

# City Council Regular Meeting - March 21, 2023

Meeting Time: 03-21-23 18:00

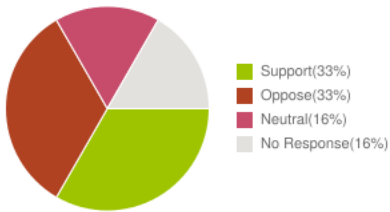
## eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Council Regular Meeting - March 21, 2023	03-21-23 18:00	41	6	2	2	1

### Sentiments for All Meetings

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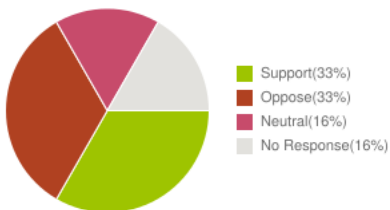
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
K. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)	4	2	1	1
9. 23-0035 Consideration of Resolutions to Initiate the Proposition 218 Process to Consider Increasing Wastewater Rate Fees and Adopt Procedures in Connection with Proposed Wastewater Fee Increases (Public Works Director Lee). ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 23-0029 AND 23-0030	1	0	0	0
10. 23-0130 Consideration of a Resolution Amending the City Manager's Employment Agreement to Extend the Term to February 5, 2027, and Increase Yearly Base Salary to \$308,165.04 (City Attorney Barrow). ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-0031, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT	1	0	1	0

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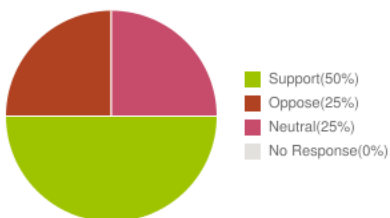
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### Agenda Item: eComments for K. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

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## Fred Taylor

Location:

Submitted At: 11:24am 03-21-23

I am writing to vehemently oppose Mayor Napolitano's obsession with an apology. In addition, the Mayor's analogy about parenting our kids behavior has no application to our forefathers 4-5 generations earlier.

Have you apologized for the sins of your father? Do you know those sins? How much less would any of us know about the mis-steps and sins of our Great-Grandfather. Am I accountable for what he did? Of course not. As a 47 year resident of MB, I had absolutely nothing to do with the egregious expulsion of the Bruce Family...and neither do you. We've acknowledged the tragic treatment of that family and would not do the same thing today to any resident.

Can we celebrate the societal progress we've made over the past 100 years? Thankful we've changed as a nation and a society. It's high time we buried the hatchet of blame and simply treated each other with respect and brotherly love.

**Brandee Keith**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:20am 03-21-23

Good Afternoon,

I'm happy to share with the City Council, staff, and residents, an upcoming Environmental Justice Inter-Agency Summit this Wednesday, March 22, at 9:00 a.m. We will be holding two panels on Environmental Inspections and Complaints, with presentations on Community Engagement and the South Coast AQMD Annual Emissions Report. Those interested can register to attend this virtual event at [https://scaqmd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2754-K9DSuCayJGT0GF6fw](https://scaqmd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2754-K9DSuCayJGT0GF6fw).

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding South Coast AQMD's Environmental Justice programs.

Brandee Keith

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**Diana Skaar**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:34pm 03-20-23

Thank you Mayor Steve Napolitano for your heartfelt comments at the Bruce's Beach Plaque Dedication. Your personal apology to the Bruces, the Prioleaus, the Pattersons, the Sanders, the Johnsons, the McCaskills, the Irvins, and the Slaughters for the wrongful racially motivated use of eminent domain by the City nearly 100 years ago is another step in the right direction. Thank you for tee'ing up our City Council to consider a formal apology, which would be supported by many residents as the right thing to do.

**Maria Crisanta Castro-Naoe**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:24pm 03-20-23

Thank you Mayor Napolitano for your words on Saturday morning in the unveiling of the Bruce's Beach plague. It was a relief that you set the example of accountability and humility on behalf of this city.

In addition to your poignant words, I also loved seeing the children in front of the ribbon cutting. After all, we do this for our children.

So once again, thank you Mayor Napolitano for not mincing words on Saturday morning. Thank you a thousand times!

Crisa Castro-Naoe

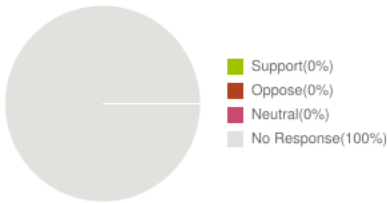
Grand View Mom of 2

Agenda Item: eComments for 9. 23-0035

Consideration of Resolutions to Initiate the Proposition 218 Process to Consider Increasing Wastewater Rate Fees and Adopt Procedures in Connection with Proposed Wastewater Fee Increases (Public Works Director Lee).

ADOPT RESOLUTION NOS. 23-0029 AND 23-0030

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**Gary Osterhout**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25am 03-21-23

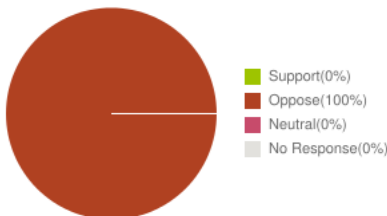
In August 2021, the City was authorized \$8.4M in ARPA funds. Water and sewer infrastructure projects are primary acceptable ARPA spend. I have not seen this money go to either, yet you are asking us for fee raises (for water in 2022, and now sewer--which could have been addressed simultaneous with the water increase). But this money went to the general fund and fire station (way down the ARPA list), and cost overruns for the Polliwog playground equipment and the community center. So, given the fungibility of money, the water and sewer rate increases go to fund these expenditures in lieu of establishing a decent general fund CIP program. And we sit on untapped reserves, like the Reserve for Economic Uncertainty that's never used for times of economic uncertainty. You folks intentionally disregard honest, comprehensive financial planning, seeming to trickle out items to fool all of the residents all of the time. And note that the PPT presentation has been unavailable for at least 2 days.

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Consideration of a Resolution Amending the City Manager's Employment Agreement to Extend the Term to February 5, 2027, and Increase Yearly Base Salary to \$308,165.04 (City Attorney Barrow).

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-0031, APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

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Location:

Submitted At: 9:09am 03-21-23

Staff report again does not disclose the impact of increase on pension and accumulated vacation. Just one example of how our CM presides over a general disregard for community participation and empowerment. We are not getting the benefit of the myriad supplementary support he is given, such as "community engagement managers", environmental managers, or extra code enforcement. The annual "step and grade" dance yields no

apparent efficiencies. The only tool for most problems is to put up a sign. Everything is marketing and performative governance. Our financial system is aged, opaque and riddled with accounting gimmicks. There is no cohesive, universally understood community goals. Master plans are a placebo. Projects appear out of whole cloth seemingly on a whim. The CM was unable to deal with simple pandemic problems such as landscape maintenance, Ocean Dr, or park access. Continuing his employment is another 3 years of lack of stagnation, resident disengagement and lack of progress.