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>> Mayor Napolitano: WE'RE LIVE.

WELCOME, EVERYONE, TO YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 21st, 2023,
6 P.M. HERE IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

WE'RE GOING TO START WITH OUR PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND I'M GOING TO
ASK YOUR CITY TREASURER TIM TO LEAD US.

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

>> Mayor Napolitano: VERY GOOD.

THANK YOU.

ROLL CALL, MADAM CITY CLERK.

>> COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: HERE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: HERE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: HERE.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: HERE.

>> MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

>> Mayor Napolitano: HERE.

I APPRECIATE EVERYONE BEING HERE.

I WANT TO ANNOUNCE SOME FOLKS.

YOU'LL HEAR FROM SOME OTHERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

BUT I WANT TO ANNOUNCE OUR FORMER MAYORS THAT ARE HERE, FORMER MAYOR HILDY STERN, RUSS UP THERE IF BACK, TIM OUR CITY TREASURER IS ALSO A FORMER MAYOR, MITCH WARD AND THEN LINDA WILSON.

GOOD TO SEE YOU.

WELCOME EVERYONE.

THAT TAKES US TO APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES.

IF THERE'S NOTHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO PULL FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA UNDER MAYOR MONTGOMERY, SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I'LL MAKE THE MOTION TO HAVE AN INTERACTIVE SCREEN.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I'LL SECOND IT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

WE GOT THE BUTTONS.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Napolitano: AND THAT TAKES US TO OUR REORGANIZATION. CITY REORGANIZATION.

AND THIS IS WHERE I HAND IT OVER TO MPT.

MAYOR PRO TEM MONTGOMERY.

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

WONDERING WHY WE'RE ALL WEARING THE SAME SWEATER?

>> Mayor Napolitano: APPARENTLY I'VE TAKEN TO WEARING SWEATERS OVER THE WINTER AND I NEED TO BUY A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN I HAVE.

ARGYLE SEEMS TO HAVE A RUNNING THEME THAT I HAVE AND SO MY COLLEAGUES
HERE HAVE INDULGED MY FONDNESS FOR ARGYLE SWEATERS AND CITY ATTORNEY
AND CITY MANAGER.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: BEFORE I PRESENT MAYOR NAPOLITANO WITH
THE CEREMONIAL -- YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAND NOW.

YOU'VE GOT TIME.

I'LL SAVE THAT FOR TIME.

I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS WHEN -- REMEMBER WHEN STEVE TOOK OVER AS THE
MAYOR LAST YEAR, WE'RE STILL UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY ORDER,
WE ALL REMEMBER THAT, WAITING FOR THE DAY IT WAS GOING TO RELEASE
ITSELF.

STEVE WAS THE RIGHT PERSON FOR THE JOB.

ONCE YOU HAVE THE ORDER LIFTED YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO THE PATH OF
NORMALCY.

YOU WERE THE GUY TO LEAD US BACK TO NORMALCY.

NOT JUST DINING DECKS BUT THE MOOD OF THE CITY CHANGED.

YOU DID IT WITH STRENGTH WHEN NEEDED AND COMPASSION.

AND I REMEMBER THAT.

I THINK EVERYBODY HERE IN THE CITY REMEMBERS THAT.

WE WERE ACTUALLY COMING OUT, BREAKING THE CLOUDS HERE LITERALLY.

SO FOR ME IT WAS A MATTER OF THANKING YOU.

YOUR CONSTANT FRIENDSHIP, MENTORING AND LEADING US THROUGH ONE OF
THE DARKEST TIMES IN OUR CITY AND TURNED THE REINS OVER TO THE RIGHT

PERSON AT THE RIGHT TIME.

IT SAYS MAYOR NAPOLITANO, JUNE 7, 2022, TO MARCH 21, 2023, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND ITS RESIDENTS.

AND I WANT TO CALL UP NEXT COUNCILMEMBER JOE FRANKLIN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: THANK YOU, MAYOR PRO TEM.

MAYOR NAPOLITANO, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT -- HOW DO YOU DO THIS? YOU NEED THREE HANDS.

SO FROM THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, A CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION TO OUR COLLEAGUE, MAYOR STEVE NAPOLITANO, SO FROM JULY 7th, 2022, UNTIL TODAY, MARCH 21st.

SO WHEREAS, STEVE NAPOLITANO SERVED THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AS MAYOR FROM JUNE 7th TO MARCH 21st, 2023, AND DURING HIS TENURE AS MAYOR STEVE HAS EXERCISED LEADERSHIP IN ESTABLISHING THE PROFESSIONAL PRECEPTS -- I MEAN, WOW.

THE SOURCE PLEASE -- OF THE POSITION OF MAYOR.

HAS POSSESSED THE OUTSTANDING QUALITIES OF INTEGRITY AND UNSELFISHNESS.

AND IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE CITY COUNCIL THAT STEVE BE COMMENDED FOR HIS LOYAL DEDICATION AND ACHIEVEMENTS AS MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES COMMEND WITH DEEP APPRECIATION OUTGOING MAYOR STEVE NAPOLITANO FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY AS MAYOR AND AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND I'LL ADD AS A FRIEND.

CONGRATULATIONS.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU, MPT, FOR A FEW MORE MOMENTS.

MR. MAYOR, I NEED ONE LAST TIME.

WE HAVE FORMER MAYOR LINDA WILSON AND MITCH WARD WITH US NOW.

THEY WEREN'T HERE WHEN YOU INTRODUCED THEM EARLIER.

IT'S ONLY APPROPRIATE THAT I CORRECT YOU, DON'T YOU THINK?

OKAY.

YOU'RE NOT JUST A STYLE LEADER.

AND BEFORE I MAKE THE COMMENTS ABOUT YOU AND THEY ARE BRIEF BECAUSE

I KNOW HOW YOU APPRECIATE THAT, I DO WANT TO SAY THAT WE WANT TO GIVE

YOU THE HONOR AND APPRECIATION YOU SO DESERVE.

AND IT'S SORT OF STRANGE, RIGHT, BECAUSE WE DON'T ALSO SAY AND GOOD

LUCK TO YOU, RICHARD.

WE JUST ALL SIT DOWN, HE MAKES A SPEECH AND YOU MAKE A SPEECH.

AND I JUST WANT TO SAY I HOPE THAT THIS NEXT TERM FOR YOU DOES NOT

ONE WEEKEND USHER IN THE PANDEMIC.

I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE SERVING OUR COMMUNITY AND YOU ALWAYS SHOW

UP WHICH IS HARDER THAN IT LOOKS AND I SO APPRECIATE AND LOOK FORWARD

TO YOU BEING MAYOR.

BUT BACK TO STEVE.

NOW, LISTEN, THERE'S A LOT THAT COULD BE SAID -- SEE?

I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND I THINK THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

IS.

YOU MAKE IT LOOK EASY TO SOMEHOW BE FUNNY, SOMEHOW BE RATIONAL,
SOMEHOW BE INCLUSIVE.

ALL OF THE THINGS YOU DO YOU DO WITH A SMILE ON YOUR FACE, MOSTLY,
AND WHEN YOU ARE CRANKY IT'S FOR A REASON THAT ACTUALLY MOVES US
FORWARD.

MAYBE CRANKY IS THE WRONG WORD.

I THINK WHEN YOU ARE STRONG IN YOUR STATEMENTS I APPRECIATE THAT TOO.
AND I FEEL LIKE I'VE LEARNED A LOT WATCHING YOU JUST FROM NOVEMBER
TO NOW.

I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH HOW GRATEFUL WE ALL ARE.

YOUR EXPERIENCE HAS JUST HELPED THIS CITY SO MUCH.

YOU KNOW, I WON'T BE PUSHING YOUR BUTTONS ANYMORE, I'LL BE PUSHING
RICHARD'S BUTTONS.

BUT DO HAVE SOMETHING -- IT'S FROM ALL OF US IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR
EXPERIENCE FOR THE PAST NINE MONTHS BUT ALSO -- YOU CAN OPEN IT.
IT'S EXPERIENCE OVER THE NINE MONTHS AND ALL OF THE SERVICE YOU HAVE
GIVEN TO THE COMMUNITY.

YOU OFTEN SAY IT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> Councilmember Howorth: NO THAT'S FOR LATER.

POLITICIANS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE SHOWN WITH THAT.

I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT WITH YOU.

A TROPHY.

NO, NO, LOOK AT IT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: THIS AIN'T MY FIRST RODEO.

>> Councilmember Howorth: [INDISCERNIBLE].

MPT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER DAVID LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: ONE OF THE THINGS THAT STEVE DISLIKES MORE THAN ANYTHING IS ONGOING PRAISE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YEP.

