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>> Mayor Montgomery: 23.
WE'RE LUCKY.
>> HOLD ON A SECOND.
WE'RE NOT LIVE.
>> Mayor Montgomery: PRACTICE TEST.
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 18th, 2023.
AND TONIGHT WE'RE LED THE STUDENT PLEDGE BY TESSA SMITH,
PENNEKAMP ELEMENTARY AND THE PRINCIPAL.
YOU GUYS COME ON DOWN.
EVERYONE PLEASE RISE WHEN THEY GET HERE FOR THE PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE.
>> PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART.
READY, BEGIN.
I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER GOD,
INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.
>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL DONE.
ALL RIGHT.
TELL US WHO IS HERE TONIGHT AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE YOUR
PRINCIPAL TALK ABOUT YOU.
>> MY FRIEND WISH IS HERE.
>> Mayor Montgomery: HELLO, WISH.
WHO ELSE?
>> AND MY MOM AND DAD.
>> Mayor Montgomery: HI, MOM AND DAD.
ARE THE REST OF THE PEOPLE HERE YOUR FRIENDS TOO?
YES, THEY'RE ALL YOUR FRIENDS.
GOOD ANSWER.
>> AND THEN THE PRINCIPAL.
>> Mayor Montgomery: GOOD CALL.
>> AND MY FRIEND AMY HOWORTH.
>> Mayor Montgomery: EXTRA PIN FOR THAT ONE.
DON'T GO ANYWHERE.
>> WE'RE GOING TO BRAG ON YOU FAR SECOND.
THERE IS NOBODY EASIER TO TALK ABOUT FOR TESSA SMITH.
SHE IS A SUPERSTAR STUDENT AND RESPONSIBLE, SHE PROBABLY COULD
HOUSE SIT I WOULD SAY, WOULDN'T YOU SAY, MOM AND DAD, AT THIS
AGE.
UBER RESPONSIBLE.
SHE CARES DEEPLY FOR OTHERS AND SHE SHOWS IT, THINKS ABOUT IT
AND TALKS ABOUT IT AND IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAY TO HELP.
NEXT YEAR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL BE HAPPY TO HAVE HER AS A
CONTRIBUTOR IN THEIR COMMUNITY.
>> Mayor Montgomery: CONGRATULATIONS.
[APPLAUSE]
WE'RE ALL SO PROUD OF YOU, THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL, EVEN YOUR
FRIEND, AMY HOWORTH, WE RECOGNIZE YOU FOR OUTSTANDING

CITIZENSHIP IN THE MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.
CONGRATULATIONS.
THIS IS FOR YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Montgomery: MOM AND DAD, WANT TO STEP UP AND TAKE SOME
PICTURES?

OR YOUR FRIEND WISH?

COME ON UP.

WE'RE ALL GOING TO STAND...

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Montgomery: IT ONLY GETS BETTER FROM HERE OUT.
ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: HERE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: HERE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: HERE.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: HERE.

>> MAYOR MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYBODY HERE THAT'S BEEN IN THE MILITARY OR
ACTIVE MILITARY AND RESERVES, STAND UP JUST SO WE KNOW WHO YOU
ARE.

[APPLAUSE]

THIS IS GOOD.

WE HAVE A PACKED CEREMONIAL CALENDAR.

I'M GOING TO CALL UP ONE TEAM AT A TIME WITH THEIR COACHES.

CERTIFICATES AND CITY PINS.

AND WE'LL GET ONE GROUP PICTURE TOGETHER.

SO HERE TO HELP, WE'RE GOING TO DO CERTIFICATES FOR THE FIRST
TEAM, COACHES AFTER THAT, NEXT PLAYER, NEXT TEAM.

LET'S START US OFF.

I'M GOING TO CALL YOU DOWN.

>> WOULD YOU MIND IF I DO A LITTLE INTRO FOR ALL OF THE TEAMS
BEFORE WE START.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU WANT TO SAVE IT FOR THE END?

>> I THINK IT MAKES MORE SENSE AT THE BEGINNING.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COME ON UP HERE.

[APPLAUSE]

>> HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THIS EVENING TO
CELEBRATE THESE FIVE TEAMS.

AS YOU KNOW, AYSO IS AN ALL-VALUE TEAR ORGANIZATION AND OUR
REGION PROVIDES A FUN, FAIR AND SAFE PLACE FOR 3300 PLAYERS TO
PLAY SOCCER ALL YEAR.

THAT'S 10% OF THE POPULATION OF THE CITY THAT WE ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM PLUS PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS MEANS WE HOLD EVENTS FOR 5 TO 7,000 PEOPLE EVERY WEEKEND THE FALL AND AFTER THAT AGAIN IN THE SPRING.

IT DEFINITELY KEEPS US BUSY.

WE ALSO APPRECIATE THE PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE WITH THE PARKS AND REC DEPARTMENT THAT ALLOWS US TO OFFER A RECREATIONAL SOCCER PROGRAM ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE.

THE FIVE TEAMS BEFORE YOU HAVE EACH ONE THE AYSO WESTERN STATES CHAMPIONSHIP IN THEIR REPRESENTATIVE DIVISIONS WHICH IS TRULY A SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENT.

REGION 18 IS ONE OF SIX REGIONS WHICH INCLUDES NORTH AFTERNOON SOUTH REDONDO.

WE'RE PART OF SECTION 1 CONSISTING OF 61 REGIONS.

THE WESTERN STATE CONSISTS OF TEAMS FROM 235 REGIONS IN FOUR SECTIONS FROM WASHINGTON, OREGON, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND HAWAII, CONTAINING A TOTAL OF OVER 200,000 PLAYERS.

OUR REGION IS CONSISTENTLY ONE OF THE TWO LARGEST AYSO REGIONS IN THE U.S. AND WE WERE HONORED THIS YEAR AS REGION OF THE YEAR IN OUR SECTION.

WE HAVE FIVE TEAM HERE TONIGHT.

THE TWO LEAGUE TEAMS BEGAN PLAYING TOGETHER LAST SEPTEMBER WINNING OUR LOCAL BEACH CUP CHAMPIONSHIP, THE AREA 1D TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONSHIP, AND FINALLY WESTERN STATES.

IT'S TRULY AN ACHIEVEMENT FOR OUR LEAGUE TEAMS TO PROGRESS TO WESTERN STATES.

WE'VE ONLY HAD THREE PREVIOUS LEAGUE CHAMPIONS SINCE WE STARTED TRACK IN 2008.

THE OTHERS WERE FORMED IN THE SUMMER.

THEY WILL JOIN THE LIST OF 13 PREVIOUS AL ALL-STARs.

THESE TEAMS WILL BE ADDED TO THE BANNER HANGING IN THE PARK WITH THE PAST CHAMPIONS.

ALL YOURS.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Montgomery: THERE GOES MY SPEECH.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF THAT FOR ME.

I LOVE IT WHEN THAT HAPPENS.

THANKS, KRISTA.

HERE WE GO.

TEAM ONE, YOU'RE GOING TO LET ME KNOW WHO THE NAMES ARE I'M GOING TO CALL OUT.

BLACK MAMBAS, WE'RE GOING TO CALL OUT KAI BILLET.

ANDREW FACH.

I KNOW ANDREW'S DAD.

WHERE IS ANDREW.

THERE HE IS.

AND KAI.

WHERE IS KAI AT?
>> Councilmember Franklin: THAT'S A POPULAR NAME.
>> Mayor Montgomery: SAM KELLY.
WYNN LEVY, WHERE IS WYNN.
CRUZ LUDWIG, THERE'S CRUZ.
RAFAEL MARCHESAN.
WHERE IS RAFAEL.
THERE HE IS.
JACK MOSIER.
WHERE IS JACK.
THERE'S JACK.
AUSTIN TEVENAN.
THERE'S AUSTIN.
ALL RIGHT.
NOW THE COACHES.
GUYS DON'T GO ANYWHERE.
COACH, WHERE IS JAMES MOISER.
COACH.
AND COACH LUDWIG.
[APPLAUSE]
NOW THEY'RE ALL HERE, GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND GET YOUR
PHOTOS NOW OF THIS ONE GROUP.
[APPLAUSE]
>> GO MAMBAS!
>> Mayor Montgomery: CONGRATULATIONS, GUYS.
[APPLAUSE]
ALL RIGHT.
COACH, THIS IS GOING TO BE TEAM STORM.
VICTORIA BUXTON, WHERE IS VICTORIA.
10 AND UNDER GIRLS.
[AUDIO FEEDBACK]
MADISON KRATZ.
SKYLAR LODER.
WHERE IS SKYLAR.
WE'RE GETTING FEEDBACK.
LET'S HOPE IT GOES AWAY.
ELISE MYERS.
DYLAN PURDY.
SOPHIA SPINELLI.
WHERE'S SOPHIA.
BERKELEY.
WAY TO GO.
MAYBE YOU CAN MUTE THEM.
MARLO TALBOTT.
ALEXANDRA TORRES IS NOT HERE?
THERE SHE IS.
WHAT A COINCIDENCE, COACH CHRISTOPHER TALBOTT.

AND NICOLE KILLMAN, COME ON DOWN, NICOLE.
NOW THAT WE'RE ALL HERE, GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
EVERYONE TURN THAT WAY.

[APPLAUSE]

[AUDIO FEEDBACK]

[APPLAUSE]

>> EXCUSE ME.

IS SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE HAS THEIR CELL PHONE ON WATCHING THE
MEETING, CAN YOU MUTE IT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'RE GETTING A REFURB BACK.

SOMEONE'S CELL PHONE IS ON.

SILENCE, OFF OR STEP OUT IN THE LOBBY.

WE'RE GETTING THE FEEDBACK WHERE SOMEONE'S PHONE IS ON HERE.

ALL RIGHT.

THAT SHOULD DO IT.

12 AND UNDER BOYS.

AL STARS.

BRADEN BALIK.

WHERE IS BRADEN.

JACKSON BILLET.

JACKSON.

TYLER BUXTON.

IS TYLER NOT HERE?

ALL RIGHT.

GAGE HARRIS.

>> NOT HERE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NOT HERE.

>> LIAM LEGRANDE.

>> NOT HERE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: KENAN MUWAKKI.

THERE HE IS.

NATHANIEL NEUBAUER.

>> NOT HERE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: OKAY.

I STILL HAVE MORE LESS.

MARCO OLSON.

>> NOT HERE.

>> CASEY RYAN.

>> NOT HERE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: KIERAN WACHFOGEL.

IS THAT DAVE WACHFOGEL'S GRANDSON.

I KNOW YOUR GRANDFATHER.

KNOW THAT KNOW.

OWEN.

WHERE IS OWEN.

NOAH WRIGHT.

NOT HERE.

ALL RIGHT.
LET'S CALL THE COACHES DOWN.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.
>> NOT HERE.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ANDREW.
WHERE IS YOUR OTHER COACH.
THERE HE IS.
[APPLAUSE]
>> WE'LL GIVE THEM ALL A ROUND OF APPLAUSE WITH THE COACHES HERE
AND TURNED AROUND.
THERE WE GO.
COACH.
[APPLAUSE]
>> Mayor Montgomery: CONGRATULATIONS, EVERYBODY.
[APPLAUSE]
>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'RE NOT DONE YET.
JAGUARS 10 AND UNDER GIRLS ALL STAR.
OLIVIA BAKER.
RILEY BARKER.
>> NOT HERE.
>> Mayor Montgomery: OKAY.
JUNE BERTING.
>> Councilmember Franklin: JANE.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ALEXIS.
I'LL CALL YOU JANE INSTEAD OF JUNE.
MAYA, IS MAYA HERE?
MAYA IS COMING DOWN.
>> Councilmember Franklin: MAYA, GREAT JOB.
>> Mayor Montgomery: OLIVIA MOORE.
>> NOT HERE.
>> Mayor Montgomery: NOT HERE.
ELISE MYERS.
ALL STARS.
>> Councilmember Franklin: THEY'RE ALL STARS TOO.
CONGRATULATIONS.
>> Mayor Montgomery: KENNEDY O'BRIEN.
NOW YOU GET TWO PINS.
>> YEAH.
>> Mayor Montgomery: SAVANNAH WANG.
AND OUR COACH LUKE MYERS.
ASSISTANT COACH ANTHONY WANG.
NOW WE CAN GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.
[APPLAUSE]
>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL DONE.
ALL RIGHT.
THIS IS OUR LAST TEAM, STORM, 14 UNDER GIRLS ALL STARS.

ISABELLA AMY.
TRISTAN DEL RIEGO.
WHERE IS TRISTAN.
JULIA.
COME ON.
[INDISCERNIBLE]
>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'LL CHANGE THE TEAM NAME AS IT COMES
AROUND.
KYLIE.
>> Councilmember Howorth: THESE ARE THE SHARKS.
>> Mayor Montgomery: KATIE MALONEY.
THERE'S KATIE.
DESIRAY ORTIZ.
OLIVIA REEDS.
GIANNA SANNELLA.
TARA SHIVPURI.
YOU KNOW THAT NAME.
VIVIAN STEUBER.
WHERE IS VIVIAN.
GIADA TALBOTT.
THE TALBOTTS COULD FORM THEIR OWN TEAM.
CADENCE TSENG.
JULIET WETZEL.
JULIET NOT HERE?
CHARLOTTE WRIGHT.
WHAT TEAM ARE YOU?
>> SHARKS.
>> Mayor Montgomery: WE GOT OUR COACHES.
COACH TALBOTT AGAIN AND SCOTT STEUBER, ASSISTANT COACH.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE.
TELL THEM WHAT TEAM YOU ARE AGAIN.
>> THE SHARKS.
>> Mayor Montgomery: WITH SOME ENERGY.
>> THE SHARKS!
>> Mayor Montgomery: NOW WE GET A CONGRATULATIONS.
LOOK TO THE LADY IN THE TAN HAT FIRST.
ONE MORE, LADY IN WHITE.
YAY.
CONGRATULATIONS, LADIES.
WE'LL GET IT PRINTED WITH THE RIGHT TEAM FOR YOU.
CONGRATULATIONS.
WE'LL GET THEM TO YOUR COACH.
WE'LL GET THE NEW ONE TO YOUR COACH.
THANKS.
APPRECIATE IT.
YOU CAN THANK KRISTA.
WHERE DID KRISTA GO.

HEY, KRISTA, THANKS FOR MAKING IT ALL HAPPEN.
YOU WANT TO COME UP FOR A PICTURE?
CAN WE GET ALL OF THE PLAYERS AND COACHES, MAYBE GET ONE GROUP
PICTURE RIGHT AROUND THE CIRCLE HERE.
EVERY PLAYER, EVERY COACH.
PRETTY MUCH THE WHOLE ROOM.
[TAKING PHOTOS]
>> Mayor Montgomery: WHERE IS EVERYBODY GOING?
WE HAVE PLENTY OF HOURS OF CITY COUNCIL STUFF TO TALK ABOUT.
ANYBODY WANT TO STICK AROUND?
WHO SAID COUNCIL WAS BORING.
THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.
CEREMONIAL CALENDAR.
NOW WE'RE MOVING ON TO ITEM E, APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVER OF
FULL READING OF ORDINANCES.
ASK MY COLLEAGUES IF THERE ARE ANY THEY WOULD LIKE TO PULL.
>> Councilmember Napolitano: ARE YOU ASKING FOR PULLS?
>> Mayor Montgomery: YES.
>> Councilmember Napolitano: ITEM NUMBER 7, YOUR HONOR.
WHY DO WE STILL HAVE FEEDBACK?
>> Councilmember Howorth: YOU'RE STILL HEARING FEEDBACK, IS THAT
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
>> Councilmember Napolitano: YEAH.
OKAY.
>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'RE STILL GETTING FEEDBACK.
LET'S WAIT FOR A SECOND TO GET RID OF THE FEEDBACK.
>> Councilmember Howorth: LET ME TURN MY PHONE OFF.
>> Councilmember Napolitano: ARE YOU TAPING THIS MEETING,
COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH?
>> Councilmember Howorth: IT'S BEEN ON BEFORE AND IT'S NOT A
PROBLEM.
MAYBE IT IS.
>> Mayor Montgomery: LISA, COULD WE CLOSE THOSE DOORS?
>> Councilmember Howorth: IT'S NOT MY PHONE.
IT'S OFF.
I'M NOT TO BLAME.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ITEMS TO BE PULLED OFF OF THE AGENDA.
SO FAR IT'S ITEM NO. 7.
>> Councilmember Howorth: NOTHING ELSE FROM ME.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYONE ELSE?
I HAVE ONE, ITEM NO. 8.
GOT A SECOND.
ANYTHING ELSE?
WE HAVE A FIRST FROM COUNCILMEMBER -- I'M SORRY.
RESET ITSELF.
COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH AND SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE AUDIO, FOLKS.

WE'RE GOING TO WORK THROUGH IT.
OUR I.T. DIRECTOR HAS A HAMMER WITH IT.
THAT'S GOOD.
>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.
>> Councilmember Lesser: CAN WE TURN IT OFF?
>> Councilmember Howorth: DID WE CHECK -- IS EVERYBODY'S iPADS
AUDIO OFF?
WOULD THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
>> Councilmember Napolitano: WHAT, WHAT, WHAT, WHAT.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ALL RIGHT.
WE'RE GOING TO GET THROUGH IT.
NEXT UP IS COMMUNITY EVENTS.
ONE MINUTE PER PERSON.
WHEN THE RED LIGHT GOES ON THE MICROPHONE, YOU'LL KNOW IT'S
LIVE.
>> I'M HERE TODAY TO ANNOUNCE THE LEADERSHIP MANHATTAN BEACH
CLASS OF 2023 CLASS PROJECT.
THE CLASS OF 2023 WILL UNVEIL THE [AUDIO DIFFICULTIES].
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.
THE CEREMONY WILL HONOR THE SPONSORS AND DONORS WHO MADE THIS
PROJECT POSSIBLE.
THE SINGLE MOM PROJECT HAS BEEN SERVING FAMILIES FOR TWO YEARS.
THE PANTRY'S COMPLETION WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES THE
FACILITY CAN SERVE TO 50, MORE THAN DOUBLE THE WEEKLY.
A LACK OF HEALTHY FOOD CAN LEAD TO DIABETES, HEART DISEASE.
THE GOAL OF WORKING WITH SINGLE MOM PROJECT AND FEAST FOR ALL IS
TO PROVIDE PARENTS WITH THE TOOLS TO HELP THEIR CHILDREN TO
PREPARE HEALTHY MEALS.
I HOPE TO SEE YOU MAY 20th, 2023, AT 10 A.M.
ONLY ONE HOUR.
IT WILL BE FUN.
FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO LEADERSHIPMB.ORG/CLASSPROJECTS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, LEIGH.
OUR NEXT SPEAKER.
>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS.
MY NAME IS JULIE JUSTICE AND I'M HERE THIS EVENING TO INVITE YOU
AND ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO A COMMUNITY MEETING
ABOUT THE SCOUT HOUSE REBUILD PROJECT.
FRIENDS OF THE SENIOR AND SCOTT COMMUNITY CENTER ARE HOSTING
THIS COMMUNITY MEETING ON MONDAY, MAY 1st AT 5 P.M. IN THE OCEAN
BANQUET HALL AT JOSLYN CENTER.
AT THIS SESSION THE ARCHITECT OF THE PROJECT WILL BE PRESENTING
THE LATEST PLANS AND WE WILL ALSO HAVE THE CITY STAFF ON HAND TO
ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PERMITTING PROCESS WHICH INCLUDES THE
TRAFFIC STUDY, THE NOISE STUDY AND THE PARKING STUDIES.
SO AGAIN, THAT'S MONDAY, MAY 1st AT 5 P.M. IN THE JOSLYN

COMMUNITY CENTER.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

AND I HAVE A FEW EXTRA COPIES OF OUR POST CARD INVITE IF ANYBODY IS INTERESTED, I'M HAPPY TO GIVE YOU ONE.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU JULIE.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

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

MY NAME IS JOSH MURRAY AND I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH LIBRARY.

TEENS ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th FROM 4 TO 5 P.M. BY DESIGNING A POETRY INSPIRED TOTE BAG.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH BY DESIGNING YOUR OWN POETRY INSPIRED TOTE BAG TO CARRY ALL OF YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS AND MORE. LEARN HOW TO DISCOVER POETS AND POETRY AT THE LIBRARY WHILE YOUR DECORATE YOUR TOTE AND THIS WILL BE FOR TEENS GRADES 6 TO 12. ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED THROUGH THE WEBSITE. AS OF THIS AFTERNOON WE DO HAVE SEVERAL SPACES AVAILABLE SO I HOPE THE TEENS IN THE AREA WANT TO CREATE THEIR VERY OWN TOTE BAG.

>> Mayor Montgomery: JOSH, USE YOUR POWER TO CLEAN THE WINDOWS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE LIBRARY, PLEASE.

>> I WILL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: APPRECIATE THAT.

THANK YOU.

NEXT SPEAKER.

>> HELLO, EVERYONE, HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

I'M THE CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER AND THERE'S A COUPLE OF THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE TODAY.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE EVERYONE TO THE OPENING RECEPTION OF OUR NEW EXHIBITION, SWELL, AT THE MANHATTAN BEACH ART CENTER.

IN THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY, THE MANHATTAN BEACH ART CENTER HAS PARTNERED WITH THE NEWLY-OPENED GALLERY 208 AND WILL BE RUNNING CONCURRENT EXHIBITIONS INSPIRED BY SURFING. PLEASE JOIN US THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 21st FROM 5 TO 7 P.M. AT THE MANHATTAN BEACH ART CENTER FOR THE OPENING RECEPTION FOR SWELL AND THEN MIGRATE ON OVER TO GALLERY 208 RIGHT HERE IN DOWNTOWN FROM 7 TO 10 P.M. FOR THE OPENING OF THAT EXHIBITION ENTITLED "HOT BATCH."

THE SIDE GALLERY AT THE MANHATTAN BEACH ART CENTER WILL FEATURE AN INTERACTIVE CRAFT RELATED TO THE EXHIBITION THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CREATE THEMSELVES.

BEVERAGES AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT BOTH LOCATIONS.

WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE.
AND THE NEXT THING I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE IS THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE TO THE SAND DUNE PARK COMMUNITY MEETING.
PLEASE JOIN US AT THE SAND DUNE PARK ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, AT 3 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE PARK AND THE FACILITIES THERE.
IF YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT TO THE PARK IN PERSON ON SUNDAY, PLEASE FOLLOW THE QR CODE LINK ON THE POST CARD -- I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE POST CARDS UPSTAIRS IN PARKS AND REC.
AND PLEASE FILL OUT A BRIEF SURVEY TO LET US KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS PROJECT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: AND A SHOUT OUT TO PARKS AND REC.

YOU MISSED IT.

THE SOUTHERN FACING WALL IS NOW A FANTASTIC MURAL CALLED MIDNIGHT BLUE.

WHEN YOU WALK OUTSIDE DURING THE BREAK, GO AROUND THE CORNER AND LOOK AT THAT.

WELL DONE.

>> THANK YOU.

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

I'M JANET JONES FROM THE LIBRARY COMMISSION HERE TO ANNOUNCE A FREE YET FREE GIFT TO THE CITY FROM THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND THE STRAND HOUSE RESTAURANT.

IT IS A TRIBUTE TO THE '80s BY IDENTITY THEFT THE BAND.

WE WANT EVERYBODY TO COME DOWN SATURDAY, APRIL 29th FROM 3:00 TO 4:30.

IT WILL PERFORMED OUTSIDE ON THE STAGE IN THE BACK OF THE LIBRARY.

YOU CAN DANCE FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF.

YOU CAN ALSO GET FREE COUPONS BROUGHT TO YOU FOR BREW AND SHADE ET CETERA.

WE WILL HAVE A FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY.

WE WANT YOU TO COME INTO THE LIBRARY AND SEE HOW FANTASTIC IT IS.

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY WE WANT YOU TO COME AND HAVE A FABULOUS TIME ON APRIL 29th.

THANKS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, JANET.

CATCHY BAND NAME, BY THE WAY.

>> THEY'RE A CATCHY BAND.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WHO ELSE FOR COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ANYONE?

ANY OF THE SOCCER PLAYERS LEFT?

COLLEAGUES?

>> Councilmember Howorth: I WANTED -- I DIDN'T BRING THE GRAPHIC AND I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT BUT WE TALKED ABOUT AT THE LAST

MEETING, THIS THURSDAY, 6:30, AMERICAN MARTYRS WILL BE A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION WITH FRANK MECK.

I THINK THAT'S HOW YOU PRONOUNCE HIS NAME.

HE IS SOMEONE WHO IS A SKIN HEAD AND IS NO LONGER.

AND HE TALK TO COMMUNITIES ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE IN HOPES OF EDUCATING EVERYBODY ABOUT HOW DANGEROUS IT CAN BE.

IT'S AT 6:30.

WE THANK AMERICAN MARTYRS FOR PARTNERING WITH THE SOUTH BAY COALITION AGAINST HATE AS WELL AS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

I THINK IT'S \$5 PER PERSON, \$10 PER FAMILY.

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: ON BEHALF OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMUNITY, THE MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING AN OLDER ADULT POLICE ACADEMY ON FOUR THURSDAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7th FROM 1:00 TO 4 P.M.

THIS SAN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT.

