATION PROCESS WE HAVE ASKED GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT AVAILABILITY, SO WE COULD TAKE THOSE INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN WE SCHEDULE THE MEETINGS.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ONCE A MONTH.  
OKAY.  
COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH?  
OKAY.  
ALL RIGHT.  
THANK YOU.  
ANY OTHER CITY MANAGER REPORTS?

>> City Manager B. Moe: NOT TONIGHT.  
THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Napolitano: CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS?

>> City Attorney Q. Barrow: NOTHING TONIGHT BUT ALSO CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY, MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.  
IT WAS AN EXCELLENT SEMINAR AND IT WAS REALLY A GREAT, AND YOU ARE NEXT IN LINE, RIGHT?  
I THINK THE MAYOR SAID YOU WILL BE NEXT IN LINE FOR MAYOR BUT ALSO PRESIDENT AS WELL.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I MEANT PRESIDENT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: DEFAULT, I WILL TAKE THAT, I DON'T KNOW IF CHIEF JOHNSON CAN JOIN US FOR THE CONFERENCE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, THERE'S THE AGENDA FORECAST AND THAT'S IT.  
SO THAT TAKES US TO ADJOURNMENT.  
AND WE WILL BE ADJOURNING TO TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS HERE.  
WITH THAT --

>> A. Howorth: HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, EVERYBODY.

>> Mayor Napolitano: YES.  
THAT TOO.