>> Councilmember Lesser: SO I'M GOING TO CONTINUE IN THAT SPIRIT AND SIMPLY NOTE THE TROPHY IS APPROPRIATE.

THIS AIN'T HIS FIRST RODEO.

I THINK THIS IS HIS SIXTH TOUR AS MAYOR, IS THAT RIGHT?

YOU'VE BEEN A PUBLIC SERVANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY FOR, IS IT 3 IS YEARS, INCLUDING THE ROUGHLY 12 YEARS THAT YOU SPENT WITH OUR SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I'M OLD.

>> Councilmember Lesser: YOU ARE OLD BUT MOREOVER IT'S WHAT YOU'VE DONE WHILE SERVING ALL OF THOSE YEARS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND IT'S CONSEQUENTIAL THANKS THAT HE'S CONTRIBUTED TO OUR COMMUNITY INCLUDING IN HIS LAST TOUR AS MAYOR.

OUR PUBLIC FACILITIES, METLOX, OUR LIBRARY.

I WAS THERE.

YOU HAVE MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE, INCLUDING THIS LAST WEEKEND.

I WOULD SAY THIS, STEVE.

WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE.

YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER DISAGREEMENTS.

BUT I ALWAYS KNOW THAT YOU HAVE THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY AT HEART AND FOR THAT I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL AS A RESIDENT TO BE REPRESENTED BY YOU.

AND I APPRECIATE YOUR FRIENDSHIP.

THANK YOU FOR THIS LAST REALLY DIFFICULT PERIOD OF SERVICE.

A LOT IS GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITY.

I DON'T NEED TO SUMMARIZE IT HERE BUT THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: BEFORE WE BEGIN MAYOR NAPOLITANO'S SPEECH, IS THERE ANYONE ELSE, DIGNITARIES IN THE ROOM THAT WANT TO COME DOWN AND GIVE THE MAYOR HUGS.

TELL US WHO YOU ARE AND WHO YOU REPRESENT.

WE'LL START WITH YOU.

>> I'M JESSA, I WORK FOR SUPERVISOR HOLLY MITCHELL.

I REPRESENT HERE ON THE COASTAL AREAS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR L.A. COUNTY.

AND MANHATTAN BEACH IS ONLY A LITTLE YEAR NEW TO THE SECOND DISTRICT WHEN THEY REDREW THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT.

AND IN MY WORK IN THE SOUTH BAY, I HAVE TO SAY, MAYOR NAPOLITANO, I'VE HAD SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY SAY, I JUST CALLED STEVE AND HE GOT IT DONE.

YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF FANS OUT THERE OUTSIDE OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND

IT WAS CLEAR TO ME IN THE STATE OF THE CITY HOW MUCH YOU'VE DONE IN THIS TERM OF YOUR MAYORSHIP AND YOUR DEDICATION IS NOTED BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SHE WENT ME TO PRESENT YOU A SCHOOL, UH-HUH, IN RECOGNITION OF DEDICATION OF SERVICE TO THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMMUNITY AND FOR THE CIVIC PRIDE DEMONSTRATED BY NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BENEFITS OF ALL RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. VERY WELCOME.

>> HELLO.

I'M VANESSA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF THE BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT AND I WANT TO SAY WHEN WE STARTED IN PUBLIC SERVICE BOTH OF US HAD LESS GRAY HAIR.

SO, YEAH.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I HAD MORE.

>> WHEREAS BEECH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT ENHANCES INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH THROUGH A BROAD RANGE OF INNOVATIVE HEALTH SERVICES, COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, MUNICIPALITIES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, WHEREAS STEVE NAPOLITANO HAS DEDICATED HIS TIME, ENERGY AND CIVIC SERVICE AND HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PARTNER IN HEALTH OF BEECH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT THROUGH HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN A RANGE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE ROLE OF MAYOR, MANHATTAN BEACH. WHEREAS STEVE HAS DEDICATED HIMSELF TO SERVING MANHATTAN BEACH AND HIS RESIDENTS.

HE WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED BY CITIES, OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES
THROUGHOUT THE BEACH CITIES.

BE IT PROCLAIMED THE BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTS
HEREBY ISSUES THIS PROCLAMATION TO STEVE NAPOLITANO IN RECOGNITION
OF HIS CONTRIBUTION TO SERVING ITS RESIDENTS AS WELL AS THE
DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT TO HELPING CREATE A HEALTHY BEACH COMMUNITY.

AND I ALSO WANTED TO SAY I WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND ON SATURDAY BECAUSE
IT WAS RESCHEDULED BECAUSE OF ALL OF THIS RAIN.

IT WAS GOOD TO HAVE A NICE SUN IN DAY IN THE MIDDLE THERE.

AT THE BRUCE'S BEACH PARK DEDICATION.

AND THE CITY, WITH YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN BRAVE
TO OPEN ITS EYE TO OUR RACIST PAST AND CONTINUE TO FIND WAYS TO BECOME
MORE INCLUSIVE.

YOUR WORDS WERE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THAT PROCESS AND I REALLY
PERSONALLY, I APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: ONE SECOND.

HERMOSA BEACH.

>> GREAT.

YEAH, HERE WE GO.

MY NAME IS DEAN FRANCOIS, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER IN HERMOSA BEACH.

I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR A LONG TIME FOR MANY OF THE COMMUNITY THINGS YOU'VE
BEEN INVOLVED WITH FOR SO MANY, MANY YEARS.

AND OF COURSE WE IN HERMOSA THINKS HE LIVES THERE.

I DON'T KNOW.

WE SEE HIM ALL OF THE TIME PLAYING VOLLEYBALL.

NO.

HE'S THE MAYOR IN -- NO.

REALLY.

OKAY.

SO, YOU KNOW, BASICALLY I'VE GOT THIS WONDERFUL CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION FOR YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR JUNE 7 TO MARCH 21.

OKAY.

YOU EARNED IT.

YEAH.

YOU WERE MAYOR THEN.

WHEREAS YOU DID ALL THAT AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE CITIES OF HERMOSA
AND MANHATTAN BEACH HAVE A PARTNERSHIP AND A COMMITMENT TO WORKING
TOGETHER FOR THOSE SHARED VALUES AND THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR US
TO RELAY TO THAT AND THE LEADERSHIP THAT YOU'VE SHOWN, THE THINGS
YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH AND THE BRUCE'S BEACH AND DEALING WITH THAT AND
WHAT WE ENDED UP LAST WEEKEND IN THE PARK WITH THE DEDICATION OF THAT.
SO THEREFORE, I DEAN FRANCOIS, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ON BEHALF OF THE
MAYOR AND THE WHOLE CITY COUNCIL HEREBY TENDER THIS CERTIFICATE OF
RECOGNITION TO THE HONORABLE STEVE NAPOLITANO.

I CAN'T READ THIS WRITING.

IT'S LIKE -- IT'S IN OLD ENGLISH.

OH, SINCEREST APPRECIATION AND THANKS FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

THROUGH THE SOUTH BAY.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR.

MY NAME IS NICOLE JONES.

I'M HERE REPRESENTING STATE COMPTROLLER MALIA.

I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM HER FROM SACRAMENTO.

HE ASKED ME TO BRING THIS CERTIFICATE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF YOUR WORK,
INCLUDING SERVING AS A YOUNGEST COUNCILMEMBER EVER AND ALL OF YOUR
WORK ON THE BRUCE'S BEACH TASK FORCE.

IN DEEP APPRECIATION FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO UPLIFT COMMUNITIES IN
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SHE OFFERS CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS OCCASION.
A POINT OF PRIVILEGE, I WANT TO ALSO BRING GREETING TO THE MAYOR ELECT,
NOW MAYOR, THE CONTROLLER OFFERS HER CONGRATULATION TO YOU AS YOU
EMBARK ON THE NEW ROLE AND ACKNOWLEDGES ALL OF YOUR COMMITMENT AND
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

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

>> Mayor Napolitano: OKAY.

THERE ARE A FEW THINGS FOR BOTH RICHARD AND I FROM THE CITY OF ROLLING
HILLS, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WHICH AGAIN BRINGS A SMILE TO
MY FACE, THE U.S. SENATE AND [INDISCERNIBLE].

APPRECIATE ALL OF THOSE AS WELL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

OH.

THERE'S MORE.

>> SUPERVISOR MITCHELL ALSO SENT ME WITH A CONGRATULATIONS -- YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SWORN IN YET OFFICIALLY.

IS IT TIME?

SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SENT ME TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR MAYORSHIP AND IS EAGER TO PARTNER WITH YOU AND WORK WITH YOU.

I SHOULD READ IT.

SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DOES HEREBY JOIN IN YOUR CELEBRATION TODAY.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME COME DOWN HERE.