THERE'S BEEN A SUCCESSFUL POLICE ACADEMY FOR ALL RESIDENTS, INCLUDING THE OLDER ADULT COMMUNITIES.

BUT THIS WILL BE A PROGRAM THAT'S FOCUSED MORE SPECIFICALLY ON ISSUES THAT OUR OLDER RESIDENTS HAVE EXPERIENCED.

PARTICULARLY THE DESCRIPTION IS OLDER ADULT ACADEMY WILL PROVIDE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES THAT A MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE OFFICER DEALS WITH ON A DAILY BASIS.

THE CURRICULUM WILL BE TAUGHT BY OFFICERS AND OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

THERE WILL BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE CITY WEBSITE IF YOU'RE INTERESTED AGAIN STARTING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th THROUGH 28th BETWEEN 1 P.M. AND 4 P.M.

AND ALL ARE WELCOME TO APPLY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, SIR.

ANYBODY ELSE?

>> Councilmember Franklin: IF I MAY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: YES, HI.

TOMORROW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE FIFTH AND FINAL eBIKE SAFETY SEMINAR OR AUDIENCE OR SESSION AT GRAND VIEW HIGH SCHOOL.

WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING TO ALL OF THE GRADES AT GRANDVIEW.

THAT'S THE FIFTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THAT WE'VE DONE THIS ASSEMBLY AT.

WE'VE DONE THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ALREADY.

THE BIG KAHUNA IS MIRA COSTA.

WE MADE A COMMITMENT TO GET TO MIRA COSTA TO TALK ABOUT eBIKE SAFETY AND RULES OF THE ROAD BEFORE THEY LEAVE FOR THE SUMMER.

WE ALSO HAVE AMERICAN MARTYRS THAT'S GOING TO BE -- WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE ASSEMBLY THERE SOMETIME IN EARLY MAY.

SO BY THE TIME SCHOOL IS OUT ALL OF THE SCHOOLS WILL HAVE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION IN ASSEMBLIES.
IT'S A REALLY FUN ASSEMBLY.
THE KIDS ARE REALLY ENGAGED.
THIS IS THE FOLLOW-UP MATERIAL THAT WILL GO HOME WITH THE STUDENTS.
IT'S BASICALLY A HANGER.
AN ON ONE SIDE IT TALKS ABOUT eBIKE RULES OF THE ROAD BECAUSE THEY ARE YOUNG KIDS.
DON'T EXPECT THEM TO FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD IF THEY DON'T KNOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD.
PARENTS YOU KEN FORCE THIS PLEASE AND ALSO ON eBIKE SAFETY.
WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A SAFE SUMMER.
PARENTS PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION WHEN YOU GET IT AT HOME WITH YOUR STUDENTS AND CHILDREN.
THANK YOU.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.
THAT'S HIS PET PROJECT IS eBIKE SAFETY.
WE REFER ALL QUESTIONS TO HIM ABOUT BIKE SAFETY.
I HAVE TWO.
MY HEBREW IS A LITTLE RUSTY.
NATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY.
NO, I'M NOT JEWISH.
I'M BORN AND RAISED CATHOLIC.
A PRODUCT OF THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION.
WE HONOR AND RESPECT EVERYBODY'S RELIGION, WHATEVER THAT MAY BE.
I WAS NOT ASKED TO ANNOUNCE THIS NOR DID I TELL MY COLLEAGUES I WAS GOING TO DO THIS.
EVERYONE'S COMMENTS ARE WELCOME.
KEEP IN THE BACK OF YOUR MIND PERSPECTIVE.
MARTHA, DO YOU HAVE THE SLIDE, PLEASE?
MAYOR'S COFFEE.
THAT WAS PURELY BY ACCIDENT.
PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WAS TODAY.
NO, I DID NOT CALL PD TO BE THERE DURING MY MAYOR'S COFFEE.
IT IS NEXT WEEK AT COFFEE BEAN AND TEA LEAF AT 2:30 TO 3:30 NEXT WEEK.
THAT'S ALL I HAVE.
>> Councilmember Napolitano: [INDISCERNIBLE]
>> Mayor Montgomery: THEY GAVE US A GIFT CARD YEARS AGO AND I NEVER USED IT.
I'M GOING TO CASH IN MY GIFT CARD FROM 2019.
>> Councilmember Napolitano: I WANT TO KNOW IF I SHOW UP DO I GET FREE COFFEE.
>> Councilmember Howorth: YOU DON'T EVEN DRINK COFFEE.
>> Councilmember Napolitano: HENCE THE NAME TEA LEAF.
>> Mayor Montgomery: PUBLIC COMMENT, THREE MINUTES PER PERSON.

SPEAKERS MAY PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA.

AND IF YOU DO SPEAK ON AN ITEM ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA, REALIZE YOU DON'T GET A SECOND BITE AT THE APPLE.

WHEN THE ITEM COMES UP, YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT AGAIN.

THOSE OF YOU IN ZOOM WILL GO BEHIND THE SPEAKERS HERE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON TONIGHT, MARTHA.

SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO SPEAK TONIGHT, YOU CAN EITHER SPEAK NOW OR SPEAK WHEN THE ITEM COMES UP.

BUT YOU DON'T SPEAK TWICE.

YOUR CHOICE.

>> DON'T SPEAK TWICE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU DO NOT SPEAK TWICE.

>> I WAS TOLD TO SPEAK FIRST.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU MIGHT WANT TO COME UP WHEN THE ITEM YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT.

>> OKAY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYONE ELSE?

PUBLIC COMMENT.

COME ON DOWN HERE.

THERE YOU GO.

RIGHT UP THERE.

>> GOOD EVENING.

MY NAME IS ALAN AND I RECENTLY HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF COMPLETING THE MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TEN-WEEK COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY PROGRAM.

THE PROGRAM WAS EXCELLENT AND LED BY THE SERGEANT AND MANY OTHER OFFICERS DIRECTLY ACTIVELY INVOLVED.

WE RECEIVED A SHORT AND TERRIFIC EDUCATION IN HOW THE MBPD POLICES OUR COMMUNITY AND THE SPECIALTIES WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

THEY WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO MAKE SURE THE CLASS DIDN'T JUST SIT AROUND LISTENING TO LECTURES.

THE HANDS-ON ASPECTS WERE TRULY EDUCATIONAL.

FOR EXAMPLE, GOING THROUGH SHOOT/DON'T SHOOT SCENARIOS USING LASER PISTOLS REALLY BROUGHT INTO CONTEXT HOW LITTLE TIME OFFICERS HAVE TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS.

THE ENTIRE PROGRAM REALLY DROVE HOME THAT THE MORE TRAINING OUR OFFICERS HAVE, THE BETTER OUTCOMES WILL BE IN THEIR RESPONSES AND DECISION-MAKING.

I THINK THIS PROGRAM IS A MANHATTAN BEACH GEM AND I WANT TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO GET AS MANY AS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO TAKE THIS ONE-NIGHT-A-WEEK COURSE.

IT'S FUN.

IT WILL GIVE OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THAT MBPD DOES AND IT WILL INCREASE RESPECT AND APPRECIATION FOR

OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

I ENCOURAGE THE CITY COUNCIL TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY AND FOR OUR YOUTH THE POLICE EXPLORERS PROGRAM.

LASTLY, I WANT TO ENCOURAGE CITY COUNCIL TO FOCUS ON THE NEW DECALS THAT ARE ON MBPD VEHICLES.

FOR A VARIETY OF GOOD REASONS, A NEW STANDARD FOR THESE DECALS HAD TO BE CREATED AS THE OLD ONES WERE DIFFERENT SIZES, SHAPES, ET CETERA.

HOWEVER, THE NEW DECALS ARE JUST BLACK AND WHITE.

AND IN MY OPINION HARD TO DISTINGUISH FROM OTHER POLICE AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS.

LET'S GET MBPD A GOOD GRAPHIC DESIGNER TAN MONEY TO GET MORE COLORFUL AND VISIBLE LOGOS FOR ALL OF ITS VEHICLES.

GIVEN EVERYONE'S CONFERENCE ABOUT WHERE TAX DOLLARS GO, LET'S HAVE POLICE VEHICLES EVERYONE CAN EASILY RECOGNIZE ON PATROL AND KNOW THAT THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH IS DOING EVERYTHING IT POSSIBLY CAN TO KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, ALAN.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

>> I AM SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM.

I WILL NOT COME BACK.

PEOPLE OFTEN COMMENT THAT HOUSING IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT. AND I AGREE.

AS A PARENT I KNOW THAT I WANT MY CHILDREN TO BE LIVING IN A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO MAINTAIN AND KEEP CLEAN FOR VERY OBVIOUS REASONS.

AS SOMEONE WHO DID USE REACH TO UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS, I HAVE ASSISTED IN FINDING HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR VERY MANY INDIVIDUALS. FORTUNATELY I CAN IDENTIFY SEVERAL LIVING INDEPENDENT HEALTHY, PRODUCTIVE LIVES.

UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN SAY PARTICULARLY IN THE LAST YEAR OR TWO MANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS WE'VE HOUSED ARE BACK ON THE STREETS BECAUSE OF THEIR ADDICTION OR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WHICH PRECLUDE THEM FROM SUCCESSFULLY MAINTAINING HOUSING.

THOUGH I WANT TO SOMETIMES I CAN'T EVEN SUPPORT TRANSITIONAL HOUSING INCLUDING HOTEL STAYS BECAUSE OF THE IMPACT OF THEIR ADDICTION OR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WOULDN'T BE APPROPRIATE.

IN THE LAST TWO YEARS THE POPULATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT I OUTREACH TO HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY TO INCLUDE A MAJORITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 19 TO 35 YEARS OLD WITH AN INCREASE IN FEMALE POPULATION AS WELL.

WE TYPICALLY PREVIOUSLY SAW MEN BETWEEN 30 AND 40 AND 65 YEARS OLD.

MOST OF THESE INDIVIDUALS DISPLAY MENTAL HEALTH AND/OR ADDICTION ISSUES.

MANY OF THOSE WITH ADDICTIONS ADMIT TO STEALING IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THEIR HABITS AND SEVERAL HAVE VOICED THAT THE ONLY WAY THEY'RE EVER GOING TO GET SOBER IS TO BE IN JAIL.

THAT'S SAD.

LANDLORDS AND EVEN SHELTERS ARE STARTING TO REQUIRE PEOPLE TO BE ON MEDICATION OR SEEING A THERAPIST BEFORE THEY WILL EVEN CONSIDER HOUSING THEM ANYMORE.

MANY INDIVIDUALS -- MANY ONLY WANT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ALREADY SOBER.

I'VE BEEN DOING HOMELESS OUTREACH FOR OVER TEN YEARS IN DOWNTOWN L.A. AND THE BEACH CITIES.

THINGS HAVE CHANGED FOR THE WORSE.

WE NEED TO TAKE A POSITION ON LEGISLATION HAPPENING UP IN SACRAMENTO.

THE STATE RATHER THAN ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION ISSUES ARE MOSTLY LOOKING AT HOUSING SOLUTIONS ONLY.

THOSE SOLUTIONS NEED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE DIRE CONDITIONS ON THE STREETS, THE HEALTH AND SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE ON THOSE STREETS AND IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE NEED A VARIETY OF SOLUTIONS TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.

WE NEED FUNDING NOT JUST TO BUILD AND DEVELOP PERMANENT SOLUTIONS BUT TO PLAN AND DEVELOP TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS THAT WILL PREPARE PEOPLE TO GET READY TO LIVE IN A HOUSE PERMANENTLY. PLEASE, I URGE YOU TO GET INVOLVED, BE A PART OF THE DISCUSSION AND SOLUTION TO HELP PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST.

INDIVIDUALS LIVING ON THE STREET IN THEIR CARS WHO ARE SUFFERING.

YOU HAVE A VIEW OF OUR LOCAL ISSUES AND CAN HELP DIRECT WHAT WILL WORK BEST IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

>> GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL AND TO THE GOOD CITIZENS OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

I'M A RESIDENT OF REDONDO BEACH.

I THOUGHT ALL OF THOSE KIDS WERE THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE BUT EVIDENTLY NOT.

I'M A REGISTERED NURSE AND BEEN A VOLUNTEER WITH BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT FOR OVER 17 YEARS.

I'M HERE TONIGHT TO HIGHLIGHT MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH WHICH OCCURS EVERY MAY.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR BCHD AS MENTAL HEALTH IS ONE OF OUR CURRENT HEALTH PRIORITIES.

BCHD IS PARTNERING WITH THE CITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF MANHATTAN BEACH, HERMOSA BEACH AND REDONDO BEACH ON THE COMMUNITY-WIDE CAMPAIGN CALLED "MENTAL HEALTH IS HEALTH."

MENTAL HEALTH IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF EVERYONE'S WELL-BEING. WE ALL HAVE MENTAL HEALTH AND NEED TO TAKE CARE OF IT MUCH LIKE WE TAKE CARE OF OUR PHYSICAL HEALTH. WE'RE ENCOURAGING EVERYONE IN THE BEACH CITY TO PRIORITIZE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH.

SOME SUGGESTIONS ARE TO GET SUPPORT FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT, CHECK IN AND TAKE CARE OF YOUR MIND AND BODY AND ATTEND AN EVENT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH.

BCHD WILL PUT ON OR PARTICIPATE IN MORE THAN 20 EVENTS DURING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH.

VISIT BCHD.ORG/MENTALHEALTHAWARENESS FOR THE CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS, RESOURCES AND HEALTHY LIVING TIPS.

FURTHER HIGHLIGHTS BCHD'S COMMITMENT TO THEIR PRIORITY OF MENTAL HEALTH IS THE ALCOVE CENTER FOR YOUTH AGES 12 TO 35.

THE CENTER HAS HAD OVER 900 VISITS SINCE ITS OPENING IN JANUARY AND WILL SPONSOR AN UPCOMING EIGHT-WEEK YOUTH GRIEF SUPPORT SESSION.

OTHER BEACH CITIES PROGRAMS FOR VOLUNTEER ARE CONVERSATION COMPANIONS WHO PROVIDE OLDER OR DISABLED ADULTS WERE SOCIALIZATION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THAT SERVICE OR BECOMING A VOLUNTEER, PLEASE GO TO BCHD.ORG.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT, MANHATTAN BEACH IS ONE OF THE FOUNDING CITIES.

THANK YOU FOR POINTING THAT OUT TO US.

APPRECIATE IT.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

NO ONE ELSE HERE WANTS TO SPEAK?

NO DON'T FIGHT OVER IT.

WE HAVE ROOM.

COME ON DOWN.

>> MIKE, 32-YEAR RESIDENT.

THE CITY COUNCIL HAS NOW VOTED TWICE NOT TO ALLOW OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION TO OBTAIN PERMITS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AT BRUCE'S BEACH PARK AS WELL AS THE TWO PARKETTES.

THAT WAS THE RIGHT DECISION IN 2018 WHEN FOUR OF YOUR ORIGINALLY VOTED ON THE BAN OF SPECIAL EVENTS AT BRUCE'S BEACH PARK AT A UNANIMOUS VOTE AND IT WAS THE RIGHT DECISION WHEN COUNCIL VOTED LAST YEAR TO CONTINUE THE BAND.

THAT MEANS THAT EVERYONE ON THE COUNCIL HAS VOTED AT LEAST ONCE AND STEVE AND RICHARD HAVE VOTED FOR IT TWICE.

TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY, COUNCIL HAS PREVIOUSLY RECOGNIZED THE OVERWHELMING PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE BAN ON SPECIAL EVENTS WITH A TOTAL VOTE OF 9 TO 1 OVER ALLOWING AN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION TO HOLD EVENTS AT BRUCE'S BEACH PARK.

WE ALL KNOW THE ISSUES THAT LARGE EVENTS AT THE PARK POSE FOR CITY SERVICES AND THE CLOSE-BY SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD. THOSE SAME ISSUES OF TRAFFIC, PARKING, NOISE, TRASH, ALSO PERTAIN TO CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS WHICH IS WHAT WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY.

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO IS SPONSORING AN EVENT.

THE ISSUES ARE THE SAME.

BRUCE'S BEACH IS STILL AN INAPPROPRIATE VIEW FOR A CITY-SPONSORED JUNETEENTH EVENT TODAY.

I DRAW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE PARK CELEBRATION THAT I ATTENDED.

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE, BEING A THOUGHTFUL EVENT, NOT A CELEBRATION PER SE.

IT MAKE AS HUGE DIFFERENCE IN HOW THOSE TWO SEPARATE EVENTS PLAY OUT AND THE I PACT ON THE CITY SERVICES, TRAFFIC, PARKING AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD.

CERTAIN GROUPS ARE NOW ASKING THE CITY FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, FINE.

GO THROUGH THE PROCESS LIKE EVERYONE ELSE AND HAVE A LARGER VENUE WITH AMPLIFIED MUSIC AND PARKING.

POLLIWOG PARK IS A VENUE THAT COMES TO MIND.

I'M ADAMANTLY OPPOSING TO THE CITY PAYING FOR THIS.

YOU WANT TO APPLY JUNETEENTH ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, HAVE AT IT. WE DON'T EXPECT MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS TO PAY FOR THE WHOLE THING OUT OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A CITY-SPONSORED EVENT IN HONOR OF LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION MONTH, THE UPCOMING MAY.

AS A FINAL COMMENT I WANT TO SECOND THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER'S COMMENTS ABOUT THE POLICE DECAL.

I THINK IT DIMINISHING -- I THINK WE CAN DO BETTER ON THE DECAL.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: APPRECIATE THAT.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

>> GOOD EVENING, MR. MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS.

MY NAME IS ADAM GOLDSTEIN, A 30-SOMETHING-YEAR RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

ECHOING THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER, I'M ACTUALLY EXCITED THE FIVE OF YOU ARE UNANIMOUS ACROSS TWO SEPARATE VOTES REGARDING NO EVENTS AT BRUCE'S BEACH, 18th STREET AND LARSONS.

SOUND PUBLIC POLICY.

THANK YOU.

WE'RE NOW CONSIDERING A LOOPHOLE.

FAIR ENOUGH.

MY QUESTION IS, WHAT IS THE PROCESS AND PROTOCOL FOR CONSIDERING AN EVENT APPLICATION?

IS THERE EVEN AN EVENT APPLICATION ITSELF?

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA ON IT.
IS THAT EVENT APPLICATION ALSO CONSIDERED THE OTHER PUBLIC
VENUES IN THE CITY.
YOUR ANSWER MAY VERY WELL BE THERE'S AN APPLICATION AND THE
PROCESS AND PROTOCOL IS THAT YOU'RE OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS.
YOU MAKE THE DECISIONS.
AGAIN, YES, FAIR ENOUGH.
YOU WERE ELECTED.
BUT WHERE IS THE TRANSPARENCY IN SELECTING WHO GETS APPROVED,
WHAT, WHERE, WHEN AND HOW.
WHERE IS THE INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY.
AND AGAIN, THERE'S LOTS OF CONSTITUENCIES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.
WHERE IS THE INPUT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT.
WE'VE JUST GONE THROUGH AN INTERESTING PROCESS WITH OUR OUTDOOR
DINING, A VERY FAIR PROCESS.
SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO AFFECT PEOPLE'S DAY-TO-DAY LIVES THAT
WAS NOTHING BUT TRANSPARENT AND FAIR INPUT.
MAYBE WE SHOULD CONSIDER SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
THE WORST OUTCOME HERE IS THAT EVENTS COME UP BEFORE COUNCIL AND
COUNCIL AS A WHOLE AND EACH OF YOU AS MEMBERS VOTE YES FOR EVENT
A, YES FOR E VENT B BUT NO FOR EVENT C AND NO FOR EVENT D.
THAT WILL OPEN UP ACCUSATIONS OF BIAS.
HOW CAN IT NOT.
NOT HELPFUL IN A COMMUNITY THAT A LOT OF THOSE ACCUSATIONS GO
FLYING AROUND.
FINALLY I'D SUGGEST YOU LOOK AT SHIRTLEV VERSUS BOSTON, A
SUPREME COURT DECISION FAIRLY RECENTLY.
AND MY FEAR IS ONCE YOU OPEN THIS LOPE HOLE YOU ARE NOT ONLY
GOING TO NOT BE ABLE TO CLOSE IT BUT ALSO YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO
CONTROL IT.
IT'S ABOUT PRIVATE VERSUS GOVERNMENT SPEECH AND WHAT IT
BASICALLY SAYS IF ONE HAS A RIGHT TO DO SOMETHING, EVERYBODY HAS
A RIGHT TO DO SOMETHING.
AND I AM CONVINCED THAT EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THE COMMUNITY CAN
LIST AT LEAST ONE EVENT THAT THEY WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS
TOWARDS THIS AND ALL OF OUR OTHER ISSUES.
THANK YOU.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, ADAM.
OUR NEXT SPEAKER.
>> AND I BROUGHT PICTURES.
GOOD EVENING, MAYOR MONTGOMERY AND CITY COUNCIL.
MY NAME IS [INDISCERNIBLE].
I'M A 15-YEAR RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH.
I'M HERE TONIGHT TO ASK OUR CITY COUNCIL TO PUT THE RESIDENTS OF
THIS CITY FIRST.

THIS IS REGARDING THE PROPOSED CITY-FUNDED EVENT AT THE PARK LOCATED EAST OF THE BRUCE BEACH LAND.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS AND ASK YOU AS OUR LEADERS NOT TO DO THIS.

MY HUSBAND AND I LIVE AT 27th AND THE STRAND.

FOR OVER 15 YEARS WE'VE ENJOYED THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF OUR HEM AND NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE LOVE THIS TOWN, LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AND I LOVE LIVING ON THE STRAND.

HOWEVER THE LAST TWO YEARS WE'VE WATCHED OR TRANQUIL NEIGHBORHOOD DRASTICALLY CHANGE.

MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE BEEN FORCED TO CALL THE MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT 45 TIMES IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

I HAVE E-MAILED CITY COUNCIL ASKING FOR YOUR HELP.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES WE DEAL WITH AND THAT I CAN PROVE.

PARKING IN FRONT OF OUR HOME, GETTING OUT OF THEIR CARS TO URINATE AS WELL AS -- IN FRONT OF OUR HOME.

IT HAPPENS EVERY WEEK AND WE ARE FORCED TO CLEAN UP THE FILTHY THUSES AND FECES.

DRUNK INDIVIDUALS REGULARLY PARKING IN FRONT OF OUR HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, SCREAMING WITH THROWING BOTTLES, BLARING LOUD MUSIC.

ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS WE'VE WITNESSED COUPLES PARK IN FRONT OF THEIR HOME HAVING AN EVENING OF PASSION IN THEIR CARS AND DISCARDING USED CONDOMS IN FRONT OF OUR HOME.

UNBEARABLE NONSTOP POT SMOKING ENTERING OUR HOME.

LOUD BEARING MUSIC ON BEACH COMPLETE WITH GIANT SPEAKERS.

CARS DRIVING ON THE STRAND.

WE'VE BEEN FORCED TO FULLY GATE OUR PATIO BECAUSE WE'VE HAD MULTIPLE INDIVIDUALS USE OUR PATIO TO DRINK, SMOKE AND PEER INTO OUR WINDOWS.

ONE WOMAN IS CAUGHT ON OUR SECURITY CAMERAS OF TAKING PICTURES OF THE INSIDE OF OUR HOME.

SO MR. MOE, NO.

WE HAS RESIDENTS OF THIS AREA DO NOT NEED ANY MORE ATTENTION, EVENTS OR SPOTLIGHTS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

THE PARK IS TOO SMALL FOR LARGE EVENTS.

WE HAVE GONE THROUGH HELL DURING ALL OF THE UNLAWFUL EVENTS, THE TRAFFIC, THE LEFT GARBAGE, THE PUBLIC URINATIONS.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS EVENT WITH SURROUNDING HOMES.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

>> HERE YOU GO.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

>> MY NAME IS STEVE KANN AND I TOO AM A PASSIONATE NO ON THE PUBLIC -- OR THE, YEAH, THE CITY-SPONSORED EVENT AT BRUCE'S BEACH.

MY FRIEND MIKE SAID EVERYTHING I NEEDED TO SAY IN MUCH MORE

ELOQUENT TERMS.

YOU CAN'T HAVE TWO STANDARDS, ONE FOR THE PUBLIC AND ONE FOR THE CITY.

I ALSO AGREE WITH HIM FOR THE LOGO OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE VEHICLES.

I SAW THEM AND THOUGHT WHAT HAPPENED HERE.

AS OPPOSED TO SPENDING MORE CITY MONEY ON A CONSULTANT, WE HAVE A LOT OF CREATIVE PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN.

LET'S HAVE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND HAVE A PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC TO SUBMIT LOGOS FOR THE POLICE VEHICLES.

IT'S A GREAT WAY TO GET THE CITY INVOLVED AND SAVE THE CITY SOME MONEY.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, STEVE.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

>> GOOD EVENING, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, MR. MAYOR.

MY NAME IS JOHN FREEMAN, A 34-YEAR RESIDENT.

BEEN AROUND FOR A WHILE.

I DIDN'T USED TO HAVE THE GRAY HAIR.

I LIKE THE LAST FOUR SPEAKERS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE EXISTING POLICY ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED IN 2018 AND AFFIRMED BY THIS COUNCIL JUST LAST YEAR.