>> Mayor Napolitano: ALL RIGHT.

OKAY.

THANK YOU.

ALL RIGHT.

I DON'T KNOW WHEN THE WHOLE MAYOR ROTATION, WHEN IT DID THIS YEARS AGO, NOBODY SHOWED UP TO IT.

IT WAS JUST US.

I REALLY APPRECIATE, ALWAYS DO, WHENEVER WE DO THIS AND THE FORMER MAYORS COME DOWN.

I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT.

AND OF COURSE ALL OF THE REPRESENTATIVES.

YOU'RE FRIENDS AND IT REALLY MEANS A LOT THAT YOU CAME HERE FROM SOUTH OF THE BORDER, FROM HERMOSA AND PARTS ELSEWHERE, THE COUNTY AND EVERYONE ELSE.

YOU'RE ALL FRIENDS.

WE CROSS PATHS, WE WORKED TOGETHER MANY TIMES.

I REALLY APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE IT MEANS A LOT.

IT MEANS A LOT.

AS AMY SAID, SHOWING UP MEANS A LOT.

JUST A FEW COMMENTS FROM ME.

YOU KNOW, NINE MONTHS AGO I SAID IT WAS GOOD TO BE THE MAYOR AND IT'S BEEN JUST THAT.

THERE HAVE BEEN HIGHS AND LOWS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES BUT ALSO LOTS OF FUN AND LAUGHS, HENCE THE ARGYLE SWEATERS.

THOUGH ALSO GETTING A LOT OF STUFF DONE.

I'M NOT GOING TO GO OVER A LAUNDRY LIST OF EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE DONE BECAUSE LONG LISTS MAKE FOR REALLY BORING SPEECHES.

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW AND CAN'T SLEEP SOMETIME, I HEAR WE JUST POSTED THE STATE OF THE CITY VIDEO ONLINE.

ENJOY.

NOBODY DOES ANYTHING ALONE AND THAT CERTAINLY GOES FOR BEING MAYOR AND SERVING ON COUNCIL.

YOU NEED SUPPORT.

AND AYE GOT AN AMAZING NETWORK WHO HAVE PROVIDED ME WITH TIME, UNDERSTANDING AND SPACE TO DO WHAT I HAVE NEEDED TO DO BECAUSE THEY KNOW AND UNDERSTAND IT ISN'T ABOUT ME, IT'S ABOUT SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

AND SERVING OTHERS.

I SIGNED UP FOR THIS, THEY DIDN'T, BUT THEY'VE MADE IT POSSIBLE. ROMAN, NOLA AND MY KIDS, FRANCIÉ, OF COURSE, JASMINE, MILA, MY DAD, BROTHER, JASON, TAJ, THESE ARE MY PEOPLE THAT ARE MY ROCKS AND KEEP ME GOING AND SO MANY MORE.

I'VE GOT AN AMAZING NETWORK OF FRIENDS AS WELL THAT KEEP ME GROUNDED IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.

AND THEY REMIND ME ABOUT THAT ON A CONSTANT BASIS TOO.

I'VE MISSED SCHOOL EVENTS, BOOK LUNCH EVENTS, HOLIDAYS, BIRTHDAYS AND EVERYDAY THINGS AND YET THEY STILL TALK TO ME.

LIKE I SAID, THEY'RE AMAZING.

SPEAKING OF AMAZING, OUR CITY STAFF IS THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS.

DESPITE MY BEST INTEREST TO THE CONTRARY, THEY'VE MADE ME LOOK GOOD AT ALL OF THE EVENTS AS A MAYOR HAS TO DO.

THE VIDEOS, PRESS RELEASES AND FOLLOWING UP ON ISSUES AS THEY CAME UP.

INSTEAD OF NAMING A LOT OF NAMES I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE.

THAT IS LAST THURSDAY I GOT A LAST-MINUTE TEXT BY SOMEONE HERE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO SAID HEY, YOU KNOW, MY FATHER IS TURNING 100 AND IN SOME COMMUNITIES THEY DO A DRIVE-BY WITH POLICE OR FIRE.

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU GUY CONSIST DO.

AND SO I SENT OUT THE E-MAIL TO BRUCE AND THE CHIEFS AND TO CITY STAFF SEAN SAID WE'VE GOT A 100-YEAR-OLD WAR HERO.

HE WAS IN WORLD WAR II, A BONA FIDE HERO WITH MEDALS AND ALL AND HAS SHOWN UP AT OUR VETERANS EVENT EVERY NOVEMBER 11.

I PUT THE WORD OUT TO STAFF AND THEY MADE IT HAPPEN IN THE MOST AMAZING WAY.

IT WAS JUST -- THEY SHOWED UP AT THE HOUSE, THE DRIVE-BY, THE POLICE AND FIRE TOGETHER.

I COULDN'T GO BECAUSE OF THE STATE OF THE CITY.

I WAS ABLE TO SIGN A CERTIFICATE PRESENTED BY ANDY HER ROD.

THEY BLOCKED OFF THE STREET.

THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD CAME OUT, THE KIDS, NEIGHBORS EVERYONE IS FILMING.

IT TOUCHED THE FAMILY BUT IT TOUCHED HIM.

THINGS LIKE THAT THAT STAFF DOES DAY IN AND DAY OUT THAT NOBODY DOES.

THEY DO FANTASTIC WORK.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

ALL YOU GUYS DO.

PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

THEY'RE THE HEROES.

WHILE IT'S GOOD TO BE THE MAYOR IT'S GOOD THAT EVERYONE GETS A CHANCE TO DO IT TOO.

I BELIEVE FIRMLY IN OUR MAY RECALL ROTATION EVERY NINE MONTHS WHERE EVERYBODY GETS A TURN.

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE MY FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE RICHARD WHO WILL BE TAKING THE GAVEL.

I KNOW THE CITY WILL BE IN HIS GREAT HANDS DURING HIS LEADERSHIP.

I LOOK FORWARD CONTINUING TO WORK WITH HIM AND OUR NEW COLLEAGUES.

WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE A NEW COUNCIL WITH OLD -- I MEAN EXPERIENCED HANDS.

YOU'VE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING SINCE DAY ONE.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH THEM AS WELL AS WITH JOE AND RICHARD AND WE JUST ALL PUT MANHATTAN BEACH FIRST.

AND THERE'S NO BETTER GROUP TO WORK WITH THAN THE FOLKS I'M UP HERE WITH NOW.

SO AS MY SIXTH TERM AS MAYOR COMES TO AN END, I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE PEOPLE OF MANHATTAN BEACH, THOUGH.

I COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD TO SERVE MY HOMETOWN.

IT'S AN HONOR THAT -- IT NEVER GETS OLD AND MY APPRECIATION FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY HAS ONLY GROWN SINCE I WAS FIRST ELECTED.

I LOVE MANHATTAN BEACH.

MANHATTAN BEACH IS MY HOME AND I WILL ALWAYS DO MY BEST FOR IT AND EVERYONE IN IT.

ALWAYS.

NOW LET'S GET BACK TO GETTING THINGS DONE.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

APPRECIATE THAT.

THANK YOU.

AND NOW I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE MAYOR PRO TEM RICHARD MONTGOMERY TO BE THE NEXT MAYOR OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I'LL SECOND IT.

I DON'T SEE A VOTING SCREEN.

>> Mayor Napolitano: WE'RE GOING TO BRING ONE UP RIGHT NOW.

ALL RIGHT.

THERE WE GO.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Napolitano: I TURN IT OVER TO YOU, MY FRIEND.

SO GOING FORWARD ALL COMPLAINTS GO TO

RMONTGOMERY@MANHATTANBEACH.GOV.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: THANK YOU.

I THINK THEY HAVE MY E-MAIL BY NOW I'M SURE.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE.

MOST OF YOU KNOW IN THIS ROOM, THOSE OF YOU WATCHING AT HOME, I'M NOT MUCH FOR LONG-WINDED SPEECHES.

YOU'VE SEEN THEM FOR YEARS AND ONE THING I DETEST.

BUT TONIGHT I'M GOING TO ASK FOR YOUR INDULGENCE AND PATIENCE AS I BREAK MY THREE-MINUTE RULE.

MY FAVORITE QUOTE FROM MITCH IS BE SINCERE, BE BRIEF AND BE SEATED.

TWO OF THE THREE, WE'RE ALMOST THERE.

FIRST THANK MY COLLEAGUES, MAYOR NAPOLITANO, JOE, AMY AND DAVID.

YES, WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER IN THE PAST AND JOE NOW TWO AND A HALF YEARS THREE YEARS INTO IT YOU HAVE AN EXCEPTIONAL TEAM HERE.

YOU DON'T SEE MUCH OF WHAT HAPPENS.

YOU SEE THE MEETINGS, THE EVENTS AT BRUCE'S BEACH.

THERE'S SO MUCH MORE THAT HAPPENS.

BUT YOU HAVE PEOPLE THAT HAVE SOLID BEHIND US.

NOTHING HAPPENS HERE BY ITSELF.

THE MAYOR CAN GREAT HERE BUT IT'S A TEAM EFFORT ALL THE WAY THROUGH WITH STAFF AND EVERYONE ELSE.

BUT I'LL GET INTO THAT.

MY FAMILY WATCHING FROM HOME, I KNOW THEY COULDN'T ALL BE HERE.

BUT MY MOM -- HI, MOM, SHE'S WATCHING -- MY DAD, BROTHERS AND CYSTS IN TEXAS.

MY BROTHER TERRY, IT'S HIS BIRTHDAY.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

MY WIFE DIANE COULD NOT BE HERE FROM THE HOSPITAL IN TIME.

SHE TEXTED SHE'S ON THE WAY.

AND I TOLD HER IT'S A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT.

IT'S OKAY NOT TO BE HERE EARLY.

THE ONLY OTHER MAYORS UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE MAYOR.

IT'S NOT JUST THE JOB.

IT'S AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF TIME AND ATTENTION IT TAKES TO DO IT RIGHT.

TO OUR RESIDENTS AND MY FRIENDS THAT MADE THIS ALL POSSIBLE, TOO MANY TO NAME, BUT ESPECIALLY DENNIS, KIM, DAVID K., ELAINE, THE LATE DAVID WHITE, THANK YOU ALL.

IT MEANS A LOT.

AND YOU'RE THE ONES THAT PUT ME HERE.

I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT.

THE POSITION OF MAYOR IS BOTH TRULY HUMBLING AND COULD BE INCREDIBLY OVERWHELMING.

IF ANYONE THOUGHT WE KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN 2020 WE DID NOT.

YES, WE SIGNED UP FOR IT BUT NO ONE SAW THIS COMING.

NO ONE HAD ANY IDEA.

OUR CITY CLERKS MARTHA AND LIZA, I NOW JOIN THE SHORT LIST OF FIVE PEOPLE THAT HAVE SERVED FOUR TERMS OR MORE AS MAYOR.

NO ONE IS EVER GOING TO CATCH MAYOR NAPOLITANO IN SERVING SIX TERMS.

WHEN YOU GET ELECTED WHEN YOU'RE 22 YEARS OLD AS HE DID, YOU GET A BIG HEAD START.

[LAUGHTER]

THE SECOND I WAS ASKED BY MANY WHAT MY PARTY WILL BE IN MY FOURTH TERM AS MAYOR.

LET'S SEE, IN 2008 WE HAD THE GREAT RECESSION.

NOT A GREAT START.

SECOND TERM, 2012, CITY CENTENNIAL.

THAT WAS COOL.

THIRD TERM, 2020, COVID.

I TOOK OVER 12 DAYS AS MAYOR BEFORE THE GOVERNOR SHUT DOWN THE ENTIRE STATE AND CLOSED THE BEACHES.

THAT WAS MARCH 19, 2020.

REMEMBER THAT DATE.

THAT WAS THREE YEARS AND TWO DAYS AGO FROM TODAY.

FIRST TIME I WILL BE SITTING IN YOUR CHAIR.

I NEVER SAT IN THAT CHAIR FOR ANY MEETINGS AS MAYOR THE ENTIRE TERM.

WE HAD THREE MEETINGS A WEEK.

REMEMBER THAT?

I KNOW STEVE DOES.

FIRST TIME IN CITY HISTORY AND HOPE TO NEVER BE REPEATED.

ALL MEETINGS BY ZOOM EVEN THOUGH MANY OF US HAS NO IDEA WHAT ZOOM WAS.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE ALL DO AND SCHOOL KIDS KNOW WHAT IT IS BETTER THAN WE DO.

I'M BRINGING THIS UP FOR TWO REASONS.

FIRST, I NEVER HAD AN OPPORTUNITY, THERE WAS SO MUCH GOING ON IN THE MAYOR'S ROTATION IN 2020, I NEVER HAD THE CHANCE TO THANK SO MANY OF YOU AT HOME.

AND WATCHING AT HOME FOR ALL YOU DID FOR ALL OF US DURING COVID.

WE NEVER HAD A PROPER CHANCE TO SAY THANK YOU.

MICHAEL GREENBERG, I'LL MENTION A FEW, FOR HIS CONTINUED UNSUNG GENEROSITY AND PAIN TO BOARD UP OUR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES IN PROHIBITION TEXT AGAINST LOOTING.

A SIGHT I ALSO NEVER WANT TO SEE AGAIN.

TO THE MANY DOCTORS, NURSES, WHO UNSOLICITED PROVIDED ME A CONSTANT SOUNDING BOARD OF WHAT'S GOING ON ON THE MEDICAL SIDE.

YOU DON'T SEE IT ON.

>> Councilmember Stern:

THERE'S SO MUCH HAPPENING.

OUR BUSINESSES ALSO WERE GREAT.

AND YES THE CHINESE CONSULATE HERE IN L.A. PROVIDED THOUSANDS OF STERILE MASKS AND GLOVES AND GOWNS AND HAND SANITIZER THAT WE COULD NOT FIND.

AND WE WERE BIDDING AGAINST OTHER CITIES TO BUY IT.

YOU COULDN'T FIND IT ANYWHERE.

PEOPLE CAME THROUGH AND HELPED US OUT.

OUR POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL WHO COULD NOT STAY AT HOME PROTECTING ALL OF US.

AND OUR ENTIRE STAFF, ENTIRE TEAM THAT REMAINED WORKING WITH US THROUGH IT ALL.

NO ONE LEFT DURING THAT TIME PERIOD.

AND OUR FORMER L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISOR JANICE HANN WHO STOOD WITH US TO HELP PROTECT US WHEN NEEDED AND JOINING US TO INFORM GOVERNOR NEWSOM THAT WE WERE OPENING UP OUR RETAIL STORES.

SOME MAYORS WILL FACE A CRISIS DURING THEIR TERM.

DURING COVID I WAS FORTUNATE TO HAVE FAMILY, COLLEAGUES, STAFF AND FAITH BY MY SIDE DURING THIS LAST CRISIS.

YOU KNOW HOW WE MANAGE ALL OF THESE PAST CRISES IN THE WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC, THE EXPERIENCE AS MAYOR AND OUR STAFF IN RECESSION PREPARED US FOR THE WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC.

WE ALL WORKED TOGETHER INVOLVING A MAJOR LOSS OF REVENUE, EMPLOYEE CUTBACKS AND FINANCIAL INSECURITY, RECREATED A TEAM.

WE HAD NO IDEA WHAT WOULD COME DOWN THE ROAD 12 YEARS LATER.
BECAUSE OF ALL OF THESE PAST EXPERIENCES -- AND THIS CURRENT COUNCIL
HAS 54 YEARS OF SERVICE TOGETHER.
I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT WHATEVER COMES OUR WAY.
WE HAVE THE BEST EXPERIENCED TEAM, COUNCIL, STAFF AS ANY CITY IN
CALIFORNIA.
THIS STAFF.
THEY BELIEVE AND PRACTICE SERVICE ABOVE SELF.
THE ENTIRE COUNCIL.
WHICH IS THE PRINCIPLE MOTTO OF OUR ROTARY CLUB, SERVICE ABOVE SELF.
I KNOW BECAUSE BRUCE OR OTHERS WILL E-MAIL ME AT 11:30 AT NIGHT.
THEY'RE WORKING STILL.
YOU DON'T SEE THAT ON YOUR SIDE OF THE FENCE BUT WE KNOW.
WE SEE THE E-MAILS AND THE CALLS.
NOW ON TO THE GAME PLAN FOR MY TERM.
FIRST TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS.
AS THE FUNDS DEDICATED FOR SEVEN POLICE OFFICERS AND A FEW MORE
FIREFIGHTERS WILL ONLY MAKE US STRONGER.
SECOND, THE HOMELESS CAMPAIGN.
41 UNHOUSED IN 2018 TO NINE UNHOUSED IN 2022.
A TOTAL TEAM EFFORT FROM OUR OWN -- THE CITY MANAGER GEORGE GABRIEL,
FOR THE HIRE CONTRACTORS AT HARBOR INTERFAITH, THE POLICE AND FIRE
DEPARTMENTS, THE VOLUNTEERS AND NUMEROUS COFOUNDERS OF MB SAFE AND
FINALLY AGAIN, THE SUPERVISOR WHO PROVIDED OVER \$300,000 TO JUMP

START THIS PROGRAM FOR US IN THE BEACH CITIES.