AS A HOMEOWNER WHO LIVES WITHIN ONE BLOCK OF BRUCE'S BEACH, I CAN SEE CERTAINLY WHY THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE WAS ESTABLISHED AND CAN ONLY THINK THERE'S A SPECIAL CONSTITUENCY DRIVING THIS FLIP-FLOP IN EXISTING POLICY.

AN ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS CHANGE THAT DOES NOT SUPPORT THE NEEDS NOR WISHES OF THOSE AFFECTED THE MOST, THOSE WHO LIVE NEARBY A SMALL, ENCLOSED PARK.

THERE ARE CERTAINLY MORE APPROPRIATE VENUES THAN BRUCE'S BEACH. THIS TYPE OF FLIP-FLOP FAILS TO MEET EXPECTATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN WELL-ESTABLISHED FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

WHEN EXPECTATIONS ARE NOT MEANT, TRUST IS LOST AND THOSE WHO FAIL TO MAINTAIN THE WELL THOUGHT OUT EXISTING POLICIES.

I IMPLORER THE COUNCIL TO MAINTAIN THE TRUST OF THE CITIZENS OF THE AFFECTED AREA BY MAINTAINING THE POLICY THAT IS CURRENTLY ON RECORD.

YOU GUYS DO A GOOD JOB MOST OF THE TIME.

NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO DROP THE BALL.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

>> HI.

MY NAME IS RAY JOSEPH.

I ALSO HAVE OPPOSED TO LARGE EVENTS AT BRUCE'S BEACH.

IT'S TOO SMALL FOR THAT.

I WORKED HOMETOWN FAIR AND UNDERSTOOD WHAT IT TAKE TO DO LARGE

EVENTS.
THERE'S NOT THE INFRASTRUCTURE THERE.
WITH THE HUGE DROP-OFFS -- IT'S NOT A GOOD PARK FOR LARGE
EVENTS.
WE HAVE A LOT OF NORTH-SOUTH TRAFFIC THERE.
ALSO FOR THE HOMEOWNERS THERE, IT HAS A BIG IMPACT ON THEIR
LIFESTYLES, WHAT THEY EXPERIENCE THERE.
I SOLD A PROPERTY SHORTLY AFTER THE WHOLE BRUCE'S BEACH THING
AND I REPRESENTED THE BUYER AND THE PREVIOUS [INDISCERNIBLE] WAS
\$700,000 HIGHER BEFORE ALL OF THE CONTROVERSY AND THE THINGS
GOING OVER THERE.
THE POOR SELLERS LOST, A FAMILY TRUST SALE, ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF
MONEY, HOW MUCH IT HIT THE PROPERTY VALUES OVER THERE.
IT'S A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.
KEEP IT THAT.
THERE'S OTHER PARKS AND OTHER VENUES THAT ARE BETTER FOR LARGE
EVENTS.
AND THAT'S WHY I THINK WE SHOULD KEEP IT THAT WAY.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, RAY.
>> NOT AS MUCH FUN AS EARLIER WITH ALL OF THE KIDS, BUT...
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.
ALL RIGHT.
OUR NEXT SPEAKER.
>> HONORABLE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, IT'S NICE TO SEE ALL OF YOUR
SMILING FACES AGAIN.
I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT THREE ITEMS, BUT BEFORE I GET STARTED
I'M JUST GOING TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR YOUR PREVIOUS FIVE
SPEAKERS REGARDING THE ACTIVITY THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE
CONSIDERING TONIGHT.
MY FIRST ITEM IS TIED INTO AN ARTICLE THAT I READ IN ONE OF OUR
LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.
IT WAS UNDER THE LITIGATION SECTION.
AND I USUALLY DON'T BOTHER WITH IT, BUT I WANTED TO COME TO YOU
TONIGHT AND JUST -- AND BASICALLY ASK YOU A COUPLE QUESTIONS
REGARDING IT.
SOME OF YOU ARE QUOTED IN THE ARTICLE SO I'M ASSUMING IT'S A
FAIRLY ACTIVE REFLECTION OF THE LEAST YOUR COMMENTS WERE MADE
FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE.
MY CONSIDER -- AND JUST REALLY I'M ASKING, HOW MUCH MONEY HAVE
WE SPENT LEGALLY OR ON ANY TYPE OF ACTIVITY RELATED TO THIS
PARTICULAR ISSUE?
I KNOW IT WENT BACK TO 2015.
SOME OF YOU WERE ON THE COMMITTEE OR THE COUNCIL AT THAT TIME
WHEN IT WENT THROUGH.
SOME WERE NOT.
I KNOW IT CAME UP AGAIN FOR ANOTHER VOTE ON 2019 OF WHICH A

STRICT FINE WAS INDICATED IN ADDITION TO GOING TO STRICTER CRITERIA.

SO I'M JUST INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW MUCH MONEY WE HAVE INVESTED IN THE ACTIVITY.

AND HOW MUCH MONEY DID WE GENERATE REVENUE-WISE BECAUSE OF THE FINES.

I HAVE NO IDEA.

AND I THINK THE CITY SHOULD HEAR THAT INFORMATION AS COMPARED TO READING ABOUT IT HERE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: CAN WE CLARIFY --

>> SHORT-TERM RENTALS.

I'M SORRY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THAT WAS A LONG ARTICLE.

>> IT WAS A LONG ARTICLE.

MY SECOND TOPIC IS ON AN ISSUE THAT OCCURRED ABOUT TEN MONTHS AGO.

AND I KNOW I'M GETTING OLDER EVERY YEAR.

IT COULD HAVE BEEN 6 MONTHS AGO OR 12 MONTHS AGO.

I DON'T KNOW.

IT WAS IN REGARDS TO THE DISCUSSIONS THAT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT THE LAST GOING THROUGH.

I KNOW THAT TWO OF YOU WERE NOT ON THE COUNCIL.

BY THE WAY, WELCOME BACK.

AND ALSO I WANT TO KNOW THE OUTCOMES.

YOU GUYS IMPLEMENTED SOME CHANGES.

I BELIEVE THEY WERE GEARED TO COST CONTAINMENT, BEING ABLE TO MANAGE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS COMPARED TO THE FIRE GUYS MANAGING IT FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE.

DID WE ACHIEVE OUR GOALS?

WERE WE SUCCESSFUL IN DID WE CUT EXPENSES?

DO WE HAVE A FULL COMPLIMENT OF FIREFIGHTERS AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME?

LAST ITEM IS ON -- I HAD THE PLEASURE OF GOING [BEEPING]

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU HAVE 15 SECONDS.

>> I WENT DOWN AND HAD DONUTS IN HERMOSA BEACH LAST WEEK.

ONE TOPIC CAME UP IN REGARDS TO I THINK THEY SAID A PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT'S GOING TO BE IMPACTING PROPERTY OWNERS WHERE THEY WOULD BE NOT ALLOWED TO PASS THROUGH THEIR TAX RATE TO THEIR CHILDREN.

THEY WERE GOING TO START TO TAX THAT FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE.

I SEE ON YOUR AGENDA THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT WHETHER YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE OFFICIAL POSITIONS ON THESE TYPE OF BILLS THAT ARE COMING UP.

I WOULD URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE NO ON THAT TO KEEP THE TAX BASE WHERE IT IS FOR EVERYBODY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU'RE WELCOME.

E-MAIL ME AND WE'LL GET THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTIONS.
THOSE THAT WE CAN GET YOU.

E-MAIL ME.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

ANYONE ELSE HERE WANT TO SPEAK?

TWO BITES AT THE APPLE FOR YOU.

>> I DIDN'T KNOW.

KRISTA SKINNER, 33-YEAR RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND REGIONAL
COMMISSION FOR AYSO18.

I MAY HAVE MISHEARD AT THE BEGINNING WHETHER ITEM 7 WAS BEING
PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR TONIGHT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YEAH, IT WAS.

>> I WAS SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ALLOWING IT TO GO THROUGH,
WHETHER YOU'RE CONSIDERING THAT TONIGHT OR ANOTHER TIME.

AS YOU KNOW, MARINE AVENUE PARK WAS PUT IN TEN YEARS AGO.

I MET WITH MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN TO REVIEW THE FIELD.

THE ITEM ON CONSENT TONIGHT WAS TO PUT IT OUT TO BID.

NOT TO MAKE A DECISION ON WHO'S PAYING FOR IT, HOW IT'S BEING
FUNDED, TO PUT IT OUT FOR BID.

DELAYING THIS FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR TO GET AN ACCURATE
NUMBER OF WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST TO REPLACE THE FIELD, I THINK
WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT TO GET THE NUMBER.

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE I'VE BEEN ABLE TO PUT 16, 18-YEAR-OLD
PLAYERS ON THAT FIELD BECAUSE IT'S DANGEROUS.

WE HAVEN'T HAD THE FIELD FOR THREE YEARS.

THOSE WERE FIVE TEAMS TONIGHT.

I HAVE 300 TEAMS THAT ALL OF YOUR CONSTITUENTS' CHILDREN, IT'S
MY RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE A PLACE FOR THEM TO SAFELY PLAY AND
YOU'RE TAKING THAT AWAY FROM US BECAUSE WE CAN'T GET PAST THE
STEP TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST.

IT'S IRRESPONSIBLE FOR THE CITY TO AT LEAST NOT MOVE FORWARD TO
REPLACE THIS FIELD.

WE WERE THE MAJOR FUNDER OF THE FIELD TEN YEARS AGO.

WE WERE THE MAJOR FUNDER OF VILLAGE FIELD.

WE'RE READY TO MOVE FORWARD.

HOWEVER YOU WANT US TO HELP FAYE FOR IT AS THE USER GROUP.

THE OTHER USER GROUPS ARE ON BARD.

BUT TO NOT TAKE THE STEP FORWARD TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE'RE DOING
AGAIN IS IRRESPONSIBLE.

SO I ASK THAT YOU WOULD RECONSIDER AT LEAST PUTTING IT OUT TO
BID AND THEN WE CAN HAVE ALL OF THE CONVERSATIONS LATER WITH
PARKS AND REC AND THE OTHER USER GROUPS ON HOW TO FUND IT.

BUT WE NEED TO START MOVING FORWARD.

THIS HAS BEEN SINCE NOVEMBER SINCE IT'S BEEN IN CONSIDERATION.
SIX MONTHS LATER.

WE CAN'T HAVE ANOTHER BEGG.

YOU WON'T HAVE THESE TEAMS HERE TO CELEBRATE IF YOU TAKE THESE
FIELDS AWAY FROM US.
WE ARE GOING TO STOP USING MARINE PARK.
IT IS DANGEROUS.
I'VE BEEN TOLD NOT TO SAY THAT WORD.
BUT I WILL SHOW YOU THE PICTURES OF THE BLOOD ON THE KNEES AND
THE CHINS AND THE ELBOWS AND THE BROKEN ARMS AND LEGS THAT HAVE
HAPPENED AT THIS FIELD.
THE CITY DESERVES BETTER AND OUR CHILDREN DESERVE BETTER.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU TO SUPPORT THIS.
THANK YOU.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.
STICK AROUND FOR THE FUN.
OUR NEXT SPEAKER.
NO ONE HERE IN PERSON?
ZOOM, PLEASE, MARTHA.
NO ZOOM SPEAKERS.
WE'RE GOING TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.
I NEED A MOTION ON CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVAL, ITEMS 2 THROUGH 8.
MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LESSER.
>> Councilmember Howorth: IT WAS TWO THROUGH NINE.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU FOR CATCHING ME ON THAT ONE.
>> Councilmember Howorth: MR. MAYOR, IF I MIGHT, I'M LETTING
MS. SKINNER KNOW WE'RE NOT APPROVING ITEM 7.
WE'RE PULLING IT FOR DISCUSSION.
>> Mayor Montgomery: PROCESS.
[INDISCERNIBLE]
>> Councilmember Howorth: IT WAS VERY HELPFUL.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ANY COMMENTS?
ROLL CALL, PLEASE.
SORRY.
>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.
>> Mayor Montgomery: NOW ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT.
START WITH NUMBER 67, CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT
BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT TURF FOR THE MARINE AVENUE FIELD PULLED BY
COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.
>> Councilmember Napolitano: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.
IT'S ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE TO PULL THIS ITEM TONIGHT FOR
DISCUSSION BECAUSE WHILE I'M ALL IN FAVOR OF GOING OUT FOR BID
ON IT, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THE FACT
THAT WE NEED TO START THOSE NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS RIGHT
AWAY AS TO WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR IT.
WE CAN GET THE NUMBER BUT AS TO WHO IS GOING TO PAY, LET'S START
THAT NOW.
WE'VE GONE DOWN THE ROAD ON TOO MANY THINGS, OUTDOOR DINING
WHERE WE WAIT AND WAIT AND NOTHING GETS DONE BECAUSE WE START
NEGOTIATIONS THREE MONTHS AFTER WE GET THE BID.

WE CAN START THOSE NOW WHILE WE GO OUT TO BID.
WE CAN START DISCUSSING WHAT THE PERCENTAGES, AMOUNTS ARE.
THAT'S MY SUGGESTION.
I PULLED IT BECAUSE ONE OF OUR FORMER COMMISSIONERS REACH OUT
AND MADE SOME SUGGESTIONS.
I AGREE THAT WE NEED TO START LOOKING AT IT RIGHT AWAY, RIGHT
NOW AS WE GO OUT TO BID, NOT AFTER WE GO OUT TO BID.
THAT IS A WASTE OF TIME.
>> Mayor Montgomery: SO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FOR DIRECTOR
LEYMAN BEFORE HE TALKS.
SEEING NONE, DIRECTOR LEYMAN.
>> YES.
SO COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO, YOU ARE CORRECT AND THAT HAS BEEN
AN ONGOING DISCUSSION AS WITH THE OTHER MODELS.
IT'S BEEN COLLABORATIVE WITH ALL OF THESE GROUPS.
AND, YOU KNOW, WHAT THAT ALLOCATION WOULD BE, WHAT THE MONETARY
CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE.
AND IN ADDITION, YOU KNOW, TO THAT, THESE USER GROUPS ARE
CONTRIBUTING, YOU KNOW, EITHER HOURLY BASED ON THE AGREEMENT OR
THE \$25 A HEAD FOR USE OF ALL OF THE FIELDS.
THERE ARE A LOT OF MOVING PIECES.
THIS WOULD KICK START THE PROCESS AND WE WOULD BRING BACK ALL OF
THOSE COSTS AND THOSE CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS.
AGAIN, THIS HAS BEEN A MULTIPLE-MONTH -- PROBABLY MULTI-YEAR
DISCUSSION WITH ALL OF THE GROUPS TO COME UP WITH THAT NUMBER.
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE BRINGING BACK WITH THE COST.
>> Councilmember Napolitano: DO WE HAVE A DEADLINE FOR
OURSELVES?
DO WE SET A DEADLINE AS TO WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE GOING TO AT
LEAST PAUSE WHILE WE HAVE SOME SORT OF CONCEPT AS TO HOW IT'S
GOING TO BE WORKED OUT?
>> THERE IS A MODEL THAT HAS BEEN CREATED WITH THE USER GROUPS
CURRENTLY.
IF WE'RE ABLE TO PUSH THIS OUT TO BID AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK WE
COULD BRING IT BACK AS EARLY AS JULY, WITH THOSE UPDATED
AGREEMENTS.
IF THERE'S SPECIFIC DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL THAT YOU WOULD LIKE
US TO INCLUDE IN THAT MODEL.
>> Councilmember Napolitano: I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER BRUCE
GREENBERG'S COMMENTS AS AN EXAMPLE OF THINGS TO DO.
>> ABSOLUTELY.
YES.
I KNOW WE'VE HAD MULTIPLE DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. GREENBERG AND I
KNOW WITH THE CITY MANAGER AS WELL POSSIBLY CREATING AN
ENTERPRISE FUNDS TO FUND THE PROJECTS AS THEY COME TO US.
>> Councilmember Napolitano: THANK YOU.
>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I WOULD ADD THAT IT MIGHT BE SMART TO BIFURCATE AND TALK ABOUT THE FUNDING.
I THINK IT WOULD BE REALLY WISE BECAUSE MAYBE WE DO IT COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THAN WE'VE DONE BEFORE.
BUT I THINK THAT THAT IS ITS OWN DISCUSSION.
SO I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT.
BECAUSE IT'S NOT ABOUT SORT OF ON ONE, THE NUMBER.
IT SOUNDS LIKE IT IS BUT IT'S NOT.
IT'S ABOUT HOW DO WE DO THIS IN A MORE SENSIBLE MANNER.
WE SHOULDN'T ALWAYS BE IN THIS POSITION.
LIKE OKAY, WE'RE GOING OUT TO TRY TO FIND -- CAN AYSO DO THIS, YOU KNOW.
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO THIS GOING FORWARD.
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT AS A SEPARATE THING.
DOES THAT MAKE SENSE TO MY COLLEAGUES?
>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'RE JUST TAKING QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RIGHT NOW.
>> Councilmember Howorth: THAT'S RIGHT.
WHATEVER HE SAID.
QUESTIONS.
>> Councilmember Lesser: A QUESTION HAVING TO DO WITH THE LAST TIME THE FEE SCHEDULE WAS LOOKED AT, WHICH IS A DIFFICULT SUBJECT.
BY MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT WAS ON ITS OWN SEPARATE CYCLE FOR WHAT THE TEAMS WOULD PAY TO USE THE FIELDS AND TO HELP PAY FOR THE COST, THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OVER TIME.
>> CORRECT.
THAT WAS DECEMBER 2018.
>> Councilmember Lesser: WHEN WAS THE THOUGHT AS TO WHEN THAT MIGHT COME BACK?
>> WITH ADDITIONAL, YOU KNOW, RE-EVALUATING WHAT THE RATES MIGHT BE.
AGAIN, WE'LL RECONSIDER THAT.
IT IS CLEAR.
THAT'S CLEAR DIRECTION.
WE WILL COME BACK WITH WHAT WILL BE ANOTHER FUNDING MECHANISM OTHER THAN MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS MODEL.
WHAT IS ANOTHER WAY TO GROW THE CAPITAL WHERE WE DON'T HAVE TO KEEP COMING BACK TO THE USER GROUPS AND ASKING FOR FUNDING.
>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.
>> Mayor Montgomery: MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: THANK YOU, DIRECTOR LEYMAN.
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME WE DID FUND A TURF REPLACEMENT?
WAS IT VILLAGE?
>> YES.
VILLAGE.
CORRECT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: WAS THAT TEN YEARS AGO?

>> Mayor Pro Tem: '18.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: 2018.

OKAY.

SO DO YOU SEE THINGS THAT HAVE FUNDAMENTALLY OCCURRED WITHIN THESE KIND OF MODELS THAT YOU CAN'T PURSUE THAT AND THAT WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING NEW GIVEN, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH AND THE COST ESCALATION AND EVERYTHING LIKE THAT IN.

>> I THINK, AGAIN, IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'VE LOOKED AT, LOOKING AT CREATING AN ENTERPRISE.

I THINK THAT IS A VERY GOOD VIABLE OPTION.

AT THE SAME TIME I THINK THESE MODEL BASES HAVE WORKED.

THEY HAVE THE CAPITAL TO ASSIST IN CREATING THIS PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.

IF IT WAS 100% FUND BID THE CITY THEY WOULD HAVE THE PRIORITY ON THE FIELD.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: WHAT WAS THE SCOPE OF THE FUNDING FOR VILLAGE FIELD?

>> THE OVERALL FINANCIALS?

I KNOW IT'S OVER \$500,000 CONTRIBUTION.

I DON'T HAVE THAT OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: THE TOTAL COST?

>> I THINK IT WAS A MILLION 500 FOR THE RETURF.

[OFF MIC]

WE'LL HAVE THAT DETAILED INFORMATION FOR YOU.

>> COME BACK WOULD BE MY SUGGESTION.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: LET HYMN GET THROUGH.

>> THAT PROJECT INCLUDED TWO DIFFERENT -- WE REPLACED ALL OF THE FENCING AND THE SYNTHETIC TURF REPLACING AS WELL.

AND I THINK OVERALL THE TURF WAS \$475,000 FOR THE REPLACEMENT

AND I THINK THE FENCING WAS ANOTHER 500,000.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS?

>> Mayor Pro Tem: YEAH.

ARE THERE OTHER -- CAN YOU SORT OF GIVE AN IDEA OF A FUNDING MODEL THAT WE MIGHT LOOK AT TODAY.

>> WE ADDRESS EVERYTHING EARLY AND SET UP PROBABLY FIVE YEARS IN ADVANCE AND JUST PREPLAN FOR THAT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: SO IT'S BASICALLY ESTABLISHING A USER FEE FOR EACH OF THE TEAMS AND THEY GO AHEAD AND ABSORB THAT COST AND TAKE IT WITHIN THEIR ORGANIZATIONS TO RAISE THAT MONEY, SOUNDS LIKE.

>> WE HAVE A FEW DIFFERENT OPTIONS THAT WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING. BUT IT'S -- WHETHER IT'S THE ENTERPRISE FUND OR, YOU KNOW, OTHER REVENUE STREAMS.

IT'S JUST PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE, LIKE --

>> Mayor Pro Tem: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NO OTHER QUESTIONS.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: NO.

>> Mayor Montgomery: PUBLIC COMMENT.

THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE NOT SPOKE ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE COME SPEAK ON THIS ITEM NOW.

ANYONE?

ON ZOOM, ANY CALLERS?

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

COUNCIL.

YOUR CHOICE.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: IT SOUNDS LIKE AT LEAST FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, I'M READY TO APPROVE THIS TONIGHT TO GO OUT TO BID. WE HAVE TO DO THAT.

BUT I ALSO DO WANT STAFF TO CONSIDER -- YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW IF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER GREENBERG'S SUGGESTIONS ARE GOOD ONES OR NOT.

BUT I DO KNOW THE CONCERN IS VALID.

AND SO I WANT US TO LOOK SEPARATELY -- THERE'S THE BID, THE FEE SCHEDULE AND HOW WE'RE GOING PAY FOR IT, AND THE FUNDING MECHANISM.

THOSE ARE SEPARATE THINGS.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE THEM SMUSHED TOGETHER, RIGHT.

AND I THINK WE CAN WORK ON THE ONE BEFORE WE GET THE BID SO THAT THEN AYSO AND LACROSSE AND ALL OF THE OTHER GROUPS -- I MEAN THAT'S THE POINT.

THERE ARE OTHER GROUPS, RIGHT.

SO THEY ALL HAVE A CHANCE TO WEIGH IN.

BUT I WILL SUPPORT GOING OUT TO MOTION.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: IS THAT A MOTION?

>> Councilmember Howorth: I MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I'LL SECOND YOUR MOTION.

AS SOMEONE WHO RAISED SOCCER PLAYERS IN MY FAMILY, I WAS MAYOR IN 2013 WHEN WE DEDICATED THE FIELD AND IT WAS KNOWN THEN THAT THERE WAS A USEFUL LIFE OF ONLY SO LONG AND I REGRET THAT IT'S TAKEN THIS LONG TO GET TO THIS POINT.

BUT OBVIOUSLY THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF ISSUES IN BETWEEN.

BUT WE DO NEED TO TALK ABOUT THE FUNDING MODEL AND WHETHER THERE'S AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO MOVE FORWARD THAN WHAT WE'RE CURRENTLY DOING.

>> Councilmember Howorth: MIGHT NOT BE.

BUT, RIGHT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: DO WE HAVE TO MODIFY THIS MOTION BECAUSE THIS IS JUST ASKING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE TURF.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: IT'S JUST ADDITIONAL DIRECTION TO

STAFF, I BELIEVE.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: TO GET THE NEGOTIATIONS STARTED.
>> Councilmember Lesser: LET ME JUST CLARIFY, DOES STAFF NEED ANY FURTHER DIRECTION?
>> WE DO NOT.
WE UNDERSTAND.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYONE ELSE HAVE COMMENTS?
>> Councilmember Howorth: THE MOTION IS TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS.
IT'S JUST LIKE IT SAYS.
>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU'RE GOOD.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: YEAH.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ROLL CALL PLEASE.
I'M SORRY.
VOTING SCREEN.
I'M STUCK ON THAT.
>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.
NEXT ITEM UP THAT WAS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT, A LONG NAME, CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AWARDDING THE CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT TO HARDY AND HARPER FOR CYCLE 2 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT. I'LL STOP THERE AND ASK DIRECTOR LEE TO COME BACK AND GIVE US THE READER'S DIGEST CONDENSED VERSION OF THE PROJECT AND THEN OPEN UP PUBLIC COMMENT.
NOT YET.
DIRECTOR LEE WILL GO FIRST.
>> GOOD EVENING, HONORABLE MAYOR, MY NAME IS ERICK LEE. TONIGHT OUR ASSOCIATE ENGINEER WILL GIVE YOU A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT AND WE'LL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.
THANK YOU.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.
>> EXCUSE ME.
PRINCIPLE CIVIL ENGINEER GIL.
>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS.
THIS IS PART OF THE ANNUAL STREET RESURFACING PROJECT. IT ENTAILS FOUR STREET SEGMENTS NORTH OF VALLEY DRIVE, EAST OF BLANCH AVENUE IN THE TREE SECTION.
THEY INCLUDE AGNES, 27th AND 20th STREET.
THEY'RE ALL FUNDED OUT OF THREE OF THE STREET RESURFACING PROJECT FUNDINGS, PROP C, GAS TAX AND [INDISCERNIBLE].
THE PROJECT ENTAILED A FULL RECONSTRUCTION OF THE STREETS, SOME CURB GUTTER SIDEWALK TREATMENTS, BULB OUTS IN SOME OF THE AREAS. THIS IS AN AREA WHERE IT'S A NONTRADITIONAL NONSTANDARD STREET. THERE'S NOT FULL SIDEWALKS AND EVERYTHING THERE BUT THERE IS SOME PLACES WHERE WE'RE DOING SOME CONCRETE FLAT WORK.
BUT THE MAIN CRUX OF IT IS REPLACING THE LOW PCI OR PAVEMENT

CONDITION INDEX IS HOW WE BASE OUR PRIORITY IN TERMS OF STREET RESURFACING.