THE SUCCESS OF WHAT HAPPENED HERE, FOLKS, SHOULD BE A BLUEPRINT FOR EVERY CALIFORNIA CITY TO FOLLOW.

WHY IT IS NOT, I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT.

BUT THE GOVERNOR'S FOCUS REMAINS ON LARGE CITIES.

WHEN HE COMES BACK HERE THE NEXT VISIT I WILL SHOW HIM WHAT Y'ALL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND THEY SHOULD FOLLOW EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE DONE. THEY COULD RECREATE IT ON A LARGER SCALE.

AND COURTESY.

WE SEEM TO HAVE LOST PATIENCE ALONG WITH BASIC CIVILITY BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC.

ANYONE THAT ATTENDS THE CITY COUNCIL FOLLOW FOUR BASIC RULES OF COURTESY.

NUMBER ONE, PLACE YOUR PHONE OFF OR PLACE IT ON SILENT.

A BASIC REQUEST POSTED ON THE SIGNS OUTSIDE THIS ROOM BUT TOO MANY FOR GET TO DO IT.

IT'S DISRUPTIVE AND CAUSES US TO STOP CITY BUSINESS.

IF YOU HAVE TO TALK, PLEASE STEP OUTSIDE.

WE HAVE A SMALL ROOM HERE FOLKS AND WE CAN HEAR EVERYTHING YOU SAY ON THE DAIS.

SPEAK AT THE MICROPHONE NOT FROM YOUR SEAT.

EVERYONE GETS A CHANCE TO SPEAK AT THE MICROPHONE IF YOU CHOOSE.

WHEN YOU INTERACT WITH CITY STAFF, PLEASE BE COURTEOUS.

THEY WILL HELP YOU AS SOON AS THEY CAN.

DEMEANING E-MAILS AND CALLS DO NOT SPEED UP RESOLUTION ON YOUR ISSUE.
NOR DOES CALLING COUNCIL THAT YOU HAVE A PROBLEM SOMEWHERE.
E-MAIL US.

REMEMBER, YOU'RE TALKING TO US.

WHEN YOU'RE TALKING TO BRUCE AND STAFF, YOU'RE TALKING TO ME.

HOWEVER, CITY COUNCIL IS NOT EXEMPT FROM BLAME EITHER.

I KNOW COUNCIL ALSO LOST FOCUS AND NOT EXHIBITED BASIC COURTESY AND
CIVILITY IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THOSE DAYS ARE OVER.

I MAY ASK COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH TO HOLD OR COMMENTS OR PUSH HER BUTTON
TO SPEAK BECAUSE SHE'S SO PASSIONATE ABOUT HER JOB.

BUT WE'RE BRINGING MUTUAL RESPECT BACK TO THE DAIS.

NO MORE INTERRUPTING OR SPEAKING OVER THEM.

NO EXCUSES.

I'M ASKING MY COLLEAGUES TO ABSTAIN FROM ANY SPEECHES ABOUT POLITICAL
PARTIES OR OPINIONS ABOUT A PRESIDENT, DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR
SACRAMENTO POLITICIANS OR DECLARING MB AS A SANCTUARY CITY, ANYTHING
OUTSIDE OF OUR CONTROL.

WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN BACK YARD.

GOOD NEWS.

MARTHA.

I CAN'T SEE IT.

TURN AROUND.

ALL RIGHT.

LOOK AT THAT PICTURE UP THERE!

I'M PRESENTING FORMER MAYOR NAPOLITANO WITH HIS OWN PASSPORT TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD.

WERE YOU 22 YEARS OLD IN THIS?

>> Mayor Napolitano: 26.

>> Councilmember Lesser: IS THAT A BABY PASSPORT?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery: IT'S A REGULAR PASSPORT.

HE CAN TRAVEL TO HERMOSA AND BACK.

>> MAYOR: I'M FULLY AWARE THAT WE HAVE MANY NEW RESIDENTS THAT WANT THIS UNIQUE PASSPORT MADE POSSIBLE BY OUR CITY CLERKS AND GRAPHIC ARTIST.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE OR TWINS.

AND HERE'S THE NEXT ONE.

THIS IS CALLED THE REACH MANHATTAN BEACH -- THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

THERE WE GO.

IT'S A FREE APP, FOLKS.

AND IT ALLOWS ANYONE TO REPORT A POT HOLE, MY PERSONAL FAVORITE.

I KNOW DIRECTOR LEE IS HAPPY WITH THAT.

OR A DOWNED POWER LINE OR FALLEN TREE OR GRAFFITI.

IT NOT ONLY GOES TO THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT BUT PROVIDES A TRACKING NUMBER SO WE HAVE PROOF THAT WE RECEIVED IT.

PLEASE USE IT BEFORE CONTACTING COUNCIL.

IF YOU E-MAIL US, I SEND IT RIGHT BACK TO DIRECTOR LEE.

GO RIGHT TO DIRECTOR LEE YOURSELF WITH THE REACH APP.

HE CAN SEE IT FASTER THAN I CAN.

SOCIAL MEDIA.

FOLKS, DO NOT RELY ON SOCIAL MEDIA NOT SPONSORED BY THE CITY FOR ANY FACTUAL INFORMATION.

REGARDING THE CITY IN ANY WAY.

I WON'T MENTION ANY NAMES NEXT DOOR BUT OTHERS ARE BRINGING FALSE INFORMATION, A CESSPOOL OF MISINFORMATION.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, E-MAIL US, E-MAIL BRUCE OUR CITY MANAGER, E-MAIL.

PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL US.

WE ANSWER PHONE AND E-MAIL.

TEXT EMERGENCY.

OTHER THAN THAT USE OUR E-MAIL.

USE OR PHONE LINES.

AND ALSO THIS IS IMPORTANT.

WHEN YOU SEE A CRIME OCCURRING, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY INSTEAD OF POSTING ON NEXT DOOR.

STRANGE AS IT SOUNDS, THIS HAS HAPPENED MORE THAN FIVE TIMES SINCE COVID.

I'M ALSO NOT SURE IF YOU NOTICED IT, BUT YOUR DOWNTOWN STREETS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO PRECOVID CONDITIONS, WIDE OPEN.

HOWEVER, WE'LL BEGIN A NEW TASK FORCE NEXT MONTH -- A RESIDENT-DRIVEN TASK FORCE, NOT COUNCIL, TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF LONG-TERM DINING DECKS WITH EVERY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND I HIGHLY ENCOURAGE CITY-WIDE PARTICIPATION.

I KNOW JIM BURTON WILL BE THERE.

AND A SHOUT OUT TO OUR VERY OWN COMMUNITY CAMPUS FOR BEING THE HOME TO DIRECTOR JAMES CAMERON AND ACADEMY AWARD WINNER AVATAR THE WAY OF THE WATER.

I KNOW THEY'RE WATCHING.

SO I SAID IT.

IN CLOSING, PLEASE WALK, SHOP, DINE, RECREATE AND ENJOY MANHATTAN BEACH.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE.

I CONSIDER MYSELF BLESSED TO HAVE LIVED HERE FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS AND THAT'S GOT TO CONTINUE TO BLESS THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE.

[APPLAUSE]

I FORGOT ONE.

DURING THE COVID WE DIDN'T HAVE AN ACTUAL COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR. WE DID COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR VIA ZOOM.

WE MADE IT HAPPEN BECAUSE YOU'LL BE SURPRISED THE QUESTIONS YOU GET ASKED AT COFFEE.

THERE'S NO STAFFING, JUST YOU AND ME TALKING.

AND ASK WHATEVER YOU WOULD LIKE.

SO WE'RE GOING TO START IT AGAIN.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR, EAST SIDE AND WEST SIDE.

YES, STEVE, THERE'S LIFE EAST OF PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY.

APRIL 4th PETE'S COFFEE HERE DOWNTOWN, APRIL 25th, COFFEE BEAN AND TEA LEAF, MAN VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER.

WITH THAT I TURN IT OVER TO YOUR HONOR --

>> Mayor Napolitano: FIRST I FEEL LIKE I DO NEED TO CLARIFY ONE THING. I'M NOT DYING, I'M JUST MOVING TO THAT SEAT OVER THERE.

THE OTHER THING IS I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN TO BE MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN AND I MAKE THAT MOTION.

>> Councilmember Lesser: AND I SECOND IT.

>> Mayor Napolitano: VOTING SCREEN.

>> Councilmember Franklin: AND I GET TO VOTE ON THAT, RIGHT?

>> UNLESS YOU WANT TO VOTE NO OR REFUSE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Councilmember Franklin: THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES.

I GET 15 MINUTES?

HOT DANG.

NO, SO I WANT TO THANK FORMER MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

WHEN WILL THE MOMENT --

>> Councilmember Lesser: IT HAS BEEN NOW.