SO THESE RANGE, OUT OF A SCALE OF 100, THESE RANGE BETWEEN 30 AND 50 IN TERMS OF OUR INDEX.

SO THEY ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR.

AND ACTUALLY FULL RECONSTRUCTION AT THIS TIME.

THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE PROJECT WILL PROBABLY TALK ABOUT FOUR TO SIX MONTHS AFTER WE GET ALL OF THE PRECONSTRUCTION AND ORDERING OF MATERIALS AND GET THE CONTRACTOR GOING.

THAT'S KIND OF A SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT SCOPE.

AND IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WE HAVE STAFF HERE TO ANSWER ANYTHING ELSE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: GREAT.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO, GO FIRST AND I'LL FOLLOW RIGHT BEHIND YOU.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THANK YOU.
QUESTION.

TO BOIL IT DOWN, WE'RE TAKING THE SOFT SHOULDER THAT'S THERE NOW AND PUTTING IN CURBS AND SIDEWALKS?

>> NOT THE ENTIRE STREET SEGMENT.

JUST TO HANDLE THE STREET FLOW.

WE'RE GOING TO HELP WITH THE TRANSITION OF THE VARYING ELEVATIONS.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: IT'S NOT A TYPICAL CURB AND GUTTER, IT'S GOING TO BE THE ROLLING --

>> THE ROLL CURBS THAT WE SEE ON OAK, ELM THAT WE DID YEARS AGO IN THAT SENSE WHICH HELPED TRANSITION THE NONSTANDARD STREETS WITH PARKING PADS AND SUCH.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY OF THE TYPICAL CURB AND GUTTER THAT YOU SEE, FOR INSTANCE, DOWN HERE, DOWNTOWN.

>> MAYBE IN SOME SHORT AREAS BUT NOT FOR FULL LENGTH SPANS.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: WE WOULD ONLY DO THAT IF THERE'S A CONDITION THAT NEEDS IT FOR DRAINAGE, BUT HOW BIG ARE THOSE AREAS?

>> THEY VARY.

THEY TYPICALLY GET US FROM A HIGH POINT DOWN TO THE CATCH BASIN DRAINAGE AREAS, SO WHEREVER THOSE PLACES ARE LOCATED.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PUTTING IN SIDEWALKS WHERE THERE AREN'T ANY SIDEWALKS NOW?

>> WE HAVE A FEW AREAS THERE THAT WE ARE DOING THAT, A RESULT OF OUR POST MOBILITY PLAN.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: WHICH IS?

>> AT THE CORNER OF FLORNOY AND VALLEY DRIVE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THAT'S IT FOR NOW.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.

DO ME A FAVOR.
CAN YOU PUT THE MAP UP THAT YOU HAVE ON THE REPORT PLEASE.
WE'LL ALL SEE WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE.
WHILE THAT'S ONGOING -- I DON'T KNOW WHO IS GOING TO DO THAT.
WHILE THAT'S ONGOING I'LL ASK YOU ANOTHER QUESTION WHILE THEY'RE
DOING THE MAP.
THE PROPERTY ON FLORNOY NEXT TO VALLEY, THAT IS PUBLIC
RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THAT SOUTHERNMOST BORDER ON THE FLORNOY SIDE?
>> YES.
THERE'S PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.
THE STREET -- THE FLORNOY IS AS A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OF
40 FEET.
ONE CENTER LINE TO EITHER SIDE WILL BE 20 FEET.
SO --
>> Mayor Montgomery: WHERE THE SIDEWALK IS TO GO ON THE FLORNOY
SIDE NORTH OF VALLEY, THAT RIGHT-OF-WAY EXISTS WHERE THE
SIDEWALKS WERE POSED IN.
>> CORRECT.
THAT IS PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.
THERE'S NO PROPERTY ACQUISITION IF YOU'RE ON THAT END OF IT.
THAT'S ALL IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.
>> Mayor Montgomery: AND WERE THERE RESIDENT REQUESTS TO PLACE
THE SIDEWALK -- TO HAVE A SIDEWALK THERE?
THE REASON FOR THE SIDEWALK IS WHAT?
>> THE REASON -- DIRECTOR LEE.
>> TRAFFIC ENGINEER WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THERE WE GO.
BRING THE BIG GUNS IN.
I GET IT.
TRAFFIC ENGINEER, THANK YOU SIR.
YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT THAT.
>> GOOD EVENING.
I'M THE CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER.
WITH REGARD TO THE SIDEWALK PROPOSED ON FLORNOY ROAD, IT WOULD
BE GOING FROM VALLEY DRIVE NORTH TO 25th STREET.
IT'S ABOUT 400 FEET LONG.
IT WOULD BE WITHIN THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY.
IT WOULD ENCROACH ABOUT 3 FEET MORE THAN THE EXISTING PAVEMENT
IS NOW.
SO THREE FEET -- OR THAT PARKWAY WOULD BE SIDEWALK.
WE DO HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE DESIGN THAT COULD BE USED SO THAT WE
WOULD NOT ENCROACH INTO THE PARKWAY AREA THAT'S THERE NOW.
THE REASON FOR THE SIDEWALK IS AS GILBERT MENTIONED, WE LOOK AT
THE CITY'S MOBILITY PLAN WHICH EMPHASIZED AND ENCOURAGES BICYCLE
SAFETY AND THIS IS ONE OF THE AREAS WHERE WE'RE TRYING TO
CONNECT THE VETERANS PARKWAY TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.
WE HAVE A PROPOSED DESIGN TO CALM TRAFFIC ON VALLEY DRIVE, WHICH

IS ALSO A CONCERN, AND PROVIDE SPACE FOR CURB RAMPS TO BUILD A CROSSWALK ACROSS VALLEY DRIVE AT FLORNOY.

THE SIDEWALK WOULD THEN CONNECT THE PEDESTRIANS TO THE REST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE HAVE SUGGESTED SCHOOL ROUTES THAT ARE ON MARINE AND 25th STREET TO GET TO GRAND VIEW SCHOOL AND TO AMERICA MARTYR SCHOOL.

SO THOSE TWO DESTINATIONS ARE WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO CONNECT TOGETHER AND PROVIDE A SAFE WAY FOR OUR PEDESTRIANS TO GO THROUGH.

SIMILARLY, YOU CAN SEE THE SECTION OF FLORNOY ROAD SOUTH, SOUTH OF ARDMORE AVENUE.

ALL OF IT TOGETHER WOULD HELP CONNECT THE SOUTH AND NORTH SIDES OF THE PARKWAY WITH A PEDESTRIAN ROUTE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: GOT IT.

ONE MORE FOLLOW-UP QUESTION.

THE ALTERNATIVE DESIGN YOU MENTIONED, I DON'T SEE A PICTURE OF IT HERE, BUT CAN YOU GIVE US AN IDEA OF WHAT THE OVERVIEW OF WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE?

>> SURE.

IF YOU COULD IMAGINE THE PROPOSED STREET WIDTH FOR THE VEHICLES IS 24 FEET.

IT WOULD HAVE ROLLED CURBS ON ONE SIDE AND A CURB ON THE OTHER TO PROTECT THE SIDEWALK.

THE SIDEWALK WOULD BE 5 FEET WIDE.

3 FEET OF THE SIDEWALK WOULD BE IN THE DIRT AREA OF THE EXISTING STREET.

THE PROPOSAL OR THE ALTERNATE DESIGN WE COULD LOOK INTO IS MOVING THE SIDEWALK INTO THE STREET AREA THAT'S THERE NOW BY 3 FEET.

TWO FEET WOULD -- TWO FEET OF THE ROADWAY WOULD BE REDUCED TO MAKE IT A 22-FOOT WIDE STREET AND ONE FOOT OF THE SIDEWALK WOULD BE REDUCED FROM A 5-FOOT SIDEWALK TO A 4-FOOT SIDEWALK AND THEN WE WOULDN'T ENCROACH ON THE LANDSCAPING.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU CALLED THAT PLAN B.

>> THAT'S PLAN B.

EITHER ONE OF THOSE DESIGNS DOES REQUIRE US TO REMOVE PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET.

PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET STILL ONLY ALLOWS ONE TRAVEL LANE FOR BOTH DIRECTIONS.

24-FOOT STREET OR 22-FOOT STREET, STILL IF YOU USE 8 FEET OF IT FOR PARKING ON ONE SIDE YOU ONLY HAVE ONE LANE.

IT'S EXISTING NOW WITH PARKING ON BOTH SIDE OF THE STREET AND ONLY ALLOWS A 12-FOOT LANE FOR BOTH DIRECTIONS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COUNCIL, ANY QUESTIONS?

COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: YES.
YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU WANTED TO MAKE A SAFE -- WHAT'S THE TERM,
SAFE PATH TO SCHOOL?
>> YES, SAFE PEDESTRIAN PATH.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: SO WHERE YOU'RE HEADING SOUTH ON FLORNOY AND
YOU GET TO THE VETERAN PARKWAY, I DROVE BY THERE BUT I WASN'T
LOOKING AT THAT.
YOU SAID THERE WOULD BE A POTENTIAL FUTURE CROSSWALK THERE TO
HELP THE STUDENTS.
>> CORRECT.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE GREEN BELT THERE'S A
PRETTY TALL BANK.
HAS THAT GOT A PRETTY STEEP BANK THERE?
>> YES, AT THAT POINT THERE'S A STAIRCASE MADE BY WOODEN
RAILROAD TIES THAT GOES UP TO THE VETERANS PARKWAY.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: THAT STAIRCASE IS THERE NOW.
>> YES.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: WOULDN'T THAT BE DIFFICULT FOR STUDENTS GOING
TO THE SCHOOL WITH THE BIKE IN PARTICULAR?
THEY WOULD HAVE TO CARRY THE BIKE.
>> THEY WOULD HAVE TO CARRY THE BIKE UP THE SHARES.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ANY QUESTIONS?
>> Mayor Pro Tem: I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT.
>> Mayor Montgomery: AT THIS TIME WE'LL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT.
>> HELLO, MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL PEOPLE.
RICHARD AND HARRIET CHASE.
WE'VE BEEN RESIDENTS FOR 44 YEARS.
AND WE ARE A NO TO SIDEWALK IN LOSS OF PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF
FLORNOY ROAD.
OUR HOUSE -- WE WERE NOT AWARE OF TWO PREVIOUS PUBLIC MEETINGS
ABOUT THE PROJECT, ONE DURING COVID-19 OP ZOOM, APRIL 20th, 2022,
AND ONE IN PERSON AND ZOOM ON SEPTEMBER 9th, 2022.
AND IT SEEMS OUR NEIGHBORS WEREN'T EITHER, THOSE THAT WE'VE
TALKED TO.
WE JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT THE PROJECT TWO WEEKS AGO BY ACCIDENT.
THE FRONT OF OUR HOUSE FACING FLORNOY AND IT IS A REBUILD.
IT WAS REBUILT IN 1985 AND IT'S THE ONLY HOUSE ON THE BLOCK
FACING FLORNOY.
AND THE PROJECT CALLS FOR INSTALLING A SIDEWALK NEAR THE FRONT
OF OUR HOUSE THAT WOULD IMPACT US NEGATIVELY IN SO MANY WAYS.
NUMBER ONE, ELIMINATE OUR PRIVACY BY HAVING PEOPLE WALK TOO
CLOSE TO THE FRONT OF OUR HOUSE WITH 3 FEET OF THE 4 -- WITHIN
3 FEET OF FOUR BRICK STEPS THAT LEAD TO OUR DOOR AND SIX FEET
FROM THE KITCHEN, LIVING ROOM AND DINING ROOM WINDOWS.
AND TWO, REMOVING PARKING FROM OUR SIDE OF THE STREET.
AND THIS WILL IMPACT OUR PARKING AND OVERLOAD PARKING TO THE
OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET.

MANY NEIGHBORS ON VALLEY PARK ON FLORNOY AND CARS COULD POSSIBLY PARK ON THE SIDEWALK SINCE THE CURBS WILL BE ROLLED, BRINGING THEM CLOSER TO THE FRONT OF THE HOUSE.

NUMBER THREE, REMOVING -- [BEEPING]

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU WANT TO LET YOUR HUSBAND TALK FOR A SECOND THERE?

>> YES.

NUMBER THREE, REMOVING 3 FEET OF OUR BRICK DRIVEWAY WHICH IS NOT VERY LONG, POSSIBLY NOT LONG ENOUGH THAN FOR A LONG SUV.

TO MAKE THE CORNERS OF VALLEY AND FLORNOY ADA APPROVED.

NO PROBLEM THERE.

BUT THIS COMES -- IT'S A REALLY IMPACTFUL ON US.

IT CHANGES EVERYTHING.

I THINK WE'RE THE ONLY ONES IN THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD WHO HAS A HOUSE FACING ON FLORNOY --

>> THERE'S ANOTHER HOUSE UP THE NEXT --

>> THAT'S A DIFFERENT SIDE.

>> NOT OP OUR BLOCK.

>> THIS TOTALLY AFFECTS OUR QUALITY OF LIFE.

IT WILL RUIN OUR PRIVACY.

THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY ACCIDENTS AS FAR AS WE KNOW ON FLORNOY.

KIDS GET ACROSS THE STREET.

>> IT'S LOW TRAFFIC WALKING.

NOT MANY PEOPLE WALK THERE AND ON THE CROSS STREETS OF MARIN AND 25th STREET, ONLY GOING UP TWO BLOCKS.

THEY DO NOT HAVE WALKS ON THEM.

>> WE THINK AS LONG-TIME RESIDENTS WE MADE SURE THAT, YOU KNOW, OUR WALKING AREA IS CLEAN AND FINE.

YOU CAN'T HAVE A SIDEWALK THERE.

THIS WOULD BE A REAL PROBLEM FOR US.

REALLY HURT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE.

>> SEVEN PEOPLE THAT WE TALKED TO IN THE LAST COUPLE OF HOURS SIGNED THE PETITION NOT TO HAVE IT.

THE STREET IS USED FOR PARKING ON TRASH DAYS.

>> AND THE PARKING SITUATION IS REALLY DIRE.

AND THAT'S -- PEOPLE CAN NEGOTIATE THE STREET WITH PARKING ON BOTH SIDES.

BUT YOU TAKE THAT AWAY, IT'S ALL BAD FOR US AND I DON'T THINK IT DOES ANYTHING GOOD FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

>> NO CONTINUATION OF SIDEWALKS ANYWHERE IN THE AREA.

JUST TO PUT IN THIS TWO-BLOCK PIECE.

SO IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

>> IN CONCLUSION, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

WE THINK IT'S AN IMPACTFUL FACTOR FOR US OR WE WOULDN'T BE UP HERE -- [BEEPING].

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU BOTH.

ANY OTHER PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM?

ZOOM?

ANYONE ON ZOOM?

WE DO HAVE SOMEONE ON ZOOM?

NO ONE ON ZOOM.

WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: JUST A QUESTION.

I WANT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE DUAL NATURE OF A ROLLED SIDEWALK, IF IT WILL REALLY SERVE AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC OR IF IT'S ROLLED DOES THAT IMPLY THAT CARS WILL PARK THERE IN WHICH CASES IT WILL BLOCK THE SIDEWALK.

I'M TRYING TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT ITS PURPOSE IS IF TO THE EXTENT IT'S BEING INSTALLED TO FACILITATE MOBILITY.

>> SO A ROLLED CURB CAN BE USED NEXT TO A SIDEWALK.

IT'S OFTEN USED IN OTHER CITIES.

THE ROLLED CURB PREVENTS THE WATER FROM FLUSHING OUT INTO THE NEIGHBOR'S YARD, AS FAR AS THAT GOES.

THE SIDEWALK AREA IS NOT PART OF THE ROLLED CURB AREA.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THE SIDEWALK WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE ROLLED CURB.

THIS IS JUST THE EDGING WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?

>> CORRECT.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.

THAT'S HELPFUL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYONE ELSE?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: SO THE ROLLED SIDEWALK WE HAVE CALLED THAT A SWALE IN THE PAST, LIKE WHEN YOU MENTIONED OAK AND PINE AND ELM.

>> YES.

PART OF THE ROLLED CURB IS A SWALE.

THE SWALE IS THE CONCAVE SECTION WHERE THE WATER GOES.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: OKAY.

SO THERE IS A POTENTIAL OPTION TO NARROW THE SIDEWALK TO ALLOW THE SWALE AND THEN AS IT CURVES UP, THEN THE SIDEWALK CONNECTS TO IT, RIGHT?

YES.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: OKAY.

HAS THERE BEEN A PROBLEM WITH RUNOFF AT THAT CORNER AT ALL THAT WE CAN SEE?

>> THAT'S AN ENGINEERING QUESTION.

I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY THE WATER FLOWS IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA. [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> FLOWS GREAT.

ALL I WILL SAY IS THAT THE EXISTING PARKWAY THAT'S NEXT TO THE ROADWAY IS GENERALLY HAS ROCKS, A ROCK PLANTER ALONGSIDE IT. AND SEVERAL LARGE TREES.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: STORM DRAINS.
>> THERE'S ALSO ANOTHER POINT THAT IF THE SIDEWALK AND ROLLED CURB WERE BUILT IN THE AREA OF THE EXISTING ROADWAY, WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO REMOVE TWO TREES?
TWO TREES.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: NO MORE QUESTIONS.
THANK YOU.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ERIK, A COUPLE FOR QUESTIONS FOR YOU.
TELL ME ABOUT PARKING LOSS.
YOU'RE SAYING NO MATTER WHICH WAY WE GO, PLAN A OR B THERE WILL BE PARKING LOSS IN THAT AREA, THE WEST SIDE AND THE EAST SIDE, IS THAT CORRECT?
>> CORRECT.
THE WEST SIDE OF THE STREET HAS ABOUT SEVEN PARKING SPACES.
>> Mayor Montgomery: OKAY.
AND THE ADA ISSUE TO PUT A SIDEWALK IN REGARDLESS, IS THAT AN ADA ISSUE THERE, TO HAVE THAT THERE, HAVE ACCESS BEING AN ADA SIDEWALK?
IS THAT PART OF THE EQUATION OR NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SIDEWALK BEING INSTALLED THERE.
THAT'S MERELY AN ACCESS POINT FOR OUR CHILDREN TO WALK ON THE SIDEWALK VERSUS WALKING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET.
>> WHEN YOU'RE WALKING IN THE STREET IT'S NOT AN ADA PATH.
>> Mayor Montgomery: SO YOU WANT THE SIDEWALK FOR PROTECTION.
>> CORRECT.
WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE ADDED SAFETY OF NOT HAVING TO WALK IN THE STREET.
>> Mayor Montgomery: WERE YOU AWARE OF ANY RESIDENT REQUESTS TO HAVE THIS INSTALLED?
IN OTHER WORDS, I THINK PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED WITH THEIR KIDS WALKING IN THE STREET AND ASKED FOR A SIDEWALK TO BE INSTALLED?
>> YES.
SEVERAL YEARS AGO, I DON'T REMEMBER HOW MANY YEARS, WE HAD A PETITION THAT CAME THROUGH FROM STUDENTS THAT WENT TO AMERICAN MARTYR SCHOOL AND THAT'S WHAT INITIATED SOME OF THE WORK AND IT ALSO INITIATED CROSSING GUARDS REQUEST AND THEN THE REQUEST ARE FOR PEDESTRIAN SIGNS AT VALLEY DRIVE AND FLORNOY.
NOW THERE'S PEDESTRIAN SIGNS EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NOT A CROSSWALK.
WE'RE LETTING DRIVERS KNOW THERE MAY BE THE POTENTIAL OF SOMEONE TO CROSS THERE AND TO WATCH OUT.
ALSO FROM GRAND VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WE'VE WORKED WITH THEM FOR MANY YEARS TO PROVIDE OR TO ENCOURAGE PEDESTRIAN, SAFE PEDESTRIAN ROUTES TO SCHOOL, EVEN THOUGH FLORNOY ISN'T ON THE DIRECT PATH TO GRAND VIEW SCHOOL, THE CROSSING AT MARINE AVENUE AND FLORNOY WAS AN ISSUE THAT CAME UP TO THE CITY COUNCIL SEVERAL YEARS AGO ASKING FOR A STOP SIGN THERE.

EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T APPROVE A STOP SIGN THERE, WE APPROVED A CROSSWALK.

THAT CROSSWALK ESSENTIALLY DOESN'T GO TO ANY PARTICULAR SIDEWALK.

BUT AS PART OF THIS PROJECT WE WOULD ACTUALLY CREATE THE SIDEWALK THAT CONNECTS THAT PARTICULAR CROSSWALK AS WELL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: UNDERSTOOD.

THANK YOU.

MY LAST QUESTION WILL BE FOR DIRECTOR LEE.

I HEARD A COMMENT EARLIER AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS. THIS IS THE THIRD TIME WE'VE DISCUSSED THIS AT MEETINGS, WHETHER IT BE AT PLANNING.

THE THIRD TIME WE TALKED ABOUT THIS PROJECT.

>> THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THIS SPECIFIC PROJECT IS BEING BROUGHT TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS PART OF THE STREET RESURFACING. I THINK THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER HAS HAD PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH THE PPIC AND POTENTIALLY A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO SUMMARIES OF THAT WERE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL HERE.

>> ITEMS THAT I TALKED ABOUT.

>> THAT'S THE EXTENT OF THOSE MEETINGS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: AND WHAT WAS OUR RANGE OF NOTICE FOR THIS PROJECT?

WAS IT A THOUSAND FEET?

DO WE KNOW?

>> 500 FEET.

>> Mayor Montgomery: 500 FEET.

THAT'S IT FOR ME.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN HAS ONE.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: NOT HAVING A SIDEWALK THERE, IS THAT GOING TO IMPACT THE VIABILITY OF THE GRANTS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

>> NO.

THE GRANTS ARE NOT TIED TO THE SIDEWALK.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ONE LAST ONE.

ARE WE IN DANGER OF LOSING ANY OF THE GRANTS THAT WE HAVE IF WE DON'T GIVE AN ANSWER BACK OR START THIS BID BY AN EXACT DATE?

>> I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT DATE BUT WE HAVE GRANT FUNDS WE'RE PLANNING TO USE AND WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL AWARD THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AS RECOMMENDED SO WE CAN GET THE CONTRACTING PROCESS STARTED AND NOT LOSE FURTHER GROUND ON THIS. AS THE COUNCIL RECALLS, WE ACTUALLY REJECTED BIDS ON THIS A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO SO THIS IS THE REBIDDING OF THAT. WE'RE NOT AS FAR ALONG AS WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BEEN UP TO THIS POINT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.

COMMENTS COUNCIL?

WHO WANTS TO START US OFF HERE.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER, YOU WANT TO START US OFF?

BE MY GUESS.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I SEE COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN PUSHED THE BUTTON.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: IT WAS INTERESTING, MAYBE 25 YEARS AGO THE CITY WAS PUTTING IN THE SWALES IN OUR SECTION OF PINE AVENUE BETWEEN 19th AND MARINE.

ALL OF THESE STREETS THERE, OAK AND ELM AND ACTUALLY FROM MARINE ALL THE WAY UP TO, LET'S JUST SAY, 17th.

BUT ANYWAY, WE WERE GIVEN THE OPTION TO OPT OUT BECAUSE WE JUST DIDN'T LIKE THE LOOK OF IT.

WE THOUGHT IT WAS SOME DEROGATORY COMMENTS.

IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS IRVINE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: GOD FORBID.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: AND THE LIKE.

WE'VE BEEN LIVING WITHOUT THE SWALE FOR THIS MANY YEARS.

OTHER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LIVING WITH IT.

I HAVE SEEN WHERE PEOPLE WILL GO UP THE SWALE AND GO UP -- WELL, HAVING A SIDEWALK WOULD HAVE BEEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOMEOWNER.

BUT ANYWAY, PEOPLE ARE DOING THAT.

THEY'RE COVERING THE SWALE WITH ABOUT HALF OF THEIR CAR.

I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN HERE WITH A STREET THAT'S USED TO HAVING PARKING.

AS WE KNOW, WE WANT TO ADD PARKING, NOT TAKE AWAY PARKING.

KEEP THE PARKING THAT WE HAVE.

I THINK THAT WOULD HAPPEN IN ALL REALITY IN THAT AREA.

AS FAR AS THE -- I ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT THE DRAINAGE.

IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AN ISSUE.

I ALSO JUST SORT OF GAVE THOUGHT IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE CROSSING TO THE GREEN BELT TO THE SOUTH, YOU KNOW, OR COMING FROM THE SOUTH TO GO NORTH, IF YOU'RE ON THE SOUTH SIDE, YOU'RE IN PACIFIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AREA.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY KIDS ARE GOING TO COME ACROSS THE GREEN BELT FROM THE SOUTH HEADING GOING DOWN, LIFTING THEIR BIKE DOWN THE STAIRS IN ORDER TO RIDE THEIR BIKE TO GRANDVIEW.