>> Councilmember Franklin: I WANT TO THANK STEVE AND MAYOR RICHARD MONTGOMERY AND COUNCILMEMBERS HOWORTH AND LESSER.

I OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO MAYOR MONTGOMERY.

I MET RICHARD OVER 20 YEARS AGO -- WAIT A MINUTE.

EVERYBODY MET RICHARD 20 YEARS AGO.

BUT I THINK IT MIGHT HAVE EVEN BEEN LONGER.

AND YOU ASKED ME TO HELP YOUR CAMPAIGN.

I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH ONE IT WAS.

SOMETHING IN THE MID 2000s.

AND I LEARNED A GREAT DEAL FROM THAT EXPERIENCE.

I LEARNED ABOUT CARING FOR THE RESIDENTS, GOING OUT AND MEETING THEM, THE IMPORTANCE OF SHOWING UP, THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING THERE, BRINGING EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM, YOU KNOW, TO THE DAIS RIGHT HERE.

SO I ALSO SAW HOW THE CITY COUNCIL AND CITY WORK FROM THAT EXPERIENCE BECAUSE I THINK YOU APPOINTED ME TO A COUPLE OF COMMITTEES.

AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR OUR EXCELLENT EXPERIENCED STAFF AND PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL AS WELL.

SERVING ON COUNCIL IS HUMBLING, AN HONOR AND JOY FOR WHICH I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL.

I'M PLEASED AND LOOK FORWARD TO HELP YOU RICHARD IN ANY WAY, AND MY FELLOW COUNCILMEMBERS IN ANY WAY I CAN AS MAYOR PRO TEM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MAYOR: WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BRIEF LITTLE RECESS AND I WANT THE FORMER MAYORS TO COME DOWN HERE FOR THE MAYOR'S PICTURE.

WE'LL SEE YOU AFTER THE RECESS IS OVER AND HOPEFULLY VERY SOON.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

[BRIEF RECESS]

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELCOME BACK.

WE'RE GOING TO RECESS THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO THE MANHATTAN BEACH

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER.

ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> BOARD MEMBER HO WORTH.

>> HERE.

>> BOARD MEMBER LESSER.

>> HERE.

>> BOARD MEMBER -- OH, PRESIDENT NAPOLITANO.

>> HERE.

>> BOARD MEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> HERE.

>> VICE PRESIDENT MONTGOMERY.

>> I AM HERE AS WELL.

DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION?

SEEING NONE HERE LIVE, HOW ABOUT ZOOM.

WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT AND WE'RE GOING TO TALK GENERAL BUSINESS,
ITEM FOUR, ORGANIZATION OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
CORPORATION.

WE HAVE TO ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT AND NEW VICE PRESIDENT.

I'M LOOKING FOR A NOMINATION.

>> I NOMINATE WHAT'S HIS NAME, OUR HONORABLE MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

>> A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND A SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM
FRANKLIN.

>> I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT.

>> ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

SEEING NONE, VOTING SCREEN.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

ITEM H WE'LL ADJOURNED THE MANHATTAN BEACH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION.

>> WE NEED A MOTION FOR THE VICE --

>> I'M SORRY.

I NEED A VICE CHAIR.

>> I DID PRESS MY BUTTON.

I NOMINATE MPT FRANKLIN.

>> AND I SECOND THE MOTION TO NOMINATE MAYOR PRO TEM JOE FRANKLIN AS THE VICE PRESIDENT.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WITH THAT WE'LL ADJOURN THE MANHATTAN BEACH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CORPORATION AND GO TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING. WE'LL GO TO I CEREMONIAL CALENDAR.

THAT PART IS OVER.

MOVING TO ITEM J, CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS, ONE MINUTE PER PERSON.

THIS IS ONE MINUTE IF YOU WANT TO TALK NOW OR YOU CAN TALK THREE MINUTES LATER.

UP TO YOU.

>> HELLO.

HI.

I'M TAILOR RYAN AND I'M HERE WITH MY LEADERSHIP MANHATTAN BEACH COLLEAGUES, TIFFANY BARBARA AND CAROL PATTERSON, TO ANNOUNCE THIS YEAR'S PROJECT INITIATIVE TO BUILDING A NUTRITION PANTRY FOR THE SINGLE MOM PROJECT.

OUR GOAL IS TO ENABLE IT TO FEED 50 SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES A WEEK, DOUBLING THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED.

TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOAL WE WILL TRANSFORM A ROOM INTO A NUTRITION PANTRY.

WE'RE PARTNERING WITH TRADER JOES TO PROVIDE FOOD.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS PROJECT A REALITY.

OUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR COMING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THESE FAMILIES.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION OF ANY AMOUNT BY MARCH 30th, 2023, BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE WWW.LEADERSHIPMANHATTANBEACH.GOV.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NEXT SPEAKER.

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

TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22nd, FROM 4 TO 5 P.M. WE WILL CELEBRATE TEENS CREATE MONTH WITH A CLAY FORMING PROGRAM.

USE YOUR CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION TO DESIGN SOMETHING COOL USING MODELING CLAY, LEARN ABOUT LIBRARY RESOURCES YOU CAN USE.

THIS IS FOR GRADES SIX TO 12 AND BECAUSE SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE LALIBRARY.ORG.

ADULTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE BOOK CLUB ON WEDNESDAY, A DISCUSSION OF FICTION AND NONFICTION TITLES.

APRIL'S BOOK IS "THE MARRIAGE PORTRAIT" AND THIS IS FOR ADULTS.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, JOSH.

COMING OUT ON A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT.

NEXT SPEAKER.

NO ONE ELSE HERE IN CHAMBERS.

HOW ABOUT ZOOM, MARTHA.

DAVID ARCHER, ALL RIGHT.

>> GOOD EVENING MAYOR NAPOLITANO AND OUTGOING MAYOR NAPOLITANO AND MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

I'M DAVID ARCHER, I WANT TO THANK OUTGOING MAYOR NAPOLITANO FOR HIS WONDERFUL SPEECH OR VIDEO AT THE STATE OF THE CITY LAST THURSDAY, FOR BRUCE MOE FOR COMING OUT UPDATING ON THE CITY, CHIEF JOHNSON FOR UPDATING ON POLICE AND DR. BOSE FOR UPDATING ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE HAD A TERRIFIC TIME.

I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO JESSICA VINCENT WHO HELPED PULL THE VIDEO TOGETHER AND ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GEORGE GABRIEL FOR ALL HE DOES.

AND LASTLY MY CLASSMATES WHO DID AN AWESOME PRESENTATION ABOUT TWO BEFORE ME.

HAVE A GREAT NIGHT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, DAVID.

ANYONE ELSE ON ZOOM?

WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT AND MOVE ON TO OUR NEXT ITEM --

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: MR. MAYOR, COULD I MAKE A STATEMENT.

THIS IS NOT A COUPS, A TAKEOVER.

I HAVE A MAYOR FOR THE DAY CERTIFICATE PROVIDED YOU AT 2021 AND I'VE BEEN HOLDING ON TO IT.

NOW THIS IS, AS WE KNOW, MAYOR NAPOLITANO IS INVOLVED IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT CHARITIES.

AND SO I WAS HAPPY TO BUY THIS.

I WASN'T ON THE COUNCIL THEN.

BUT ANYTIME YOU FEEL I CAN BE MAYOR FOR THE DAY, I'LL TURN THAT IN.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THIS IS A COPY OR ORIGINAL.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: THAT'S THE ORIGINAL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYBODY ELSE COMING DOWN TO SPEAK?

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.

YOU CAN TALK FOR THREE MINUTES ON ANY ITEM.

YOU CAN BRING IT UP TONIGHT.

PLEASE COME DOWN.

>> CAN I COME UP NEXT?

>> Mayor Montgomery: GO AHEAD.

>> HI, I'M TIFFANY BARBARA, A 20-YEAR RESIDENT HERE AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A VOICE OF REASON, VERY THOUGHTFUL AND JUST VERY REASONABLE IN THE WAY YOU APPROACH THINGS

AND I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

AND MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN, CONGRATULATIONS ON PROGRESSING TO THAT SPOT.

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A FRIEND TO US AND VERY HELPFUL AND PRO STUDENTS AND CHILDREN IN THE CITY.

MAYOR NAPOLITANO, THESE ARE FOR YOU.

I DIDN'T BRING BOOZE THIS TIME.

BUT I DID BRING YOU SOME HIGH [INDISCERNIBLE] BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED THOSE.

I WANT TO THANK YOU MAYOR NAPOLITANO FOR ALL THAT YOU DID FOR KIDS IN CLASSROOM LAST YEAR.

YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JANICE HANN WAS REALLY CRITICAL IN GETTING OUR VOICES HEARD BY HER.

SHE WAS REALLY INSTRUMENTAL IN LETTING L. AMOUNT COUNTY TO OPEN SCHOOLS AFTER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK AND ALSO GREAT AT PUTTING A LITTLE PRESSURE ON OUR OWN SCHOOL DISTRICT HERE TO GET CLASSROOMS OVER TO THE HIGH NEEDS HYBRID KIDS THAT COULD BE BACK IN OCTOBER OF 2020.

AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU BECAUSE MY SON IS JOE BARBER, HE'S LISTENING RIGHT NOW AT EL CAMINO COLLEGE, A FANTASTIC PROGRAM.

HE IS A POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT WANTS TO GET INTO POLITICS.

THANK YOU, MAYOR NAPOLITANO.

HE SPENT 30 OR 40 MINUTES ON THE PHONE WITH MY SON FOR HIS REPORT AND HE WROTE A REPORT ON MAYOR NAPOLITANO'S SERVICE HERE ON THE

COUNCIL.

AND YOU HAD GREAT POSITIVE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT HIM AND HIS SCHOOL LIFE.

AND HE WOULD LIKE THAT CERTIFICATE TO BECOME MAYOR OF THE DAY. HE JUST SENT ME A TEXT.

I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THAT.

AND HERE YOU GO.

>> Mayor Montgomery: IF YOU CAN GIVE IT TO THE CITY CLERK RIGHT THERE, THAT COULD BE GREAT.

TELL JOE, JOE, ANYTIME, GIVE ME A CALL.

>> FORMER MAYOR NAPOLITANO, THANK YOU FOR YOUR NATIONAL -- THE NUMBER OF TIMES THIS COMMUNITY HAS BEEN DIVIDED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, IT'S PAINFUL TO WATCH AS RESIDENT AND AGAIN AND AGAIN I WATCHED YOU MAKE DECISIONS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY.

I DIDN'T ALWAYS AGREE.

I THINK ONE OR MORE E-MAILS I SENT YOU SAYING HEY, I DON'T AGREE BUT YOUR RATIONALE AND YOUR LOGIC IN YOUR DECISION IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY.

IT MAY NOT BE THE WAY I WOULD BELIEVE BUT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY.

AND MAYOR MONTGOMERY, YOUR DO IT, LET'S GET IT DONE, I THINK THAT WAS A REAL QUALITY OF CHARACTER WHEN WE WENT INTO THE PANDEMIC WHERE WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO FIGURE OUT EMOTIONS OR WHATEVER.

THIS IS WHAT WE NEEDED TO DO.

WE NEEDED TO MAKE DECISIONS AND I LOOK FORWARD TO COMING BACK TOGETHER.

I THINK THIS BODY HAS AND WILL WORK WELL TOGETHER.

I THINK THERE'S A REAL BALANCE.

MAYOR MONTGOMERY, YOU INDICATED CIVIL DISCOURSE.

LET'S HAVE NORMAL DIALOGUE IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

WE'RE NOT YELLING AT EACH OTHER.

WE DON'T NEED DIFFERENT AGENDAS AND WHATEVER.

LET'S FIGURE OUT WHAT'S IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY.

I'M GRATEFUL TO BE A PART OF THIS.

STEVE, I REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE ELECTED MAYOR THE FIRST TIME AND, YEAH.

BUT WE'RE HERE AND I'D APPRECIATE Y'ALL -- EVERYONE HAS BEEN A FRIEND TO ME, A FRIEND TO MY FAMILY.

MAYOR MONTGOMERY, YOU'VE REACHED OUT A NUMBER OF TIMES TO MY DAUGHTER ON CERTAIN THINGS, ALL OF YOU HAVE.

THANK YOU ALL.

I APPRECIATE IT.

STEVE, I APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, JIM.

NEXT SPEAKER.

>> I'M MADELINE AND I CAME DOWN TO SAY THANK YOU NOW COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO FOR REPRESENTING OUR CITY AND CHOOSING TO MAKE THAT SACRIFICE.

AND I HAVE FOUND YOUR LEADERSHIP TO BE SO CONSISTENT IN THAT YOU LEAD WITH EXPERIENCE AND INTEGRITY AND CLASS.

AND IT'S JUST SO APPRECIATED.

AND ESPECIALLY LAST WEEKEND WAS A REALLY MOVING TO HEAR YOUR WORDS. IT'S NOT THAT THEY WERE NEW TO ME THAT THE CITY SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RACIST ACTIONS IN THE PAST.

IT'S JUST THAT IT WAS SO HARD FOR SO MANY PEOPLE TO SAY.

AND YET YOU SAID IT AND IT REALLY RESONATED WITH ME AND WITH MY FAMILY AND WITH SO MANY PEOPLE, THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID AND IT'S A POSITIVE, POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DIALOGUE IN THIS COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY AS WE'RE DEALING WITH ISSUES OF RACE AND RACISM IN OUR SCHOOLS AND IN OUR COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN NOT KNOWING THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORDS THAT YOU SAY.

AND YOU DID THAT LAST WEEKEND AND I'M JUST SO GRATEFUL.

SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND ALSO I LOOK FORWARD TO MAYOR MONTGOMERY, YOU HAVE ALWAYS SERVED OUR CITY WITH JUST YOUR GET IT DONE ATTITUDE AND I SAW THAT BEFORE WHEN I WAS CUB SCOUT LEADER OF MEADOWS PACK 275 AND OUR MEMORIAL DAY SALUTE WAS CANCELED BECAUSE OF COVID AND YOU BROUGHT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE TO OUR STREET AND WE WERE ABLE TO DO A CUB SCOUT MEMORIAL SERVICE COVID STYLE. AND IT WAS JUST THOUGHTFUL AND IT WAS IMAGINATIVE AND IT WAS RESPECTFUL AND IT HONORED OUR SERVICEMEN.

YOU KNOW, IT'S JUST -- WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER IT AND IT'S JUST -- WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR TERM.

SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, MADELINE.

>> GOOD EVENING, HONORABLE MAYOR AND DISTINGUISHED COUNCILMEMBERS.

I CAME HERE TO COMPLIMENT YOU ON YOUR EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR SWEATERS,
THE ARGYLE SWEATERS.

BUT SERIOUSLY, I WANTED TO COMPLIMENT THE NOW FORMER MAYOR NAPOLITANO
FOR YOUR TERM AS MAYOR NOT JUST NOW BUT SIX TIMES.

OUR COMMUNITY APPRECIATED THE EFFORT YOU GAVE THE COMMUNITY.

AS A FORMER TWO-TIME MAYOR I KNOW WHAT IT TAKES AND WHAT YOU HAVE
TO GO THROUGH.

SO KUDOS TO YOU.

AND I KNOW YOU'LL DO WELL AS A REGULAR COUNCILMEMBER NOW.

ALSO, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE NOW MAYOR MONTGOMERY.

I KNOW YOU WILL DO A GOOD TERM, HAVE A GREAT TERM AS WELL.

AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

I KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE AN EXCELLENT MAYOR PRO TEM AND THEN MAYOR.

AND ACTUALLY I WANT TO COMMEND THE ENTIRE COUNCIL.

I'VE SEEN YOU WORK WELL AS A TEAM.

YOU'VE DONE A LOT OF GREAT THINGS FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

SO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

NO ONE ELSE HERE IN THE CHAMBERS TO SPEAK?

WHAT ABOUT ON ZOOM, MARTHA.

NO ONE IS ON ZOOM?

NO RAISED HANDS.

ALL RIGHT.

>> HI.

I JUST WANTED TO ONCE AGAIN BRING UP THAT OUR, WHAT IS IT CALLED, POLICE DEPARTMENT IS JUST AN EXCELLENT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THEY REALLY DO NEED A MAT ROOM.

THEY ARE SPENDING THEIR OWN TIME AND MONEY TO GO OUTSIDE TO TRAIN FOR, YOU KNOW, IN JIU-JITSU STYLE SO THEY CAN BE SAFE AND HAVE SAFETY WHEN THEY'RE DOING -- WHEN THEY'RE MAKING THESE ARRESTS.

THEY ARE SO CLOSE TO VERY DANGEROUS SUSPECTS.

AND SO I REALLY APPLAUD THEM FOR WHAT THEY DO EVERY DAY AND I THINK THEY ARE VERY DESERVING OF A MUCH-NEEDED MAT ROOM AND A SIMULATION ROOM SO THAT WE CAN BE, YOU KNOW, THE BEST DEPARTMENT THAT WE CAN BE AND HAVE OUR OFFICERS' BACKS.

SO I WOULD LOVE TO GET THAT ROLLING SOMEHOW.