I IMAGINE WE HAVEN'T DONE A STUDY.

SO I KIND OF FAVOR THE STATUS QUO, LEAVE IT AS IT IS.

AND IT DOESN'T SEEM TO CREATE SUCH OF A HAZARD.

AND I THINK PUTTING IN ALL OF THAT HARDSCAPE, IT'S GOING TO BE OVERTAKEN BY VEHICLES ANYWAY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: LET ME CLARIFY, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE STATUS QUO FOR THE FLORNOY SECTION?

>> Mayor Pro Tem: FLORNOY VALLEY UP TO 25th, IS IT?

>> Mayor Montgomery: I CAN'T SEE THE. ANY LONGER.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: UP TO 25th.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THIS IS A MUCH LARGER PROJECT THAN JUST THIS INTERSECTION AND I'M IN FAVOR OF MOVING FORWARD WITH IT SO WE DON'T LOSE OUT ON LARGE GRANTS 37 I'M SYMPATHETIC TO THE HOMEOWNERS.

BUT THE MANY PROJECTS THAT RELATE TO WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WITH THIS INTERSECTION.

ONE IS MOBILITY.

ALL OF US HAVE WORKED ON MOBILITY ISSUES, TO FACILITATE CONNECTIVITY IN OUR CITY.

WE'VE ADOPTED MULTIPLE PLANS.

THIS IS PART OF A KEY LINK TO A CALMING VALLEY AT THAT LOCATION. WE JUST RECENTLY HEARD FROM NEIGHBORS PLEADING WITH US TO TAKE MEASURES TO TRY TO SLOW TRAFFIC.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT PROPOSED AT THIS LOCATION THERE WOULD BE CALMING MEASURES.

THERE'S A PLAN THAT WOULD ENTAIL PUTTING PERHAPS A SIGNAL LIGHT AT THAT LOCATION, CROSSWALK BLINKING LIGHT TO FACILITATE SAFE CROSSING AT THAT LOCATION.

AND TIMELY, THIS IS THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

THIS IS THE SECTION THAT WOULD FACILITATE A CONTIGUOUS CROSSING. I WANT TO HEAR THE REST OF THE COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES. BUT I AM AWARE OF THESE LARGER POLICY GOALS THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FOR MANY YEARS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, SIR.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YEAH.

I THINK I FEEL THE SAME WAY YOU DO, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER, THAT I DO WANT TO SUPPORT THE LARGER POLICY GOALS BUT I HEAR WHAT THE CHASES ARE SAYING AS WELL.

I WANT TO POINT OUT HOW WONDERFUL IT IS THAT IT WAS A GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM AMERICAN MARTYRS WHO BROUGHT THIS FORWARD YEARS AGO, TALKING ABOUT THEIR CONCERNS AND SOME IDEAS.

SOME OF THIS HAS BEEN GENERATED BY THAT AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO TAKE A MOMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

I WANT TO POINT WITHOUT COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN, I'M SORRY, MAYOR PRO TEM, THE NORTH-SOUTH CROSSING, A SPECIFIC KID WOULDN'T CROSS TO GO TO GRANDVIEW.

I THINK THAT'S THE POINT YOU WERE MAKING.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: IN VOLUME.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YOU'RE RIGHT.

AND I DO WONDER, AGAIN I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S AN ISSUE, IF THERE ARE KIDS WALKING FROM MARTYRS, THEY'RE COMING FROM ALL DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE COMMUNITY.

I DO WANT SAFETY.

AND YOU KNOW, WE HAVE HEARD REPEATEDLY -- ACTUALLY IN THE HILL

SECTION I REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE WORKING ON THE ISSUE AND A LOT OF THE NEIGHBORS WERE TALKING ABOUT THERE'S NO SIDEWALKS UP THERE.

THERE'S A LOT OF ROOM FOR SIDEWALKS UP THERE.

THIS IS GOING TO BE REALLY DANGEROUS BECAUSE THE KIDS ARE WALKING IN THE STREETS AND THERE ARE CARS GOING TO GILLSONS.

I DO LIKE SIDEWALKS WHERE WE CAN HAVE SIDEWALKS.

THAT'S KIND OF WHERE I'M LEANING RIGHT NOW BUT I'M OPEN.

IN TERMS OF -- I MEAN I SUPPORT THE PROJECT IN GENERAL BUT I'M TALKING ABOUT THE SPECIFIC STRETCH THAT THE CHASES BROUGHT UP.

>> Mayor Montgomery: FLORNOY ROAD NORTH FROM VALLEY DRIVE, ADDITIVE B.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YES.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

I AGREE WITH COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

WHILE I AM CERTAINLY SYMPATHETIC, I WOULD LIKE TO -- I'LL BE MORE SPECIFIC THOUGH THAN COUNCILMEMBER LESSER IN SAYING I THINK THAT I APPRECIATE THE COMPROMISE THAT WAS PROPOSED THAT WOULD SAVE THE TWO TREES THERE.

AND IF NARROWING THE STREET TAKES A COUPLE FEET, SO BE IT.

IT WILL BE A TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE THERE AS WELL.

WE'VE HEARD FROM SO MANY FOLKS.

I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPOSE THAT EVERYONE IS CROSSING FOR SCHOOL. THAT'S JUST ONE THING.

A LOT OF PEOPLE CROSS THERE JUST TO GOAT THE PATHWAY.

WHILE THEY HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE PARKWAY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THEM, THE BURDEN IS OTHER PEOPLE WANT TO USE IT TOO.

WE'VE TALKED ABOUT SAFETY OF THIS INTERSECTION MORE THAN A COUPLE OF TIMES.

NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OTHER SECTIONS OF VALLEY DRIVE A LITTLE FARTHER NORTHEAST FROM THIS.

SO THIS IS ANOTHER ONE IN THE SERIES I THINK -- WHILE AGAIN I APPRECIATE THAT THEY WANT TO AVOID ANY IMPACT, I DON'T THINK THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE SUCH AN IMPACT AND SO NEGATIVE THAT IT'S GOING TO CHANGE MUCH EXCEPT IT WILL CHANGE THE ACCESS TO THE VETERANS PARKWAY.

AND WE HAVE STAIRS THERE FOR A REASON THAT IS AN ACCESS POINT.

WE HAVE STAIRS ALONG OTHER AREAS, AGAIN, ACCESS POINTS.

WE TALKED ABOUT THE SAFETY AND EVERYTHING ELSE UNTIL SOMEONE COMPLAINS.

I THINK THE COMPROMISE KEEPS ENOUGH OF THE LANDSCAPING WHILE PROVIDING FOR A SAFE ACCESS POINT.

I DON'T SEE SIDEWALKS ALL OVER THE PLACE THERE AT ALL.

WE NEED ACCESS POINTS AND FOCAL POINTS FOR DRIVERS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS AN AREA WHERE PEOPLE DO CROSS AND IT'S A SAFE AREA FOR PEOPLE TO CROSS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: UNDERSTOOD.
NO OTHER COMMENTS I'LL ADD ANY COMMENTS HERE NOW.
THREE THINGS I KEEP HEARING ALL ABOUT, THE PRIOR COUNCIL AND
COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO ON THE DAYS OF GRANDVIEW CONSTANTLY
ASKING FOR MORE ACCESS OR MOBILITY AND SAFETY FOR WALKING TO
SCHOOL.
REMEMBER THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS WE DID?
THAT WAS A COMMON THEME.
IF YOU LISTEN TO THE COUNCIL, YOU'VE HEARD THE CONVERSATIONS
FROM PARENTS WHO COME SPEAK TO COUNCIL ABOUT HOW THEY DON'T FEEL
SAFE WITH THEIR KIDS WALKING TO SCHOOL.
WE CAN'T DO ONE THING OR SAY THE OTHER, OR VICE VERSA.
THE SECOND IS A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ISSUE.
THEY'VE HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF NOTHING HAPPENING THERE FOR
30-SOMETHING YEARS.
AND THAT'S FANTASTIC.
THE FACT THAT RESIDENTS HAVE ASKED US TO MAKE THAT CORNER SAFETY
ALONG WITH THE MASTER PLAN.
BUT WITH THAT SAID I WOULD PROPOSE TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT IF WE
DO ADOPT THIS TONIGHT, AND I THINK EVERYTHING ELSE IS FINE, THAT
WE DO WITH THE DIRECTOR'S PLAN TO MINIMIZE THE SIDEWALK AND
MINIMIZE THE ACCESS, CLOSENESS OR PROXIMITY TO THE CHASE'S FRONT
DOOR AND MAKE IT MORE OF A, WHAT WOULD THAT BE, EASTERLY PUSH
WITH YOUR SWALE DESIGN.
AND AS COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO TALKED ABOUT, IF WE HAVE PEOPLE
WHO PARK OVER THE SWALE, SO BE IT BUT EVERYONE IS TREATED
EQUALLY.
NO DIFFERENT THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE CITY.
I'M GOOD FROM THAT POINT FORWARD.
>> Councilmember Napolitano: YOU CAN PUT A RED STRIPE WITH NO
PARKING THIS TOO.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THAT'S TRUE.
DIRECTOR LEE, MAYBE THE RED STRIPE IS A WAY TO HANDLE THAT
CORNER.
CLOSE TO THE CHASE FRONT DOOR.
WITH THAT I'LL LOOK FOR A MOTION FROM MY COLLEAGUES.
YES.
>> Councilmember Howorth: IS THAT ALSO THE SAME -- THAT'S THE
SAME AS YOUR COMPROMISE ISSUE, IS THAT CORRECT?
>> Mayor Montgomery: PLAN B?
>> Councilmember Howorth: DOES THAT SAVE THE TREES?
>> Mayor Montgomery: DOES THAT SAVE THE TREES, PLURAL?
>> PLAN B WOULD BE NARROWING OF THE STREET.
WE WOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP ONE OF THE TWO TREES THAT OTHERWISE
WOULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED.
THE SIDEWALK WILL BE A LITTLE MORE NARROW AND THE BULB OUTS AND
THE TRAFFIC CALMING WILL BE INSTALLED.

>> Mayor Montgomery: MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: IS IT GOING TO TAKE AWAY THE PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET.
>> ONE SIDE.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: THE NET RESULT WILL BE PARKING ON ONE SIDE.
>> TOTAL OF SEVEN SPACES THAT ARE LOST.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: THERE'S MORE THAN THAT NOW, RIGHT?
>> Councilmember Howorth: THERE'S SEVEN MORE.
>> Mayor Montgomery: PERFECT.
I NEED A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, I NEED A SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.
AND VOTING SCREEN, PLEASE.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: COULD I ASK FOR A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THEN TO ACCEPT THIS PLAN B?
>> Mayor Montgomery: THAT WAS PART OF THE MOTION.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: OKAY.
GREAT.
>> CAN I ASK A QUESTION?
>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'LL TALK AFTERWARDS.
WE'LL TALK AFTERWARDS.
VOTING SCREEN UP.
>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.
>> Councilmember Napolitano: YOUR HONOR, BREAK TIME?
>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BREAK NOW FOR SEVEN MINUTES AND WE'LL COME BACK IN SEVEN MINUTES.
EVERYBODY STRETCH YOUR LEGS FOR THAT TIME.
THANK YOU ALL.
[BRIEF RECESS]
>> Mayor Montgomery: WELCOME BACK TO OUR MEETING HERE.
WE LEFT OFF WITH DISCUSSION OF ITEM NO. 8.
SORRY, THAT WAS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.
ITEM NO. 10, CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTS A LIST OF STREET REPAIR PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR TO 23-24 FUNDED BY SENATE BILL 1.
I'M STOP THERE WITH A REPORT FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE.
>> I'M THE SENIOR -- SORRY.
>> Mayor Montgomery: GOOD EVENING.
>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR MONTGOMERY AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.
I'M THE SEEP YOUR CIVIL ENGINEER FROM PUBLIC WORKS.
>> Mayor Montgomery: WELCOME HELEN.
>> THANK YOU FOR APPROVING CYCLE TWO RESURFACING PROJECT.
NOW IT'S TIME TO TALK ABOUT MONEY.
SO I'M HERE TO PRESENT SENATE BILL 1 FOR THE STREET REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE.
BEGIN IN 2017 THE CITY HAS BEEN ADOPTING RESOLUTION FOR THE PROJECT LIST OF THE STREET SEGMENT AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING

SB1 FUNDS.

SO FAR THE CITY COUNCIL HAS APPROVED SIX RESOLUTIONS SINCE 2017. SO FOR FISCAL YEAR 23 AND '24 THE CITY IS EXPECTED TO RECEIVE \$867,876 IN THE YEAR AS SB1 REVENUES WHICH WILL BE USED FOR STREET REPAIR AND THE MAINTENANCE.

THE CITY IS REQUIRED TO APPROVE A LIST OF QUALIFYING STREET SEGMENTS WHICH FOR THIS CASE IT'S INCLUDED AS CYCLE TWO STREET RESURFACING PROJECTS WHICH IS JUST APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. THEREFORE, THE CITY STAFF -- THE STAFF IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CYCLE TWO STREET RESURFACING PROJECTS STREET SEGMENTS WHICH WILL BE FUNDED IN PART BY SB1 FUNDS TO SUPPORT REHABILITATION EFFORTS FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR 23-24.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: FANTASTIC.

ONE QUESTION.

I FORGOT TO ASK EARLIER ON THE FLORNOY PROJECT, TALKING ABOUT THE PAVEMENT PROGRAM, TPM FOR SHORT, I NEVER ASKED WHAT GRADE DID THESE ROADS RECEIVE.

IF IT'S A TO F, ARE THEY ALL F FOR FAILURE, D FOR VERY BAD? WHAT CONDITION ARE THESE ACCORDING TO THE TPM, DO YOU KNOW?

>> IT'S AT THE RANGE OF 60, 50, 70.

AT THE LOWER END.

I CAN'T BE ACCURATE BUT IT HAS TO BE 80 OR 90s.

SO OUR NUMBERS ARE NOT AS GOOD AS THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I THINK THE CONGESTION RATINGS ARE A THROUGH F AND THEN THE NUMERICAL IS THE TPM.

>> Mayor Montgomery: GOT IT.

WE'RE ON THE LOW END OF THE SCALE.

IT NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED AND REPLACED.

>> NATIONWIDE WE'RE NOT THE WORST BUT WE'RE NOT AT THE, YOU KNOW, ACCEPTABLE LEVEL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WHERE WE SHOULD BE.

>> RIGHT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: PERFECT.

THANK YOU FOR THAT.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR HELEN SINCE SHE'S HERE? COUNCIL?

NONE?

THANK YOU, HELEN.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

THIS IS ITEM NO. 10.

EXCITING PART OF OUR DISCUSSION.

>> OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YES.

I'M GOING TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING, WHICH I JUST DID. NOW WE'RE GOING TO OFFICIALLY BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

ANY COMMENTS BY ZOOM, MARTHA?
SO WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.
COUNCIL.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: SO MOVED.

>> Mayor Montgomery: MOTION TO APPROVE BY COUNCILMEMBER
NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: IT WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER
FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Montgomery: AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.
VOTING SCREEN, PLEASE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

HELEN AS THE FASTEST RECORDED APPROVAL TIME IN HISTORY.

>> Councilmember Lesser: IT'S THE PERSUASIVENESS OF YOUR
PRESENTATION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ALL RIGHT.

THAT BRINGS US TO ITEM 11 UNDER GENERAL BUSINESS, CONSIDER
TAKING CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS ON A VARIETY OF PENDING
LEGISLATION IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE REGARDING HOMELESSNESS,
PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOUSING WITH A REPORT FROM ASSISTANT CITY
MANAGER GEORGE GABRIEL TRYING TO CONVINCE CITY MANAGER MOE TO GO
UPSTAIRS AND FEEL BETTER.

MR. GABRIEL, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

>> HONORABLE MAYOR MONTGOMERY AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL.
THIS ITEM COMES BEFORE YOU TONIGHT REGARDING THE CONSIDERATION
OF TAKING CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS ON PENDING LEGISLATION AND THE
STATE LEGISLATURE.

OBVIOUSLY THIS IS ALL LEGISLATION THAT'S BEING PROPOSED RIGHT
NOW.

IT'S WORKING ITS WAY THROUGH ALL OF THE COMMITTEES AND SUCH AND
EVENTUALLY MAY REACH ITS WAY TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK FOR FINAL
APPROVAL.

BUT THAT'S LATER ON, PROBABLY IN SEPTEMBER OR POTENTIALLY
EARLIER.

THAT BEING SAID, STAFF HAS IDENTIFIED TEN BILLS THAT MAY HAVE
IMPACTS ON THE CITY.

SOME IMPACTS THAT THE CITY COULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF AND SOME
IMPACTS THAT THE CITY COULD POTENTIALLY OPPOSE.

THESE PIECES OF LEGISLATION ARE SENATE BILL 43 REGARDING
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, IN ESSENCE REVISING THE GRAVELY DISABLED
DEFINITION LANGUAGE TO ASSIST OUR HOMELESS POPULATION.

SB363 THAT IS ALSO REGARDING HOMELESSNESS AND BASICALLY
PROVIDING REAL-TIME AVAILABILITY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL
HEALTH BED AVAILABILITY, PARTICULARLY.

AS WELL AS AB67 WHICH IS HOMELESS COURTS PILOT PROGRAM WHICH I
KNOW COUNCIL HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN TRYING TO ADOPT
IN SOMEWHAT OF A REDONDO BEACH MODEL.

THESE THREE PIECES OF LEGISLATION ARE CONNECTED TO HOMELESSNESS AND THE STAFF IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL EXPRESS A POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR THESE PIECES OF LEGISLATION AS THEY ARE PIECES OF LEGISLATION THAT WILL ASSIST THE CITY'S RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS.

SO THAT'S THE FIRST TRANCHE.

THE SECOND TRANCHE IS RELATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

AND THIS IS AB1708 AS WELL AS AB23.

AND THIS IS ACTUALLY AUTHORED BY OUR LOCAL STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER.

AND SO BOTH OF THESE BILLS ACTUALLY ARE AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSITION 47 AND THEY WOULD REVISE THE EXISTING LANGUAGE ON THE DESIGNATION TO WHICH IT WOULD RISE ABOVE A MISDEMEANOR, POTENTIALLY A FELONY AS WELL AS CHANGING THE VALUE LIMITATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THEFT.

THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS WITH HOW CHANGES IN THEFT-RELATED REGULATIONS HAVE REDUCED CONSEQUENCES OF THEFT CRIMES RELATED TO PROPOSITION 47.

AND THEREAFTER THE STAFF IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY SUPPORT THESE BILLS.

AND SO THOSE ARE THE TWO PUBLIC SAFETY-RELATED BILLS.

AND THEN THERE ARE FIVE PIECES OF LEGISLATION THAT IS HOUSING LAND USE AND LOCAL CONTROL RELATED.

THESE ARE AB1532, SB423, SB4, AB1490 AS WELL AS ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 10.

I WON'T GO INTO GREAT DEAL ON THESE BILLS BUT IN ESSENCE THEY FOLLOW SOME OF THE SAME CONCERNS THAT CITY COUNCIL HAS ACTUALLY ADOPTED POSITIONS ON IN THE PAST REGARDING LAND USE AUTHORITY AND REDUCING LOCAL CONTROL THAT THE CITY HAS THE RIGHT TO DESIGNATE AS IT SO PLEASES.

AND SO THE STAFF IS ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT WE -- THAT THE CITY COUNCIL EXPRESS POSITIONS OF OPPOSITION ON THOSE BILLS.

IN THE STAFF REPORT WE'VE DETAILED THE LEADS POSITION ON SOME OF THESE PIECES OF LEGISLATION AS WELL.

THEY'RE AVAILABLE IN THE STAFF REPORT.

I CAN ALSO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHICH ONE OF THOSE BILLS THAT THE LEAGUE IS TAKING A POSITION ON.

SO WITH THAT BEING SAID, STAFF IS RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE STAFF TO EXPRESS THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ON THE LEGISLATION LISTED IN THE STAFF REPORT, PARTICULARLY SB43, SB363, AB67 AND AB1708 AND AB23 AS SUPPORT POSITIONS.

AND OPPOSE POSITIONS ON AB1532, SB423, SB4, AB1490 AND ACE10.

WITH THAT I AM OPEN TO COUNCIL QUESTIONS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH AND THEN COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
GEORGE, ON ASSEMBLY BILL 23, YOU KNOW, THE AMENDMENT TO PROP 47,
SO LET'S SAY THE BILL PASSES.
IT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING BECAUSE IT STILL HAS TO GET ON THE BALLOT
AND THE VOTERS WOULD STILL HAVE TO AMEND IT.
>> THANK YOU FOR MAKING THAT CLARIFICATION.
I MEANT TO MENTION THAT.
>> Councilmember Howorth: BUT ASSEMBLY BILL 2708 IS DIFFERENT?
>> NO.
I BELIEVE --
>> Councilmember Howorth: IT DOESN'T SAY THE SAME --
>> YES.
I DON'T THINK I PUT THAT LANGUAGE IN AB23 BUT I THINK IT'S ALSO
APPLICABLE TO AB1708 BECAUSE IT AMENDS PROPOSITION 47 WHICH WAS
PASSED BY VOTERS.
>> Councilmember Howorth: JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT CLARIFICATION.
I UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO, YOU KNOW, TAKE A POSITION ON IT AND I
HOPE WE WILL.
BUT I JUST WANT TO POINT THAT OUT.
>> YES.
>> Councilmember Howorth: GREAT.
THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION.
>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.
>> Councilmember Lesser: JUST A PROCESS QUESTION AND LET ME ASK
YOU, GEORGE.
IF COUNCIL DECIDES TO PROCEED AND FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION OF
STAFF ON THESE PIECES OF LEGISLATION, IS OUR POSITION JUST GOING
TO BE MEMORIALIZED IN LETTERS OR IS THERE FURTHER LOBBYING
THAT'S CONTEMPLATED AND IF SO, WHAT?
>> WE TAKE A COUPLE OF ACTIONS.
WE WRITE LETTERS WHERE APPROPRIATE.
WE COMMUNICATE TO THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES IN TERMS OF THE
COMMITTEES THAT THE PIECES OF LEGISLATION ARE DESIGNATED TO.
WE INFORM THE LEAGUE OF OUR POSITION.
THEY ADD OUR CITY TO A LIST OF CITIES THAT ARE OPPOSING OR
SUPPORTING SAID LEGISLATION.
AND WE ALSO PLACE IT ON OUR WEBSITE.
WE HAVE A WEB PAGE CALLED LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS WITHIN THE CITY
COUNCIL SUB PAGES AND THAT BASICALLY INDICATES WHAT POSITIONS
THE CITY COUNCIL IS TAKING ON THE VARIETY OF LEGISLATION.
>> Councilmember Lesser: OVER THE YEARS COUNCIL HAS AUTHORIZED
STAFF TO ENGAGE LOBBYISTS, TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS ON PIECES OF
LEGISLATION.
I WANTED TO CONFIRM THAT WITH THIS PARTICULAR POSITION WE'RE
BEING ASKED TO TAKE TONIGHT ON THESE PIECES OF LEGISLATION AT
THIS POINT IT'S CONSISTENT WITH WHAT YOU'VE JUST SAID, IS THAT

RIGHT?

>> PRIMARILY.

IN TERMS OF OUR LOBBYISTS, THE LEAGUE OF CITIES IS OUR PRIMARY LOBBYISTS.

WE DON'T ENGAGE WITH A --

>> Councilmember Howorth: THIS IS ALL WORK THAT YOU'VE GENERATED.

>> CORRECT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU.

>> YES.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANY OTHER COUNCIL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE, THANK YOU, SIR.

I'LL OPEN UP PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM NO. 11.

ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM NO. 11?

>> AS FAR AS THE HOMELESS SITUATION, THAT'S ALWAYS A CHALLENGING PROBLEM.

BUT HOUSING THE HOMELESS DOESN'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

THERE ARE ROOT CAUSES WHICH IS EITHER ISSUES WITH DRUG ABUSE AND THEN YOU GET THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DOWN ON THEIR LUCK AND THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT YOU GET THEM BACK ON THEIR FEET, GET THEM HOUSED.

BUT IF WE KEEP ADDING MORE AND MORE INFRASTRUCTURE AND GIVING MORE AND FOR THINGS AWAY, THESE ARE ATTRACTING MORE HOMELESS WHICH IS, YOU KNOW, KIND OF A DIFFERENT WAY OF LOOKING AT IT BUT YOU'RE NOT SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

BECAUSE IF THEY'VE GOT DRUG ADDICTIONS, YOU'RE PUTTING THEM IN A HOUSE, THEY'RE GOING TO BE DOING DRUGS IN THE HOUSE.

THAT BECOMES PROBLEMATIC.

AND THEN ON THE THEFT ISSUE, ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO REDUCE THEFT. AND BY THE TIME INFLATION HITS, PRETTY SOON 950 IS GOING TO BE NOTHING.

ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO GET OUR ZONING BACK TO OUR CITY AND ELIMINATE SACRAMENTO FROM DOING STATE-WIDE MANDATES ON OUR HOUSING WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY AMAZING.

ANYTHING YOU GUYS CAN DO ALONG THOSE LINES, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, SIR.

ANYONE ELSE IN THE AUDIENCE TO TALK ABOUT ITEM 11?

SEEING NONE, ANYONE ON ZOOM, PLEASE, MARTHA?

WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM NO. 11.

COUNCIL.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I HAD JUST A QUICK CLARIFICATION.

MR. JOSEPH JUST SAID FOR PETTY THEFT AMOUNT, IT'S A GOOD THING TO REDUCE IT TO 400, RIGHT.

OKAY.

I JUST -- I THOUGHT WHAT YOU WERE -- ANYWAY.

CLARIFYING.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THAT'S A YES.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YEAH.

I KNOW IT IS.

I JUST DIDN'T -- RIGHT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THOSE OF YOU WATCHING HERE AT HOME AND NOT HEARING THE REFURB, OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT DID LOOK AT THIS AND ENDORSED ITEMS ASSEMBLY BILL 428 AND ASSEMBLY BILL 28.

I UNDERSTAND IT HAS TO GO THROUGH THE STATE-WIDE PROCESS BECAUSE IT'S IN OPPOSITION BUT IT'S THE FIRST STEP FORWARD THAT WE'VE SEEN IN YEARS, SOMEONE ACTUALLY HAD THE COURAGE TO STEP UP AND ACTUALLY BRING IT FORWARD.

I'M ACTUALLY IN SUPPORT OF IT ALL.

FIRST MY COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: IT'S TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS AS STATED HERE IN THE REPORT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: FANTASTIC.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I DO WANT TO SAY AGAIN, THANK YOU TO GEORGE AND STAFF FOR THIS ANALYSIS, BRINGING ALL OF THIS FORWARD.

THIS IS VERY HELPFUL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YES.

THANKS TO ALL.

NEXT ITEM OF GENERAL BUSINESS, ITEM 12, CONSIDERATION OF A CITY SPONSORING A JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION EVENT AT BRUCE'S BEACH PARK. I'LL START BEFORE THE CITY MANAGER TAKES OVER AND LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR THIS BECAUSE THIS SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF CONFUSION OUT THERE OF WHAT'S GOING ON AND I WANT TO SET THE TABLE STRAIGHT HERE.

CITY MANAGER MOE REACHED ME WHEN I WAS OUT OF TOWN AND ASKED ME IF I COULD ADD THIS ITEM TO -- THIS DISCUSSION ITEM TO THE AGENDA.

AND THE REASON WHY HE ASKED ME THAT IS BECAUSE HIS CONCERN IF THE COUNCIL WERE TO APPROVE AN EVENT TO BE HELD AT BRUCE'S BEACH PARK, IT WOULD SHORTEN THE DOWNTIME STAFF WOULD HAVE TO, A, PLAN FOR IT.

MOVING PIECES, FOLKS.

PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND REC, POLICE, FIRE.

EVERYONE IS INVOLVED WHEN YOU HAVE AN EVENT.

I'S NOT ONE PERSON PUTS ON A HAT AND RUNS IT ALL DAY LONG.

FIRST TIME WAS PLANNING ON A SHORT TIME FUSE.

SECOND WAS THE FACT THAT MONEY.

THE REQUEST WAS WOULD THE CITY CONSIDER PAYING FOR AN EVENT.

NO ONE ON COUNCIL MADE THIS HAPPEN.

IT WAS MY DECISION TO PUT IT ON THE AGENDA.
IF YOU WANT TO BE MAD AT SOMEONE, BE MAD AT ME.
OTHERWISE IT DID SKIP THE PROCESS.
THE PROCESS IS ANY COUNCILMEMBER WANTS TO DISCUSS AN ITEM, IT
TAKES TWO COUNCILMEMBERS TO PUT IT ON AN AGENDA ITEM TO DISCUSS.
THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN HERE.
I APPROVED THE DECISION.
HE ASKED FOR A FAVOR AND I PUT IT ON THE AGENDA OTHERWISE WE'LL
HAVE THE SAME CONVERSATION TWO WEEKS FROM NOW.
IN ORDER TO GET TO THAT POINT, WE MOVED IT UP AND PUT IT HERE.
THAT'S HOW THE EVENT HAPPEN.
IT'S A DISCUSSION.
NO PLAN IN PLACE.
THERE'S IN SCOOP.
AN EVENT IN PLACE.
THERE ISN'T ANY MONEY DEDICATED IN PLACE.
THIS IS JUST A DISCUSSION AT THE CITY MANAGER'S REQUEST.
THAT'S THE HISTORY OF IT.
LET'S SEE, ANYTHING ELSE.
OH, THE BYPASSING.
AGAIN, THAT'S ON ME.
THIS WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.
THE ONLY TIME WE BYPASS THE NORMAL PROCEDURE AND PUT AN ITEM ON
THE AGENDA IS AN EMERGENCY.
TECHNICALLY IT DOESN'T QUALIFY AS AN EMERGENCY.
BUT THE CITY MANAGER ASKED, I MADE A DECISION TO PUT IT ON HERE.
THAT'S THE STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED.
OTHER THAT THAT, CITY MANAGER MOE, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.
>> I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD EXCEPT THAT ALLIE LATRAGNA WILL
GIVE US SOME BACKGROUND.
>> I'M THE ACTING COMMUNICATIONS AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT MANAGER.
THE ITEM BEFORE YOU IS THE CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY SPONSORING
A JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AT BRUCE'S BEACH PARK.
JUNETEENTH, JUST TO GIVE A LITTLE BACKGROUND ABOUT WHAT THE
HOLIDAY IS, IT COMMEMORATES JUNE 19th, 1865, WHEN ENSLAVED PEOPLE
GOT THE NEWS THAT THEY WERE NO LONGER ENSLAVED AND WERE MADE
FREE BY THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION TWO YEARS PRIOR TO THAT
AND THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR AT THE TIME.
IT'S AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY, FEDERAL HOLIDAY AS OF 2021.
CALIFORNIA HAS RECOGNIZED IT AS WELL AND IT'S THE OLDEST KNOWN
COMMEMORATION OF THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES.
THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR HOSTING JUNETEENTH
EVENTS AT BRUCE'S BEACH PARK OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.
THE CITY HAS NEVER ISSUED A PERMIT FOR ANY SORT OF SPECIAL EVENT
TO TAKE PLACE AT BRUCE'S BEACH PARK BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A SPECIAL
EVENTS POLICY AND OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS WOULDN'T BE PERMITTED TO
HOST AN EVENT AT BRUCE'S BEACH PARK BECAUSE THAT PARK IS

SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THAT SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY.
AND THE POLICY ITSELF DOES DEFINE WHAT A SPECIAL EVENT IS.
AND WHILE A JUNETEENTH EVENT WOULD LIKELY FALL INTO THAT
DEFINITION, EVEN IF IT'S HOSTED BY THE CITY, THE CITY DOESN'T
ISSUE PERMITS TO ITSELF FOR SPECIAL EVENTS IS EXCLUDED FROM THE
PERMITTING PROCESS.

THIS ITEM DOESN'T CHANGE OUR SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY IN ANYWAY
WHATSOEVER.

NOR DOES IT PROPOSE TO.

SHOULD THE COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO PLAN A JUNETEENTH EVENT,
STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THEY PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE DATE, TIME
AND SCALE OF THE EVENT.

FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD BE A CEREMONY WITH DIGNITARIES, SHOULD IT
BE PERFORMERS OR CHILDREN'S ACTIVES.

THERE'S MANY DIFFERENT VARYING DEGREES OF WHAT AN EVENT MIGHT
LOOK LIKE.

SO WE WOULD SEEK ANY SORT OF DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL ON THAT.
AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE, OF COURSE, IF AN EVENT TAKES PLACE
WE WOULD NEED TO FOLLOW ALL OF THE APPLICABLE LAWS AND RULES OF
THE PARK.

WE WOULD, OF COURSE, FULLY ENFORCE THOSE LAWS AND RULES AS HAS
BEEN PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED BY OUR MUNICIPAL CODE FOR EVERYONE.
ADDITIONALLY SHOULD THERE BE DIRECTION TO PLAN AN EVENT, STAFF
RECOMMENDS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROPRIATE THE APPROPRIATE
FUNDING FOR ACCOMMODATING SUCH AN EVENT.

AND JUST IN GIVING A LITTLE BIT OF ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ABOUT
JUNETEENTH, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS WHICH HAVE
RECOGNIZED OR DO RECOGNIZE JUNETEENTH WITH A WIDE ARRAY OF
CELEBRATIONS.

SO THEY REALLY VARY IN DEGREE AGAIN.

BUT REDONDO, CARSON, ENGLEWOOD, CITY OF IRVINE, VENTURA COUNTY
L.A. COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA JUST TO NAME A FEW.
AT THIS TIME THE STAFF REQUESTS THAT CITY COUNCIL REVIEW AND
HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS ITEM AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS YOU HAVE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, ALI.

ANY QUESTIONS?

SEEING NONE, PUBLIC -- COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I SENT YOU A WHOLE LIST OF QUESTIONS IN
ADVANCE.

AND I RECOGNIZE THE PURPOSE OF STAFF BEING HERE TONIGHT IS TO
RECEIVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS AND DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL.
BUT I'M NOT CLEAR AS TO WHAT THE SCOPE OF WHAT THE EVENT COULD
BE.

WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

ARE WE TALKING ABOUT POTENTIALLY SPOKEN WORD, MUSIC, FOOD, ART
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS?

OBVIOUSLY IT COULD BE ANY OF THOSE?
CAN YOU SET UP WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT TYPE OF EVENT WOULD A JUNETEENTH EVENT INCLUDE?
>> WELL OTHER EVENTS THAT I SAW, SOME OF THEM WERE REALLY SMALL
EVENTS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, I'M TALKING ABOUT.
YOU INVITE SOME DIGNITARIES AND HAVE A SPEAKER.
THAT'S ONE TYPE OF EVENT.
OTHER EVENTS ARE MUCH LARGER EVENTS THAT HAVE, YOU KNOW, FOOD
TRUCKS AND PERFORMERS AND ACTIVITIES.
SO IT REALLY VARIES IN SCALE.
AND SO STAFF WOULD CERTAINLY WANT TO HOST AN EVENT THAT IS
APPROPRIATE FOR THE PARK, APPROPRIATE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND IS
REALLY SPEAKING THAT DIRECTION FROM CITY COUNCIL.
>> THAT COULD INCLUDE AMPLIFIED SOUND OF SOME KIND FOR SPOKEN
WORD OR MUSIC, IS THAT RIGHT?
>> IT COULD.
>> Councilmember Lesser: PARKING IS A CONCERN FOR MANY WHO LIVE
NEAR THERE.
ANY IDEA OF ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE?
OBVIOUSLY IT'S ON THE SCOPE AND THE GUIDANCE.
>> THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OWE JUNETEENTH EVENTS GOING ON IN THE
SURROUNDING AREA, INCLUDING HOLLY MITCHELL'S OFFICE IS HOSTING A
JUNETEENTH EVENT THAT WEEKEND IN SOUTH L.A.
SO THERE ARE OTHER EVENTS GOING ON.
SO IT'S NOT LIKE THE ONLY EVENT THAT IS IN THE AREA FOR PEOPLE
WHO WOULD LIKE TO CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH FOR THEM TO ATTEND.
>> Councilmember Lesser: AND JUST FINALLY, I HAD ASKED STAFF
WHETHER THERE WERE ANY ISSUES WITH AN ALTERNATIVE LOCATION,
POLLIWOG PARK, FRIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.
>> WE DON'T HAVE ANY RESERVATIONS FOR THAT WEEKEND.
>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.
>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.
>> Councilmember Howorth: YEAH.
YOU MIGHT WANT TOO -- THIS IS QUESTION TIME SO I HAVE TO ASK
QUESTION.
NO, NO.
IT'S FINE.
SO WHEN WE JUST HAD THE DEDICATION OF THE BRUCE'S BEACH PLAQUE,
DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY PEOPLE ATTENDED THAT?
I MEAN, I'M SORRY.
>> I'M NOT GOOD AT CROWD ESTIMATING.
>> Councilmember Lesser: THE FOLKS I TALKED TO, SEEMED LIKE
THERE WERE A COUPLE HUNDRED.
>> Councilmember Howorth: AND I BELIEVE WE AMPLIFIED THE MAYOR'S
COMMENTS.
DID WE AMPLIFY YOUR COMMENTS?
OKAY.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THEY AMPLIFIED THEMSELVES.
>> Councilmember Howorth: WERE THERE ANY COMPLAINTS FROM THAT DAY?
WERE THERE ANY COMPLAINTS FROM THE NEIGHBORS OR --
>> NOT AWARE OF ANY.
>> Councilmember Howorth: OKAY.
>> JUST A NOTE ABOUT THE AMPLIFIED SOUND JUST BECAUSE YOU BROUGHT IT UP.
THERE IS A MUNICIPAL CODE THAT RELATES TO AMPLIFIED SOUND AND TYPICALLY IT WOULD -- WELL IT DOES REQUIRE A PERMIT TO BE ISSUED.
HOWEVER, THERE'S AN EXCEPTION FOR GOVERNMENT ENTITIES FOR THAT.
>> Councilmember Howorth: AND TO CLARIFY OR AMPLIFY WHAT YOU HAD SAID IN THE BEGINNING OF YOUR COMMENTS, THIS IS NOT -- OR MAYBE IT WAS WHAT THE MAYOR HAD SAID.
THERE'S NO GROUP COMING FORWARD SAYING WE WANT TO DO THIS.
THIS IS THE CITY SAYING WE MAY WANT TO DO THIS.
THERE WERE SOME COMMENTS MADE IN PUBLIC COMMENTS AND IN SOME OF THE LETTERS ABOUT LOOPHOLES FOR, YOU KNOW, THE PERMIT, AN EXCEPTION FOR THE PERMIT.
WE HAVE ALWAYS, LIKE YOU SAID, MAINTAINED THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO AN EVENT IN OUR PARKS, AS WE DID, I BELIEVE -- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS ALWAYS THE FIRST TUESDAY IN AUGUST.
AND WE -- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH HAD AN EVENT AT WHAT IS IT, THE 8th STREET PARKETTE?
IS THAT WHAT IT IS ON THE EAST SIDE?
WE DID THAT THERE AND I DON'T THINK THERE WAS ANY EXTRA PARKING OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
I WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT.
AND ILL I'LL HAVE PERHAPS OTHER QUESTIONS BUT COMMENTS LATER.
THANK YOU.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.
MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: YES.
SO CAN YOU REVIEW THE RULES OF BRUCE'S BEACH FOR LIKE A NORMAL --
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.
>> ABSOLUTELY.
AND I ACTUALLY HAVE A SLIDE THAT THE ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ WILL PULL UP FOR US.
BUT THERE IS A CODE OF CONDUCT IN OUR MUNICIPAL CODE, 12.8.50 AND I'M GOING THE READ IT FROM HERE.
I PROBABLY NEED GLASSES.
BUT IT'S APPROPRIATED ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AND DRIVING AND PARKING VEHICLES, MUST BE PARKED IN DESIGNATED AREAS, NO GOLFING OR CHIPPING, PUTTING, NO DUNK TANKS OR CARNIVAL RIDES OR MOON BOUNCES, YOU CAN'T RIDE YOUR BICYCLES OR TRICYCLES OR UNICYCLES,

YOU CAN'T ROPE OFF AREAS.

THERE ARE RULES RELATED TO DOGS, USE OF SKATEBOARDS OR OTHER RECREATIONAL WHEEL DEVICES GENERATING ANY AMPLIFIED SOUND, HANGING ITEMS OR POSTING ANY ITEMS ON TREES, PLAYING ATHLETIC GAMES IN AREAS OTHER THAN THOSE THAT ARE APPROPRIATE, RADIO CONTROL OR POWER MOTORED AIRPLANES, USE OF ANY BARBECUE OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY THE CITY AND OTHER RULES RELATE TO CAUSING DAMAGE TO CITY PROPERTY.

AND OF COURSE AS I MENTIONED, ALL CITY LAWS MUST BE OBEYED, INCLUDING THOSE PROHIBITING DESTRUCTION OF CITY PROPERTY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: SO WE'VE HEARD FROM RESIDENTS BOTH HERE IN THE CHAMBERS AND ALSO THROUGH E-MAIL THAT THE LAST THREE YEARS HAVE BEEN PROBLEMATIC FOR BRUCE'S BEACH, BOTH IN TERMS OF BEHAVIORS THERE AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE VERY SAME RULES.

DO WE HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW MANY ENFORCEMENT ISSUES WE HAD WITH -- YOU KNOW ON -- I'M NOT GOING TO SAY UNLAWFUL BUT BEHAVIOR THAT VIOLATED THE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS.

>> I DON'T HAVE ANY NUMBERS ON NUMBERS OF TICKETS ISSUED FOR THAT TYPE OF THING.

TYPICALLY THE PARK IS A VERY QUIET PARK AND DURING EVENTS HELD PREVIOUSLY AT JUNETEENTH, I DON'T HAVE ANY NUMBERS ABOUT CITATIONS ISSUED.

>> AND TYPICALLY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL TRY TO GAIN COMPLIANCE BEFORE ISSUING ANY CITATIONS.

>> I'M SURE THERE ARE CITATIONS ISSUED.

WE DON'T HAVE THE NUMBER HERE.

CITATIONS WON'T NECESSARILY TELL YOU THE WHOLE STORY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: NUMBER OF CALLS?

WE HAD ONE RESIDENT AT 2700 STRAND SAID THEY CALLED 45 TIMES. WE SAW -- I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAW THOSE PICTURES IN DETAIL BUT THOSE ARE PRETTY GRAPHIC PICTURES FROM THEIR SECURITY CAMERAS.

>> Councilmember Howorth: WERE THOSE DURING AN EVENT IN.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THAT'S NOT THE PARK.

>> IT'S NOTE RELATED TO AN EVENT OUT THERE.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: I'M JUST TRYING TO GET IN THE AREA.

HAS THERE BEEN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES, SPECIFICALLY, GENERALLY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: IF YOU DON'T KNOW, YOU CAN GET BACK TO US ON THE ANSWER.

>> I WILL SAY, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE THE PARK RANGER OUT THERE REGULARLY, CSC IS OUT THERE REGULARLY.

WE ENFORCE THE RULES AND WE PUT OUT SANDWICH BOARDS SO PEOPLE KNOW WHAT THE RULES ARE.

WE'VE DONE A GOOD JOB IN THE LAST YEAR OF MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF THE RULES AND THAT THEY'RE ENFORCED.

>> Mayor Pro Tem: I'M JUST LOOKING FOR SOME NUMBERS, YOU KNOW, SOME, YOU KNOW, QUANTITATIVE -- HOW MANY CALLS, THOSE TYPE OF

THINGS, COMPLAINT.
I KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE THE NUMBERS RIGHT NOW.
>> WE'LL PROVIDE THEM.
>> Mayor Pro Tem: I WOULD LIKE TO GET AN IDEA OF THE SCOPE OF THAT.
THAT'S IT FOR NOW.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, ALI.
NO QUESTIONS FOR NOW.
I WILL OPEN UP PUBLIC COMMENT.
ALL OF YOU THAT HAVE SPOKEN ON THIS PREVIOUSLY, SIT BACK AND LISTEN.
THOSE OF YOU HAVE NOT SPOKEN ON IT PREVIOUSLY, PLEASE COME SPEAK.
>> GOOD EVENING, MIKE JENKINS, 44-YEAR RESIDENT, MEMBER OS THE BRUCE'S BEACH TASK FORCE AND MB UNITED.
I WANT TO THANK YOUR STAFF.
I APPRECIATE THEM BRINGING THIS ITEM TO YOUR ATTENTION.
GIVEN THE TIME CONSTRAINTS THIS YEAR, I SUPPORT FOR THIS JUNE A MODEST CITY-SPONSORED COMMEMORATION OF JUNETEENTH AT BRUCE'S BEACH, SOMETHING THAT CAN BE REALISTICALLY PLANNED IN TWO MONTHS' TIME AND WILL SIMPLY SEND A MESSAGE THAT WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND REJECTS THE RACIST ACT THAT OCCURRED ON THIS SITE A CENTURY AGO.
THE PARK CAN CERTAINLY HANDLE A MODEST-SIZE EVENT WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT DISRUPTION TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
THE 2022 EVENT WENT VERY SMOOTHLY.
HONESTLY RESIDENT WHO LIVE NEAR A PARK PUT UP WITH A LOT OF DISRUPTION YEAR-ROUND.
CONSIDER THE HOMETOWN FAIR.
IS THERE PARKING?
YOU HEAR THE MUSIC AND THE NOISE MANY, MANY BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE HOMETOWN FAIR.
HOW ABOUT THE SUMMER CONCERTS IN POLLIWOG.
BRUCE'S BEACH IS NO DIFFERENT.
MAYBE SMALLER.
IN TERMS OF ITS LOCATION NEAR RESIDENCES, IT'S NO DIFFERENT THAN OUR OWN PARKS.
PICKLEBALL COURTS CREATE NOISE FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET.
CONCERNS INTERESTED HERE FROM NEIGHBORS WHO CHOSE TO LIVE NEXT TO A PARK AND ENJOY ITS BENEFITS YEAR-ROUND RING HOLLOW AND ARE A BIT SELFISH UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.
AND HONESTLY I DON'T SEE WHAT THE RELEVANCE IS OF MISBEHAVIOR BY INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY BE DRINKING OR MISBEHAVING DOWN NEAR THE STRAND, NOT IN THE PARK, UNRELATED TO ANY SPECIAL EVENTS AND WHAT THAT HAS TOO DO WITH THIS ITEM.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO GET STATISTICS AT MISBEHAVIOR AT [BEEPING]

GET IT FOR ALL OF YOUR PARKS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> Mayor Montgomery: APPRECIATE THAT.

>> MY NAME IS CHRISTY HOGAN, A 30-YEAR RESIDENT AND BUSINESS OWNER HERE IN TOWN.

AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, MAYOR MONTGOMERY, FOR ANSWERING THE CITY MANAGER'S CALL-IN MAKING SURE THAT THE TIMING DIDN'T PRECLUDE JUST EVEN CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY.

I ALSO WANT TO OFFER A COUPLE OF BENEFITS I THINK COME FROM A CITY-SPONSORED JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION.

THE FIRST IS THAT THE STORY PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMEMBER JUST HOW MUCH IT TAKES TO BE WHO WE WANT TO BE IN THIS DEMOCRACY.

AS STAFF NOTED, THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION TOOK EFFECT IN JANUARY OF 1873 AND IT DOES NOT END SLAVERY.

IN FACT, ENSLAVED PEOPLE IN TEXAS DIDN'T GET THE WORD UNTIL JUNE 19th, 1865.

SO YOUR KIDS, IF THEY'RE FOLLOWING THE RIGHT PEOPLE ON TIKTOK OR TWITTER, THEY CAN TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED IN KYIV A COUPLE MINUTES AGO OR WHAT TAYLOR SWIFT IS WEARING, WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT IT TAKES TO EFFECTUATE THAT PROCLAMATION AND TO WRAP THEIR HEADS AROUND WHO WE ARE AS AMERICANS.

AND SECOND AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, VIEWED FROM THE HIGHEST ALTITUDE, JUNETEENTH CELEBRATES HOW A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE CAN BEGIN TO RIGHT WRONGS. THAT SELF-GOVERNMENT CAN DO BIG THINGS, IMPORTANT THINGS, MORAL THINGS.

AS SOMEONE WHO HAS DEDICATED HER PROFESSIONALLY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, TALKING TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE MADE THE SACRIFICE TO SERVE THE PUBLIC, I SAY THE GOVERNMENT DOING THE RIGHT THING IS WORTH CELEBRATING.

I WOULD ADD IT'S EVEN WORTH AMPLIFYING.

I HOPE YOU WOULD AGREE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANKS, CHRISTY.

ANY SPEAKERS IN THE BUILDING THAT WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, ZOOM, PLEASE, MARTHA.

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ALL RIGHT.

>> HELLO, HI.

CAN YOU HEAR ME.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU'RE LIVE.

GO AHEAD.

>> MY NAME IS [INDISCERNIBLE].

I'M A RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THE COMMENTS OF THE LAST SPEAKER.

WE NEED TO CELEBRATE JUNE 19th.

IT'S NOT JUST THE END TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF THE SLAVERY BUT

ALSO THE ACHIEVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN, YOU KNOW -- THAT WE HAVE HAD IN TERMS OF QUALITY INEQUITY.

I DO NOT AGREE THAT THE KIDS DO NOT KNOW ABOUT JUNE TEETH. I HAVE A CHILDREN IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL LEARNING. THAT SAID, I DON'T THINK THAT THE COMMEMORATION HAS TO BE DONE OF BRUCE BEACH.

THE STAFF HAD A VERY REALISTIC APPROACH.

YES, IT'S TRUE THAT TECHNICALLY AND LEGALISTICALLY THIS IS DIFFERENT BECAUSE YOU HAVE A PERMIT TO YOURSELF.

BUT CLEARLY THE SPIRIT OF THE LETTER WHICH WAS TO PROTECT A PARK THAT IS CONSIDERED A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK WOULD BE VIOLATED IF YOU SPONSOR AN EVENT THERE.

AND THEN WHY SHOULD BE JUNE 19th.

AND THEN YOU CAN DO -- THIS IS A DIFFERENT RESULT.

GO IN THE FUTURE, IT'S THE SAME WITH OTHER HOLIDAY, WASHINGTON, CHRISTMAS, COLUMBUS DAY, OR THE DAY FOR LIFE, WHICH IS A FEDERAL DAY OBSERVANCE AND IT FALLS ON JANUARY 22nd.

SO I HOPE THAT YOU DECIDE TO PRESERVE THE PARK AND ITS NATURE. IT'S BEEN SAID THAT IT'S QUIET.

BUT NOW IT'S QUIET YOU STILL CANNOT PROTECT IT AS THE PICTURES OF DEFECATING, URINATING AND CONSUMING ALCOHOL -- [BEEPING]. SO IF THE CITY IS NOT ABLE TO DO A GOOD JOB TO MAKE THE RESPECTED ROLE --

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

APPRECIATE THAT.

ANYONE ELSE ON ZOOM?

>> I'M SORRY.

THIS IS MY KIDS' COMPUTER AND I CAN'T RENAME MYSELF.

THIS IS HEATHER KYM.

AND I AM OPPOSED TO ANY SUCH, YOU KNOW, CITY-SPONSORED EVENT HERE.

THIS PARK AT 2600 HIGHLAND AVENUE, IT'S NOT AS -- YOU KNOW, AS I'VE SEEN ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER PLACES -- BLACK SOIL.

AND WHAT HAPPENED WAS, THERE WAS A BLACK FESTIVAL, I THINK THAT'S WHAT IT WAS CALLED, MAYBE A YEAR AGO, AND THERE WERE A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENING AT THAT PARK.

AND NO, THERE WERE NO, YOU KNOW, CITATIONS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT -- AND I ACTUALLY DO UNDERSTAND THE RATIONALE.

YOU HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE AND, YOU KNOW, IS THE FEES WORTH THE JUICE OR THE JUICE WORTH THE SQUEEZE, WHATEVER THAT SAYING IS. BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT THE POLICE TO GO IN THERE UNLESS SOMETHING REALLY EGREGIOUS WAS HAPPENING, AND THEN INSIGHT A LOT OF VIOLENCE.

THANKFULLY NOBODY WAS HURT AND THERE WASN'T A WIG, YOU KNOW, A HUGE, BAD THING THAT HAPPENED.

I WILL SAY THERE WERE DOZENS AND DOZENS AND PEOPLE OPENLY

DRINKING AND DOING MARIJUANA AND THEY WERE, YOU KNOW, URINATING ON PEOPLE'S PROPERTY THERE.

I MEAN THIS WAS ALL HAPPENING, OKAY.

AND I DROVE BY AND I WITNESSED THIS MYSELF.

AND MAYBE NOT A LOT OF CITATIONS WERE ISSUED BECAUSE THE POLICE WERE TOLD NOT TO.

AND THERE WAS NOT -- IT WAS NOT RACISM ON THAT SITE.

THIS IS WHY WE PROBABLY NEED TO RENAME THIS PARK.

IT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH THE BRUISES AT THIS LOCATION.

IT'S NOT MEANT FOR THIS TYPE OF HUGE EVENT.

AND EVEN THOUGH THE PEOPLE AT THE STRAND -- I MEAN THEY JUST

SAID THAT THEY'RE GETTING BOMBARDED THE PAST COUPLE OF

YEARS [BEEPING]

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS, HEATHER.

APPRECIATE THAT.

NEXT CALLER.

WAIT, SIR.

WE'RE NOT DONE.

I APPRECIATE YOUR ENTHUSIASM, THOUGH.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH ACTUALLY.

AM I ON?

THIS IS TIM JONES.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YES, YOU'RE LIVE.

>> THANKS SO MUCH.

ACTUALLY I TRULY TRIED NOT TO HAVE TO SPEAK THIS EVENING BUT

SOME OF THE OPPOSITION COMMENTS JUST PULLED IT OUT OF ME.

JUST THIS EVENING I SPOKE WITH A FRIEND THAT I HAD MET DURING THE PLAQUE CEREMONY.

THE FRIEND LIVES ON 25th STREET AND HE LIVES IN THE PATTERSON

HOUSE THAT ONCE WAS LOCATED ON BRUCE'S BEACH PARK.

WE MET, LIKE I SAID, AT THE CEREMONY.

IT'S A WHITE FAMILY THAT WAS UNAWARE OF THE HISTORICAL

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HOME IN WHICH THEY WERE LIVING.

IN THAT POINT IT HAS BEEN A LOVE FEST.

THE FAMILY HAS DELVED INTO THE HISTORY OF THE HOUSE AND THE AREA IN WHICH THEY LIVE AND BROUGHT THEIR NEIGHBORS INTO IT.

I ASKED IF HE WOULD BE ABLE TO COME THIS EVENING AND HE HAD

SOMETHING ELSE PLANNED BUT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SPEAK WITH

ANYONE ABOUT WHAT HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE LEARNED IN THAT

ENVIRONMENT.

HE POINTS OUT THAT EVENTS HE'S SEEN AT BRUCE'S BEACH NOT JUST

SINCE THE CEREMONY, THE PARK IS MORE OF AN AREA OF REVERENCE OF

THE BLACK AND BROWN AMERICANS THAT HAVE COME INTO THE AREA.

AND I ECHOED MY SENTIMENTS PAUSE THAT'S EXACTLY THE WAY I FEEL.

IT'S AN AREA THAT WE PAY RESPECT AND LOYALTY BECAUSE IT'S AN

AREA THAT WAS LOOKED AT THAT WE FINALLY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO

MAKE A DECISION THAT AFFECTED OUR FUTURE AND OUR LIVES.
SO COUNTER TO MY GOOD FRIEND JOE FRANKLIN, THIS IS A TESTIMONY
BY OTHERS THAT IS DIRECT OPPOSITE OF THE HORROR
[BEEPING] -- AND I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.
OUR NEXT SPEAKER, MARTHA.
NO ONE ELSE ON ZOOM?
YES, SIR.
>> I'M STAN JOHNSON.
I LIVE NEARBY HERE.
BUT I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO THIS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S
GOING ON.
I'VE HEARD THAT THE COUNCIL HAS TURNED IT DOWN TWICE SAYING THAT
THERE SHOULD BE NO EVENTS AT THIS PARK.
I THINK IF I WENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND SAID I WANT TO HAVE A
FOURTH OF JULY PRESENTATION, YOU WOULD SAY NO IMMEDIATELY.
THERE WOULDN'T EVEN BE A DISCUSSION.
AND I DON'T SEE WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS HERE.
WE HAVE A NATIONAL HOLIDAY AS OF LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO,
PROBABLY HALF OF THE PEOPLE IN MANHATTAN BEACH DON'T EVEN KNOW
WHAT JUNETEENTH IS.
AND THAT'S PROBABLY NOT AN EXAGGERATION.
I TALKED TO FOUR PEOPLE THIS MORNING AND NO ONE KNEW WHAT IT
WAS.
WE WERE ALL COLLEGE GRADUATE, PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE, RETIRED.
I THINK WE'RE JUST DOING A PUBLIC RELATIONS THING TO EVEN
CONSIDER HAVING IT AT ANY PARKETTE OR BRUCE'S BEACH.
IF IT WANTS TO BE HELD AT POLLIWOG, GO AHEAD.
THANK YOU.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, MR. JOHNSON.
WE DO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE ON ZOOM.
>> YES, A LAST-MINUTE RAISED HAND.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ALL RIGHT.
DID LEIGH PHILLIPS SPEAK ON THIS ITEM EARLIER?
>> I DID NOT.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, LEIGH.
I WANT TO MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS.
ONE IS ON THE LEGISLATION TEXT.
I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS BALANCED.
IT DID CAPTURE THAT PEOPLE WANTED AN EVENT BUT IT DIDN'T CAPTURE
THE PEOPLE WHO WERE OPPOSED TO THE EVENT AND THE PROBLEMS
ASSOCIATED WITH THAT.
SOME OF THE PEOPLE DID COMMENT ON THAT BUT I THINK WE NEED TO
TAKE A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS.
HOW MANY CALLS WERE MADE TO THE POLICE THAT DAY.
WHAT WERE THE -- AND THE CITY.

WHAT WERE THE ACTIONS OF THOSE CALLS.
AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT.
AND I'M IN FAVOR OF A JUNETEENTH EVENT.
I'M NOT TIED TO BRUCE'S BEACH AND THIS IS WHY.
I FIND IT REALLY CONSTRICTING.
IT'S LINING, YOU KNOW, WE'RE CELEBRATING BUT ONLY ALOUD TO
CELEBRATE AT BRUCE'S BEACH.
I REALLY BELIEVE THAT'S CONSTRICTING.
I BELIEVE JUNETEENTH SHOULD BE CELEBRATED ANYWHERE IN THE CITY
AND IN MULTIPLE WAYS BECAUSE THAT'S FREEDOM.
YOU KNOW, THERE SHOULD BE AN ART EXHIBIT IN THE ART GALLERY.
IT'S VERY POWERFUL TO HAVE SOMETHING AT THE CIVIC CENTER.
CAN YOU IMAGINE GATHERING AT THE CIVIC SEARCH FOR AN EVENT?
THAT'S MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN AT A PARK.
CAN YOU IMAGINE TEACHING KIDS HOW TO SURF ON THE BEACH.
I FIND RESTRICTING A CELEBRATION TO BRUCE'S BEACH VERY
CONSTRICTING, LIKE THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
CONSIST CELEBRATE IN THE CITY.
WE SHOULD BE THINKING BROADER.
AND I THINK POLLIWOG PARK IS A GREAT PLACE.
CAN YOU IMAGINE A PLAY AT POLLIWOG PARK ATTRACTING HUNDREDS OF
PEOPLE.
I SUPPORT A CELEBRATION.
I JUST DON'T THINK BRUCE'S BEACH IS THE RIGHT PLACE FOR IT.
AND I NEED TO LOOK AT THE NUMBER TO UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS
AND THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE PAST EVENTS THERE.
THANK YOU.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, LEIGH.
HIT THE TAPE.
ONE MORE SPEAKER.
ALL RIGHT.
WHAT'S THE NAME?
[INDISCERNIBLE] ANYONE ELSE HERE NOT SPOKEN ON THIS ITEM HERE TO
SPEAK?
WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT, COUNCIL.
WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST.
>> Councilmember Howorth: I PRESSED MY BUTTON.
>> Mayor Montgomery: I'M SORRY, COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.
>> Councilmember Howorth: I'VE BEEN PRESSING MY BUTTON.
ANYWAY.
THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.
I HEARD A COMMENT TONIGHT ABOUT, YOU KNOW, HALF THE PEOPLE IN
THE TOWN DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT JUNETEENTH IS, WHICH IS EXACTLY
WHY WE MUST DO A JUNETEENTH EVENT.
I THINK WHEN YOU READ THE NEWS FROM REDONDO BEACH'S DECISION,
THEY TALK ABOUT THE NEED TO EDUCATE PEOPLE.
WHAT A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY THIS IS TO EDUCATE PEOPLE AS TO

WHAT THIS HOLIDAY IS, WHAT IT MEANS TO BLACK AMERICANS,
THEREFORE ALL AMERICANS AND WHAT IT IS SIGNIFYING.
AND I ALSO HEAR ABOUT FOLKS TALKING ABOUT THE BRUCE'S BEACH
LOCATION.
ONE OF THE COMMENTS TO TONIGHT IS WE ARE TWO MONTHS OUT AND
THAT'S WHY YOU WANTED TO PUT IT ON THE AGENDA.
I DON'T SEE A LARGE EVENT EVEN BEING LOGICAL EVEN IF IT WERE AT
POLLIWOG.
I THINK IT SHOULD BE AT BRUCE'S BEACH.
BUT I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO DO SOMETHING GRAND.
YOU KNOW, CERTAINLY NO BOUNCE HOUSE.
IT'S NOT ALLOWED AT THE PARKS.
NO ALCOHOL.
AND I'M BEING A LITTLE BIT FLIP HERE.
ONLY BECAUSE THE VERY REASON WE SHOULD DO THIS IS SO THAT WE CAN
CAPITOL IT.
BECAUSE I TELL YOU THAT IF WE DON'T DO AN EVENT, A CITY
EVENT -- THIS IS A CITY EVENT.
NOT SOME OTHER GROUP EVENT.
IT IS US DOING IT.
WE CAN CONTROL IT.
IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING, PEOPLE WILL COME AND WE CANNOT CONTROL
THE NUMBER IF WE CANNOT CONTROL WHAT HAPPENS AT THE PARK.
THE PARKING IS WHAT IS PARKING IS.
SO THAT LIMITS PEOPLE RIGHT THERE.
THERE'S DIFFERENT -- I THINK ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS WE NEED
TO HAVE IS WHAT DAY WE HOLD IT ON.
I BELIEVE JUNETEENTH IS A MONDAY THIS YEAR.
WE COULD HAVE IT ON THE MONDAY.
WE COULD HAVE IT ON THE SUNDAY OR THE SATURDAY.
AND, YOU KNOW, ONE WAY TO CONTROL IT WOULD BE TO HAVE IT ON THE
MONDAY.
I DON'T THINK AS MANY PEOPLE WOULD PROBABLY COME.
IT IS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY.
AND I ALSO AGREE -- I BELIEVE IT WAS LEIGH PHILLIPS WHO
MENTIONED HAVING OTHER EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN.
AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING TO SAME FOR NEXT YEAR.
I LOVE THE IDEA OF AN ART GALLERY.
I LOVE THE IDEA OF, YOU KNOW, SOMETHING THAT IN COLLABORATION
WITH BIDS, YOU KNOW, I THINK THEY WOULD REALLY GET BEHIND THAT.
AND I ACTUALLY THINK THE BEST PARTNER WOULD BE THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT AND IN FACT, YOU KNOW, SO NEXT YEAR MAYBE THERE COULD
BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE MAYBE A LITTLE SOMETHING AT BRUCE'S
BEACH, MAYBE AT POLLIWOG OR MAYBE THE KIDS WOULD BE REALLY
INVOLVED IN IT.
AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE SUCH A TREMENDOUS THING TO SEE.
THERE WOULD BE RIPPLE EFFECTS.

AND I TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF EXCEPTION.
THERE'S SO MANY COMMENTS MADE TONIGHT THAT THIS ISN'T
APPROPRIATE FOR A LARGER WENT.
I DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE, BRUCE'S BEACH PARK, FOR A LARGE
EVENT EITHER.
ONE OF THE PUBLIC COMMENTS WAS ABOUT AN EVENT IN 2021 WHICH WAS
WHEN -- I THINK IT WAS GAVIN WARD HAS ORGANIZED A COUPLE OF FOOD
TRUCKS.
IT WAS VERY SMALL.
I DON'T THINK THERE WERE COMPLAINTS THEN.
WITH REGARDS TO THE BLACK KITTY FESTIVAL, I THINK THAT'S WHAT A
CALLER SAID IT WAS CALLED, THAT WAS NOT A SANCTIONED EVENT.
THAT WAS NOT A THING THAT THE CITY SAID SURE, GO AHEAD AND DO
THAT.
WE LIKE THAT IDEA.
AGAIN, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WENT OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA, TOOK
OVER.
WE NEED TO CONTROL THIS.
WE NEED TO OWN THIS.
AND WE CAN CONTROL IT.
SO I THINK IT'S CONSISTENT WITH OUR POLICY.
IT'S NOT A SPECIAL EVENT THAT SOMEBODY ELSE IS DOING.
IT'S A CITY EVENT.
SO SMALL, MAYBE IT'S A COMMUNITY PICNIC, MAYBE IT'S, YOU KNOW, A
SPEAKER.
DECIDE ON THE DAY AND NEXT YEAR AIM TO WORK WITH OTHERS TO BUILD
IT UP.
THAT WOULD BE MY RECOMMENDATION.
HAVE IT AT BRUCE'S BEACH.
WORK WITH THE NEIGHBORS.
INCLUDE THE NEIGHBORS.
DO SOMETHING TO HONOR THE HOLIDAY AND EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY,
THOSE WHO MIGHT NOT KNOW.
AND BUILD TOWARDS SOMETHING DIFFERENT AND MAYBE BIGGER FOR NEXT
YEAR.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.
COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.
>> Councilmember Lesser: I HAVE NOT PUSHED MY BUTTON BUT I'M
HAPPY TO SPEAK.
>> Mayor Montgomery: SINCE YOU HAD NOT PUSHED YOUR PUT DON, I
WAS GOING DOWN THE ORDER.
>> I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY HOSTING A JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
BUT I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT BRUCE'S BEACH.
I WELCOME AN EVENT THAT ACKNOWLEDGES THIS HOLIDAY AND IS OPEN TO
ALL AS WE ARE AS A CITY.
BUT HAVING LIVED NEAR THAT PARK AND RECALLING WHAT CHALLENGES
THERE WERE WITH PARKING AND THE EVENTS, MY PERSONAL VIEW IS THIS

SORT OF EVENT IS UNLIKELY TO ATTRACT A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

BUT TO THE EXTENT THAT THESE ISSUES CAN GET OUT OF CONTROL ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MANY PEOPLE MIGHT CONGREGATE ON WHAT DAY WE HAD, I AM THINKING WHERE THE CITY HAS SUCCESSFULLY HOSTED OTHER EVENTS IN THE PAST.

IT'S POLLIWOG PARK
MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 18, 2023
9:00pm-10:08pm PT
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THAT'S OKAY.

IT'S THE POINT OF DOING IT AND MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY.

I HAVE TO DIGRESS AND SAY FOR SOMEONE WHO RECENTLY RAN AGAIN TO BE ON THE CITY COUNCIL, PART OF MY OBJECTIVE FOR BEING UP HERE AGAIN IS TO SEE WHERE WE CAN FIND CONSENSUS AS A COMMUNITY. IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO TRY TO PUSH SOMETHING THROUGH WHERE PERHAPS OUT OF FEAR, OR MISINFORMATION, THERE ARE RESIDENTS WHO ARE ANGRY AND WE ARE STOKING THAT.

THE WHOLE POINT AS I SEE IT IS TO TRY TO BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

THERE ARE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS BY NEIGHBORS WHO LIVE CLOSE TO BRUCE'S BEACH.

WHERE HAVE WE DONE AN EVENT SIMILAR TO THIS SUCCESSFULLY?
POLLIWOG PARK.

PERHAPS IT COULD BE OVER A WEEKEND AND WITH FOOD, AND SEE WHAT IS REASONABLE TO PREPARE WITH THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME THAT REMAINS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.
COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO?

>> S. Napolitano: GOING AROUND THE ROOM.
I GUESS I DID THAT ONCE OR TWICE.
A COUPLE THINGS.

I RECEIVED, AT LEAST I THINK, I KNOW I HAVE IN SOME INSTANCES, A LOT OF EMAILS PRO AND CON ON THIS.
CON ON THIS.

IF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD BACK FROM ME, I APOLOGIZE, OUR EMAIL SYSTEM IS PREVENTING ME FROM DOING THAT, WE HAVE HAD AN ISSUE WITH OUR EMAILS THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS.

I TRIED AGAIN THIS MORNING, TRIED TO SIGN ON.
COULDN'T SIGN ON.

LATER IN THE AFTERNOON I WAS ABLE TO SIGN ON BUT WASN'T ABLE TO RESPOND.

FOR EVERYONE WHO SENT EMAILS I WILL BE READING THEM, I GOT THE GIST OF MANY OF THEM, BELIEVE ME.

SORRY I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET BACK TO YOU.
IT WASN'T POSSIBLE.

APPARENTLY THE CITY MANAGER AND I ARE ON A DIFFERENT SERVER.
I UNDERSTAND MINE BOUNCED BACK FROM A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO TRIED
EMAILING TODAY.

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

AS FOR THIS, YOU KNOW, I'M TORN AND I'M NOT.

YES, I FAVOR A JUNETEENTH EVENT.

AND I THINK OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A CERTAIN MOMENTUM THAT WE HAVE IN
THIS CITY AT THIS MOMENT.

FROM THE HISTORY REPORT, FROM THE ART PIECE APPROVAL.

FROM THE APOLOGY.

I ALSO WANT TO SEPARATE JUNETEENTH FROM BRUCE'S BEACH, IT'S
SEPARATE, IT'S TIED TO IT, IT'S NOT THE SAME THING.

IT DESERVES CELEBRATION AND DEMONSTRATES OUR INCLUSIVITY IN
MANHATTAN BEACH AND WE WANT TO SEND THAT SIGNAL OUT FAR AND
WIDE.

BUT I ALSO HESITATE THOUGH TO APPROVE ANYTHING FOR THIS YEAR
BECAUSE I JUST THINK WE ARE TRYING TO FORCE SOMETHING WITH A LOT
OF GOOD INTENTIONS THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MAKE SENSE.

I APPRECIATE SOME OF TONIGHT'S CALLERS.

AND I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS BY LEE PHILIPS.

I AGREE.

BUT I THINK THERE'S A PLACE, A LOT OF DIFFERENT PLACES IN THIS
CITY THAT WE COULD HOLD AN EVENT, OR AN EVENT OVER A DAY OR TWO
DAYS NEXT YEAR.

AND I KNOW THAT SOUNDS LIKE A PUNT, AND I SUPPOSE IT IS.

LIKE I SAID, I WOULD LIKE TO REFER THIS BACK TO THE PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION TO LOOK AT IT AND SEE WHAT WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE WHERE.

HOW WE CAN ENGAGE PEOPLE.

MAYBE IT'S PERFORMERS, MAYBE IT'S A PLAY, MAYBE IT'S MUSIC,
MAYBE IT'S SPOKEN WORD.

AND I THINK THAT AT THAT TIME NEXT YEAR WHERE WE HAVE ENOUGH
PLANNING FOR THIS, THE PERFECT PLACE TO KICK IT OFF IS A
CEREMONY AT BRUCE'S BEACH PARK.

SOMETHING WITH SPEAKERS TO KICK OFF THE EVENT THAT'S WILL TAKE
PLACE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY SUCH AS POLLIWOG PARK, OR
ELSEWHERE.

BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT PROPERLY PLANNED, AND AS
COUNCILMEMBER LESSER SAID, ENGAGE ENOUGH FOLKS IN THAT PROCESS
SO THAT IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS REAL, IT'S SINCERE, IT'S GENUINE,
AND WE AREN'T JUST TRYING TO FORCE IT TO MEET THE MOMENT, BUT
THEN COME UP SHORT BECAUSE WE JUST DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME, OR
HAVE ENOUGH THOUGHT.

HAVING SPEAKERS OUT THERE, I DON'T KNOW.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD BE APPROVING AT THIS MOMENT.

I DON'T KNOW WHO THOSE SPEAKERS WOULD BE, WHAT THEY WOULD BE TALKING ABOUT.
SO I CAN'T GIVE A BLANKET APPROVAL ON NOTHING.
AND EVERYTHING AT THE SAME TIME.
I DON'T SEE ANY HARD PROPOSAL HERE AS TO WHAT THAT WOULD BE.
IF WE ARE JUST GOING TO HAVE ONE PERSON SPEAKING TO PEOPLE, I DON'T KNOW.
I DON'T SEE THAT AS REALLY WORTHY OF THE MOMENT EITHER, I DON'T SEE THAT AS A CELEBRATION.
I SEE IT AS TRYING TO GET SOMETHING DONE, BUT I DON'T SEE IT AS RIGHT OR QUALITY OR BEING UP TO WHAT OUR STANDARDS ARE AND HAVE BEEN AND SHOULD BE.
SO I WOULD SAY THAT WE ABSOLUTELY SHOULD PLAN SOMETHING FOR NEXT YEAR THAT INCORPORATES MORE THAN ONE SITE.
IT COULD BE CIVIC CENTER PLAZA.
LIKE I SAID, A KICKOFF AT BRUCE'S BEACH.
STOPS THERE, GOES TO CIVIC CENTER PLAZA.
GOES TO POLLIWOG PARK.
WHERE WE HAVE PERFORMANCES, FOOD TRUCKS, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE.
AND REALLY INCORPORATE FOLKS AND MAKE IT A WIN.
MAKE IT A WIN FOR EVERYONE.
WE DON'T NEED THE CULTURE WARS HERE.
WE DON'T NEED TO CREATE THEM.
I THINK MIKE JENKINS AND CHRISTY HOGAN SAID IT REALLY WELL.
I JUST DON'T THINK THERE'S ENOUGH TIME TO DO THIS AND DO IT RIGHT.
IT'S GOOD INTENTIONS THAT, I DON'T THINK WE ARE GOING TO MEET OUR STANDARDS TO DO A QUALITY EVENT IN THIS AMOUNT OF TIME.
AT LEAST, I DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAN BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE WOULD BE DOING.
I DON'T WANT TO GUESS AT THAT.
I CAN'T APPROVE SOMETHING TONIGHT ON JUST GOOD INTENTIONS.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.
COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN AND THEN COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.
>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: THANK YOU.
SO WE KNOW THE HISTORY OF THIS STARTING IN 2018.
THE COUNCIL AT THE TIME LOOKED AT THE RESTRICTIONS OF BRUCE'S BEACH PARK AND THE PARKLETS.
THAT COUNCIL UNDERSTOOD THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF ORGANIZED EVENTS ON THE SMALLER PARKS.
AND IN FACT, THAT COUNCIL CRAFTED THE RESTRICTIONS AND PASSED THEM 5-0.
THEY DISCUSSED AND ENACTED RESTRICTIONS ON THESE PARKS SO THEY COULD BE USED FOR QUIET ENJOYMENT AND PEACEFUL REFLECTION BY ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.
WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR THOSE SAME GOALS TODAY AND EVEN IN THE

FUTURE.

WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT THE RULES WERE FOR BRUCE'S BEACH AND IN THE PAST YEARS MANY OF THOSE RULES HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE. TO SUGGEST THAT AN ORGANIZER CAN GUARANTY THEIR EVENT WILL BE MODERATE DOES NOT ALIGN WITH REALITY IN THESE TIMES OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND WORD OF MOUTH.

I WAS GOING TO READ AN EMAIL FROM A RESIDENT WHO LIVES IN THE AREA.

THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, 24 HOURS A DAY.

NO ONE KNOWS BETTER THAN FROM THE PEOPLE WE HEARD FROM THAT LIVE EITHER ADJACENT OR, YOU KNOW, WITHIN A COUPLE OF BLOCKS.

AND YES, THEY CHOSE TO LIVE THERE, BUT BRUCE'S BEACH 20 YEARS AGO WAS A LOT DIFFERENT THAN WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING NOW.

WE HAVE TO GIVE THEM SOME ALLOWANCE FOR THEIR FEELINGS.

BUT THIS PARTICULAR RESIDENCE, YOU KNOW, WROTE IN.

THERE WERE ABOUT 75 EMAILS, JUST EMAILS THAT CAME IN THAT WERE OPPOSING THIS AND THEN THERE WAS ABOUT 13-14 THAT WERE SUPPORTERS AFTER AN EVENT AT BRUCE'S BEACH.

THEY SIGNED THEIR NAMES TO IT AND GAVE THEIR ADDRESS.

IT WASN'T ANONYMOUS.

AND THEY WERE -- THEY SIGNED EACH OF THEIR EMAILS AND ALSO TOO IN THE E-COMMENTS AS WELL.

SO SHE SAID A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO CITY COUNCIL VOTED NO. BRUCE'S BEACH PARK IS IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD WITH LIMITED PARKING, NO BATHROOM FACILITIES.

IT'S SMALL, THE VENUE IS HILLY AND STEEP.

URINATING AND DEFECATING, ALCOHOL, GARBAGE IN THE PARK, OVERFLOWING GARBAGE.

CRUISERS DRIVING VEHICLES WITH THE POUNDING OF LOUD MUSIC IS ALSO AN ANNOYANCE.

I HAVE CALLED THE M.B.P.D. NUMEROUS TIMES TO TICKET CARS PARKED ILLEGALLY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PARK.

PATRONS MOVE THEIR CARS AND FIVE MINUTES LATER AFTER THE POLICE HAVE LEFT THEY PARK THERE AGAIN.

I DON'T FEEL THE MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT DOES ENOUGH TO ENFORCE THE ILLEGAL BEHAVIORS.

THE CITY HAD THE SPECIAL EVENT PEOPLE MONITORING, I BELIEVE THAT WAS CSC, MONITORING THE PARKING LOT BELOW BRUCE'S BEACH LAST SUMMER.

NUMEROUS TIMES I ASKED THEM TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES IN THE PARK, THEY DID NOTHING.

SORRY TO COMPLAIN SO MUCH BUT I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A GATHERING AT BRUCE'S BEACH IS PERMITTED.

IT GOES AGAINST EVERYTHING COUNCIL VOTED FOR.

IT WAS FOR GOOD REASON BRUCE'S BEACH PARK IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR GATHERINGS, CITY-SPONSORED OR NOT.

SO GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE HEARD FROM THE RESIDENTS, I KIND OF AGREE WITH COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.
IN FINDING A DIFFERENT VENUE.
POLLIWOG SEEMS TO FIT THE BILL.
I ALSO AGREE, YOU KNOW, WITH COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO THAT THIS WHOLE EFFORT HAS BEEN RUSHED.
I MEAN NORMALLY WHEN THESE THINGS COME TO US, THEY HAVE GONE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION. THERE'S SUGGESTIONS, THEY HAVE HEARD FROM AND THEY CONSOLIDATE ALL OF THAT AND GIVE US A REPORT.
SO WE WOULD KNOW FACTS, SO WE WOULD KNOW WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING IN THESE AREAS.
I BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE A CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH.
JUST BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVEN'T HEARD OF IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY ARE NOT LIVING IN THEIR LIVES AND THEIR LIVES HAVEN'T BEEN AFFECTED BY WHAT HAS HAPPENED OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS.
WE ALL GREW UP, OR MOST OF US GREW UP, OLDER ONES, WE GREW UP IN THE ERA OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND LYNDON BANES JOHNSON, L.B.J. ENACTING CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION.
WE SAW THE COUNTRY CHANGE.
WE SAW THE LAWS CHANGE TO THE BETTERMENT OF EVERYBODY.
WE DON'T HAVE TO BE REMINDED CONSTANTLY OF WHAT THAT ERA WAS GOOD.
IT'S BEING TAUGHT WELL IN THE SCHOOLS, I BELIEVE.
IT'S A PART OF OUR LIVES, WHETHER IT'S THE LAW OR NOT, WE ALL HAVE COMPASSION FOR OTHER PEOPLE.
WE SEE THAT AND PARTICULARLY IN MANHATTAN BEACH, WE ARE HIGHLY EDUCATED, WE ARE HIGHLY MOTIVATED TO HELP PEOPLE.
SO I WANT IT TO BE A CELEBRATION OF THAT.
I WANT IT TO BE A CELEBRATION OF THE FACT AMERICA HAS CHANGED. WE ARE A LOT DIFFERENT.
EVEN FROM THE DAY I WAS BORN, 68 YEARS AGO, BUT RECOGNIZE THAT PEOPLE HAVE THAT IN THEIR MAKE UP.
THEY TAUGHT THEIR CHILDREN.
MY FATHER AND MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT, I SAW, I WAS WATCHING LIVE, YOU KNOW, MARTIN LUTHER KING'S "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH. VERY IMPACTFUL.
TALK TO PEOPLE, WE KNOW IT, WE LIVE AND BREATHE IT.
SO LET THIS BE A CELEBRATION.
LET IT BE WELL-PLANNED.
LET IT BE WELL THOUGHT OUT.
LET IT BE REASONABLE SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN ENJOY IT AND WE CAN GET THE FULL IMPACT OF AN EVENT SUCH AS THIS.
THANK YOU.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.
COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH?
>> A. Howorth: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

I HEAR WHAT EVERYBODY IS SAYING.
AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO, I HAVE SOME DIRECT COMMENTS TO WHAT YOU SAID MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.
I SEE WISDOM IN WHAT COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO IS SAYING ABOUT RUSHING THIS.
BECAUSE I DON'T SEE SUPPORT FOR AN EVENT AT BRUCE'S BEACH.
AND I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU WERE SAYING ABOUT CONSENSUS AND WHY YOU WERE ELECTED AND I REALLY RESPECT THAT VERY MUCH.
AND I HEAR ABOUT THE NEIGHBORS.
BUT I WILL ADDRESS ALL OF THAT IN A MINUTE.
WHAT I WANT TO SAY THOUGH IS, COULD WE COME UP WITH DIRECTION TO STAFF WE ARE COMMITTED TO JUNETEENTH AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO NEXT YEAR, AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO DIRECTING STAFF TO COME BACK WITH A ROBUST PLAN FOR A CITY-WIDE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OR CELEBRATION WHETHER WE ARE PARTNERING AT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR OTHER THINGS, THAT WOULD, I THINK MEAN A LOT.
IF WE REALLY BELIEVE, AND WE DO, THAT IT IS RUSHED THEN LET US COMMIT TO PLANNING IT FOR NEXT YEAR SO WE AREN'T IN THE SAME POSITION.
SO THAT IS SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO GET SUPPORT FOR.
SO DO I HAVE SUPPORT?
MAYBE IT'S A KICKOFF AT BRUCE'S BEACH, WHICH IS A SPEAKER.
>> S. Napolitano: YES.
>> A. Howorth: THANK YOU.
>> D. Lesser: ONE COMMENT, YES.
AND WHAT I ALSO HEARD IN COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO'S SUGGESTION IS STAFF COMES UP WITH A PROPOSAL AND GOES TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.
>> A. Howorth: YOU DIDN'T SAY COMMISSION, DID YOU?
>> S. Napolitano: YES, GO TO THE PARKS AND REC COMMISSION, HAVE THEM WORK THIS THROUGH.
>> A. Howorth: LOVE THAT IDEA.
THAT'S GREAT.
LOVE THAT, THANK YOU.
I DO WANT TO SAY THOUGH, THERE IS NOTHING INCONSISTENT WITH WHAT THIS COUNCIL DECIDED IN 2018 AND I'M A LITTLE SICK OF BEING SHAMED FOR THAT.
BECAUSE WE DID NOT SAY THE CITY CAN'T HAVE EVENTS AT OUR OWN PARKS, SO LET'S START THAT MISINFORMATION.
I'M SORRY IF THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU UNDERSTAND.
THERE'S NOTHING INCONSISTENT.
AM I CORRECT?
OR AM I NOT?
MAYBE I'M NOT.
IS MY SPEECH.
I GET THAT WE DON'T WANT TO DORKS IT WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE THAT, IN MY OPINION.

BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY IS BRUCE'S BEACH THE ONLY PARK THAT THERE ARE COMPLAINTS ABOUT WITH DRINKING?

BECAUSE IT JUST SOUNDS, IT SOUNDS, WHEN WE TALK LIKE THIS, WHEN WE SAYWELL, AT BRUCE'S BEACH THEY ARE DRINKING AND BREAKING THE RULES.

AT BRUCE'S BEACH, THEY ARE DOING THIS.

THEY AREN'T DOING IT AT POLLIWOG OR HANGING OUT AT GRANDVIEW EVERY WEEKEND.

>> S. Napolitano: IT'S EVERY WEEKEND AT THE BEACH.

>> A. Howorth: I KNOW.

WHAT I'M SAYING THE ATTENTION AT BRUCE'S BEACH BEING THIS DRIVER OF THIS BEHAVIOR, I THINK IS NOT APPROPRIATE.

AND NOT OKAY.

I NEED TO SAY THAT.

SO WITH RESPECT TO THE NEIGHBORS THOUGH, THE WOMAN WHO SAID SHE HAD CALLED 45 TIMES, THAT'S TERRIBLE.

SHE IS REALLY SUFFERING IN HER HOME.

SHE LIVES NEXT TO THE PARK AND ON THE BEACH.

BUT HOPEFULLY THE POLICE, MAYBE WE NEED TO WORK ON THAT.

THAT'S SOMETHING SEPARATE.

BUT YOU KNOW, LET'S JUST UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE SAYING.

I'M FINE WITH, YOU KNOW FOCUSING IT DIFFERENTLY.

I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THESE COMMENTS, I REALLY, REALLY DO AND WOULD LIKE TO GET SUPPORT FOR DRIVING IT FOR NEXT YEAR.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: SO IF YOU ARE MAKING A MOTION, THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME TO MAKE A MOTION.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: ALL RIGHT.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN?

THE FOCUS HAS BEEN ON BRUCE'S BEACH BECAUSE THE FOCUS IS BRUCE'S BEACH IN THIS PARTICULAR PROPOSAL.

YOU WERE NOT ON COUNCIL AT THE TIME WHERE A LOT OF THESE THINGS HAPPENED.

WHERE A LOT OF THE COMPLAINTS CAME IN.

WHERE A LOT OF THE FOLKS WERE AT LEAST TALKING TO ME AND WRITING IN LETTERS AND EMAILS AND SAYING WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.

THEY FELT UNSAFE.

THERE WAS BAD BEHAVIOR THERE.

IT WAS A VERY TUMULTUOUS TIME.

SO YOU NEED TO RESPECT THE RESIDENTS AND HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT BECAUSE IT HAPPENED TO THEM, OKAY.

IT DIDN'T HAPPEN TO THE REST OF US.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE EVERYBODY LIVES EXACTLY, BUT I DON'T THINK WE LIVE ON THE PERIMETER OR EVEN A COUPLE BLOCKS OF BRUCE'S BEACH.

SO WE HAVE TO RESPECT THAT.

I DON'T THINK THERE'S AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE HERE OTHER THAN WANTING

TO GET THIS PLACE UNDER CONTROL.
AND HAVE A SITUATION WHERE SOMEONE DOESN'T HAVE TO FEEL THEY
HAVE TO SCURRY FROM THEIR CAR INTO THEIR HOME AND NOT FEEL, YOU
KNOW, IMPACTED BY BEHAVIOR THAT'S GOING ON AT THE BEACH.
SO IT SHOULD BE A QUIET PLACE.
IT SHOULD BE A REFLECTIVE PLACE.
THERE WERE MANY, MANY MONTHS, MAYBE EVEN STILL TODAY, THAT'S WHY
I WANTED TO ASK THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NUMBER OF CALLS.
IT HAS TO BE, YOU KNOW, REMEDIATED FROM THAT.
>> A. Howorth: ALL RIGHT.
>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: THAT'S WHAT I'M LISTENING.
I'M LISTENING TO THE RESIDENTS.
THE PEOPLE OPPOSED TO HAVING A BIG EVENT THERE.
THAT'S WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT.
WELL, MAYBE NOT A BIG EVENT BUT A SPECIAL EVENT.
AND WHY IS THE CITY ABLE TO DO IT WHEN ANOTHER GROUP IS NOT, SO.
>> Mayor Montgomery: COMMENT ACCEPTED.
COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND THEN I WILL SPEAK.
>> D. Lesser: I WANTED TO SEE IF YOU WANTED TO SPEAK.
>> Mayor Montgomery: I'LL CLOSE IT OFF.
>> D. Lesser: I WANTED TO SEE IF WE WANT TO MOVE IT FORWARD IN A
POSITIVE DIRECTION THAT WE FEEL, TO MOVE FORWARD CONSISTENT WITH
WHAT COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH AND NAPOLITANO MENTIONED.
I WAS GOING TO OFFER TO SECOND THE AMENDMENT, BUT I WANTED TO
HEAR YOUR REMARKS, MAYOR.
>> S. Napolitano: IF WE COULD STATE THE MOTION.
>> Mayor Montgomery: YES, AS SUCCINCTLY AS POSSIBLE.
>> A. Howorth: THE MOTION IS TO DIRECT STAFF, PARKS AND REC
STAFF, TO WORK WITH THE PARKS AND REC COMMISSION ON CREATING A
MEANINGFUL AND ROBUST CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH FOR NEXT YEAR.
TO CONSIDER THE ENTIRE CITY, DIFFERENT PARKS, ET CETERA, TO COME
BACK TO COUNCIL WITH ENOUGH TIME TO APPROVE OR OPPOSE ANY IDEAS
AND SUGGESTIONS.
AND THAT'S --
>> D. Lesser: THE ONLY SUGGESTION I THOUGHT WE TALKED ABOUT IS
TO GO TO THE PARKS AND REC.
>> A. Howorth: I DID SAY THAT.
I SAID IT THE SECOND TIME, NOT THE FIRST TIME.
MAYBE WE NEED TO HAVE ADDITIONAL POLICE OR REMEDIATION.
>> S. Napolitano: WE HAVE A SPECIAL EVENTS GROUP AMONG THE CITY
STAFF THAT DOES THAT.
>> D. Lesser: I WILL SECOND YOUR MOTION.
>> A. Howorth: THANK YOU.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ALL RIGHT.
I WILL CLOSE US OFF HERE.
AS THE MAYOR, I CAN TELL YOU, I RECEIVE MORE EMAILS THAN ANYONE
ELSE, NOT A SURPRISE.

AND PART OF THAT, AS COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO TALKED ABOUT, THE PRIMING WAS A PERFECT STORM OF ME NOT BEING IN TOWN AND OUR EMAIL SERVERS GOING DOWN.

THE ONLY THING THAT DID WORK IS MY OCCASIONAL TEXT THAT CITY MANAGER MOE REACHED OUT TO MAKE SURE WE COULD PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA, MATTER OF TIMING.

WITH THAT SAID, TAKE AWAY OUR PERSONAL OPINIONS, THE ENTIRE RESIDENTS IT WASN'T CLOSE, IT'S 3-1 THAT WE ARE AGAINST HAVING AN EVENT AT BRUCE'S BEACH.

TAKE BRUCE'S BEACH OUT OF IT.

IT'S BRUCE'S BEACH PARK IS THE CORRECT NAME.

LET'S FOCUS ON THAT ISSUE ALONE.

THAT BEING SAID, GREAT COMMENTS.

CHRISTY'S, RITA'S, GREAT COMMENTS AND GREAT EMAILS, WHEN I WAS ABLE TO READ THEM, I APPRECIATE A LOT OF COMMENTS.

AS COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO TALKED ABOUT, I COULDN'T RESPOND BACK, I GOT THE CONTINUAL HAMSTER WHEEL ON MY PHONE.

I APOLOGIZE.

I COULDN'T RESPOND BACK TO YOU IF I COULD READ SOMETHING.

THAT'S FIRST AND FOREMOST.

THOSE WHO TRIED TO EMAIL ME TODAY, I APOLOGIZE, I'M SO BUSY ON COUNCIL MEETING DAY, I DON'T GET HOME UNTIL AFTER MIDNIGHT.

THE AGENDA COMES OUT THE THURSDAY BEFORE OUR TUESDAY MEETING.

IF YOU WANT A RESPONSE BACK FROM US, DON'T WAIT UNTIL TUESDAY COUNCIL MEETING TO EMAIL US.

IF YOU NEED TO GET A HOLD OF ME, MOST OF YOU HAVE MY CELL PHONE NUMBER, YOU CAN TEXT ME, IF IT'S THAT IMPORTANT.

THAT'S A LAST RESORT.

WITH THAT BEING SAID, GREAT COMMENTS.

ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE.

AND I THINK I ONES I WROTE DOWN THE MOST WERE THE IDEA THAT WE RUSHED SOMETHING HERE.

AND THE FACT, I THINK EVEN TIM JONES SAID IT, WE AREN'T A CITY KNOWN FOR RUSHING THINGS.

WE HAVE STANDARDS WE LIKE TO HAVE HERE, DO IT THE RIGHT WAY AND APPROPRIATELY.

AND ALSO THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION.

AS COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH SAID.

LISTENING TO OUR RESIDENTS CONCERNS, MANY OF THEM FOUNDED, REGARDLESS OF NUMBERS, MANY OF THEM FOUNDED.

THE NOT JUST CHECKING A BOX HERE.

IF WE DO IT THE RIGHT WAY, IT TAKES US A YEAR TO DO AT POLLIWOG PARK, GREAT.

LET'S DO THAT.

WHY DIDN'T WE THINK OF THAT OURSELVES.

BUT GREAT IDEAS COME OUTSIDE THE FIVE OF US.

THAT'S OUR JOB TO LISTEN TO YOU.

WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE.
BUT WE LISTEN.
THAT'S WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE TONIGHT.
WITH THAT SAID, I AM REALLY CAUTIOUS FOR THE REASONS MENTIONED,
BUT HOSTING ANY GREAT LARGE NUMBERED EVENT AT A PARK THAT IS NOT
APPROPRIATELY SIZED, BATHROOMS, PARKING, ET CETERA, AT BRUCE'S
BEACH PARK, THAT BEING SAID AGAIN, OTHER PLACES IN THE CITY ARE
JUST AS NIGHT F NOT THE APPROPRIATE HISTORY PART, I GET IT.
IF YOU WANT US TO GET IT RIGHT, BE A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBLE ON THE
LOCATION.
COME TO US WITH A PLAN, TIME TO DO IT THE RIGHT WAY, SCALABLE,
LOOK AT THE ENTIRE CITY.
PAST THAT POINT, I THINK A RIGHT POINT, TO COUNCILMEMBER
FRANKLIN'S COMMENTS I WAS ON THAT COUNCIL IN 2018, AND THE
REQUEST TO CONSIDER PARKLETS, THE COUNCIL VOTED NO.
WE DIDN'T OPEN IT UP.
BUT MOVING FORWARD, I APPRECIATE MY COLLEAGUES BEING OPEN AND
FLEXIBLE.
I THINK WE HAVE A PLAN MOVING FORWARD.
WE DO RECOGNIZE.
IN FACT, I EVEN SIGNED SOMETHING TO RECOGNIZE JUNETEENTH, SO
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE NOT AS A CITY.
BUT LET'S DO IT THE RIGHT WAY AND APPROPRIATE LOCATION MOVING
FORWARD.
WITH THAT, COLLEAGUES, WE WILL DO A VOTE SCREEN, PLEASE.
>> A. Howorth: BY THE WAY, MR. MAYOR, WE WERE ALL FACING THE
SAME EMAIL ISSUE.
I HAD TO DELETE MY EMAIL OFF MY PHONE, ANYWAY, I WANT TO PILE IN
ON THAT ONE.
>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU'RE WELCOME.
VOTE, PLEASE.
>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: COULD WE RESTATE THE MOTION.
>> A. Howorth: I MADE A MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO WORK TOGETHER
WITH THE PARKS AND REC COMMISSION TO CREATE EVENTS DEDICATED TO
CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH NEXT YEAR.
AND TO NOT LIMIT IT TO BRUCE'S BEACH AND NOT A GRAND EVENT AT
BRUCE'S BEACH, OKAY.
BUT CONSIDER OTHER OPPORTUNITIES.
>> S. Napolitano: LOCATIONS.
>> A. Howorth: LOCATIONS.
>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'RE NOT COMMITTING TO BRUCE'S BEACH PARK
FOR ANYTHING.
IF WE DO IT COULD BE LOWER SCALE, NOT TALKING ABOUT HOSTING A
TENT AND BAND.
OTHER PLACES IN THE CITY CAN HANDLE THIS.
THE VOTING SCREEN IS UP.
PLEASE VOTE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.
>> Mayor Montgomery: GREAT, THANK YOU ALL FOR ATTENDING TONIGHT. I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.
WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM L.
CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB 1234.
BEFORE I DO THAT I WANT TO THANK REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN WHO HAD THE COURTESY WHILE I WAS OUT OF TOWN TO LOOK AT THE CHASE PROPERTY FOR ME.
THANK YOU, JOE, FOR DOING THAT.
>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: SURE.
>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYONE HAVE ANY AB 1234 REPORTS? ANYONE GO ANYWHERE EXCITING FOR CITY BUSINESS?
>> A. Howorth: TO THE MURAL.
>> Mayor Montgomery: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.
WHERE ANYONE CAN PUT AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA WITH A SECOND TO BE HEARD AT A LATER DATE.
>> S. Napolitano: COUNCIL.
NOT ANYONE.
>> Mayor Montgomery: YES, ANYONE ON COUNCIL.
SEEING NONE.
CITY MANAGER REPORT?
>> City Manager B. Moe: YES, JUST A VERY BRIEF ONE TONIGHT. I KNOW WE HAVE SEEN STORIES ABOUT POTHOLES ALL OVER THE STATE FROM THE RAIN, AND FORMER GOVERNOR DOING HIS PART TO FILL IN POTHOLES.
>> Mayor Montgomery: I HAVEN'T DONE THAT YET, BUT I WAS THINKING ABOUT THAT.
>> City Manager B. Moe: PUBLIC WORKS CREWS RECEIVED REPORTS OF 256 POTHOLES SINCE THE RAINS BEGAN IN 2022 AND 100% OF THOSE POTHOLES WERE REPAIRED WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS.
OUR GUYS ARE ON IT.
ERIC IS KILLING IT.
AND HOPEFULLY WE DON'T HAVE MANY POTHOLES.
IF THERE ARE, TELL US, WE WILL GET TO IT QUICKLY.
>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: REACH THE BEACH.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THAT'S RIGHT.
USE OUR APP.
CITY ATTORNEY REPORT?
MR. KEARNS?
>> NOTHING TO REPORT, MAYOR.
>> Mayor Montgomery: TRANSPARENCY, I DIDN'T DO THIS EARLIER, I AM ON THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES BOARD.
THE BILL FORMERLY KNOWN AS AB 23, THRESHOLD FROM \$934.
NOW CALLED AB 1709.
THEY GET CREATIVE IN SACRAMENTO CHANGING NUMBERS AROUND, HOPSCOTCHING AROUND, AB 1709, MURATSUCHI'S BILL, THEFT CHARGE.
COUNCIL IS GOING TO STAY FOR CLOSED SESSION.

WE WILL ANNOUNCE IN OPEN SESSION ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

THIS WILL BE CITY ATTORNEY KEARNS.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION FOR CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, 54957.6. AGENCY NEGOTIATORS, ACTING HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE MANHATTAN BEACH FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.

[CLOSED SESSION]

>> Mayor Montgomery: WE ARE GOING TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT, OPEN SESSION FROM OUR CITY ATTORNEY, MR. KEARNS?

>> YES, MAYOR, THE CITY COUNCIL MET IN CLOSED SESSION, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 54957.6, DIRECTION WAS GIVEN TO THE NEGOTIATORS FOR THE MANHATTAN BEACH FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: FANTASTIC. WE WILL ADJOURN UNTIL 4:00 P.M. ON APRIL 25th. WE WILL SEE YOU ALL THERE.

HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.

THANK YOU, EVERYBODY.

>> A. Howorth: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. GREAT MEETING.

>> THANK YOU.

[ADJOURNED 10:08 P.M.]