ANOTHER THING THAT I WANTED TO COMMENT ON WAS I WANTED TO THANK YOU, MAYOR MONTGOMERY, BECAUSE IT WAS DURING YOUR TERM AS MAYOR DURING COVID WHEN YOU DID THESE COFFEE WITH THE MAYORS.

AND THAT'S ACTUALLY HOW I STARTED TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED, BECAUSE IT WAS SUCH A, WHAT IS IT CALLED, LIKE A VERY EASY WAY TO, YOU KNOW, TALK, ASK QUESTIONS.

AND I REALLY APPRECIATED THAT.

I ASKED TONS OF QUESTIONS AND YOU ANSWERED THEM ALL.

I AM GLAD THAT YOU ARE BRINGING THAT BACK TO HAVE THAT DISCOURSE WITH THE CITIZENS HERE AND -- YOU KNOW, I THOUGHT THAT WAS A GREAT FEATURE AND I CAN'T WAIT TO DO THE COFFEE WITH THE MAYORS AGAIN.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK STEVE NAPOLITANO.

I THINK, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT EASY BEING MAYOR OF A TOWN WITH, YOU KNOW, MORE THAN JUST TWO OPINIONS.

THERE'S A LOT OF OPINIONS OUT HERE.

AND YET -- I MEAN WE AGREE SOMETIMES.

WE DON'T AGREE OTHER TIMES.

BUT THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS.

BUT I REALLY THINK WE ALSO SHOULD DISCUSS TERM LIMITS.

I MEAN IT'S JUST -- IT'S A LOT OF MAYOR NAPOLITANO, IT'S A LOT OF MAYOR MONTGOMERY, A LOT OF OTHER MAYORS.

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE THAT AS A DISCUSSION SO WE CAN HAVE A LOT MORE, YOU KNOW, DIVERSE OPINIONS OUT THERE REPRESENTING US.

BUT I DO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE.

I THINK YOU HAVE EACH BROUGHT SOMETHING REALLY UNIQUE TO MANHATTAN BEACH.

BUT TERM LIMITS DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO PROBABLY DISCUSS AS A CITY AND GOSH, I HAD ONE MORE THING BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER.

BUT I'LL PROBABLY ASK YOU AT THE COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: THANK YOU.

ANYONE ELSE, MARTHA?

ALL RIGHT.

>> HI, MY NAME IS JAMES FRANKLIN.

JUST CALLING IN FROM NORTH CAROLINA TO CONGRATULATE MY DAD, MAYOR
PRO TEM JOE FRANKLIN.

CONGRATS.

IT'S COOL SEEING THIS.

BUT THAT'S ALL I GOT.

CONGRATULATIONS AND LOVE YOU, DAD.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I THINK YOUR DAD WANTS TO SAY SOMETHING.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: IS THAT ALL?

>> IT'S NIGHTTIME, THE KIDS ARE ASLEEP.

GIVE ME A BREAK.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: MY GRANDCHILDREN.

THANK YOU, JIMMY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: THANK YOU, JIMMY.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

>> YES, SIR, Y'ALL TOO.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: THAT'S A NICE SURPRISE.

ANYONE ELSE VIA ZOOM?

AT THIS TIME WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC MEANT AND MOVE TO CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM I, 3 THROUGH EIGHT.

DO I HAVE A MOTION?

A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH AND A SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM

FRANKLIN.

>> MAYOR I'LL READ THE TITLE 0 ORDINANCE NO. 23-0007 WHICH IS ITEM 6 ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AMENDING SECTION 8.20020 OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE RATE OF THE CITY'S TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX TO 14% IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEASURE A, ADOPTED BY THE MANHATTAN BEACH ELECTORATE IN 2019.

>> Mayor Montgomery: SO NOTED.

VOTING SCREEN, PLEASE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

AND NO ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, THERE ARE NONE.

ITEM 0, GENERAL BUSINESS, THE FIRST ONE IS ITEM 9, CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO INITIATE THE PROP 218 PROCESS TO CONSIDER INCREASING WASTEWATER RATE FEES AND ADOPT PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED WASTEWATER FEE INCREASE.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE.

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

I'M PLEASED TO HAND THIS PRESENTATION OFF TO OUR SENIOR ANALYST NIKKI WHO WILL BE GIVING THE PRESENTATION AND WE ALSO HAVE OUR CONSULTANT AS WELL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ALL RIGHT.

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

HOW ARE YOU GUYS?

MY NAME IS NIKKI AND I AM PART OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND I'M HERE TO PRESENT THIS WASTEWATER WATER RATE REDUCTION FOR YOU. I WANTED TO BE CLEAR, THESE RATES HAVE NOT BEEN INCREASED IN OVER NINE YEARS.

SO THE CITY HIRED BLACK AND VEATCH TO CONDUCT A RATE ANALYSIS AND DETERMINED THAT THE CITY NEEDS A 45% REVENUE INCREASE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

CUSTOMER BILLS ARE CURRENTLY FUNDING THE CITY'S OPERATING COSTS, CAPITAL COSTS, DEBT SERVICE AND OTHER, OTHER COSTS THAT RELATE TO THE FUNCTION OF THE CITY ARE INFRASTRUCTURE AND KEEPING IT IN GOOD CONDITION.

THE FUND ITSELF IS AN ENTERPRISE FUND AND IS NOT SUBSIDIZED BY GENERAL FUND TAXES.

THESE RATES NEED TO BE ADJUSTED BECAUSE WHILE THE NATIONWIDE COSTS CONTINUE TO CLIMB, THE CITY HAS NOT INCREASED ITS RATE SINCE 2014. DURING THAT TIME COST OF MATERIALS HAVE GONE UP, COST OF FOOD HAS GONE UP, COST OF ALL ITEMS HAVE GONE UP.

THIS IS THE TIME FOR THE CITY TO GO AHEAD AND DO THIS INCREASE.

THE PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENTS ARE 45% AND IT IS 45% INCREASE IN REVENUE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE WAY THAT THIS WAS PROJECTED WAS A WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE OPERATE UNDER THE RESERVE TARGET AND KEEP A BALANCED FUND.

IN THIS SLIDE WE HAVE THE LOCAL WASTEWATER RATE COMPARISON AND YOU

CAN SEE HOW THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH PLAYS OUT.
THE BILL IMPACTS I THINK IS THE BIGGEST QUESTION.
AND THE WAY THAT THE TYPICAL SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER, THEY
WILL SEE AN INCREASE OF 5.49 ON THEIR BIMONTHLY BILL.
THESE RATES ARE PROPOSED TO BE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1st, 2023, WITH
RATES REFLECTIVE ON BILLS ON JANUARY 1st, 2024.
CURRENTLY THE FINANCIAL INFLATIONARY ASSUMPTION, STAFF WORKED WITH
THE CONSULTANT TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPOSED RATES WILL COVER OUR
ANTICIPATED COST INCREASE BASED ON THE FACTORS LISTED HERE.
THIS ALSO TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION WHAT OUR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE
EXPENSES ARE GOING TO BE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.
THAT INCLUDES SALARIES, DEBT SERVICE.
ALSO OUR CAPITAL EXPENSES.
SO IN THE CAPITAL EXPENSES WE LOOKED THROUGH THE NEXT FIVE YEARS,
WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO PUT TOGETHER A COLLECTION SYSTEM WITH STATIONS
AND THEN OUR GENERAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM ASSETS.
SO TO ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT THESE NEW FEES THE CITY WOULD HAVE TO
INITIATE THE PROP 218 PROCESS.
THIS PROCESS REQUIRES THAT WE MAIL NOTICES TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
THE CITY WILL ALSO MAIL THEM TO RATE PAYERS AS A COURTESY.
WE'RE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A 45-DAY PROTEST PERIOD AND HOLD A PUBLIC
HEARING AFTER THAT PROTEST PERIOD.
THE TIMELINE IS LISTED HERE.
THE WAY THAT IT STANDS TODAY, IF THE PROP 218 PROCESS IS INITIATED,

MAY 16th IS THE HEARING DATE THAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

WE PLAN TO POST MARK THE NOTICES ON MARCH 28th.

WE WILL HOLD A COMMUNITY MEETING ON APRIL 19th.

IT WILL BE IN PERSON AND ZOOM WHERE ANY QUESTIONS THAT THE PUBLIC HAS WE WILL BE HAPPY TO ADDRESS.

AGAIN, THE MAY 16th HEARING, NOVEMBER 1st IS GOING TO BE THE DATE THAT WE ARE LOOKING TO HAVE THE NEW RATES GO INTO EFFECT ASSUMING THAT THE PROTEST COUNT IS SUFFICIENT.

AND JANUARY 1st IS WHEN THE NEW WASTEWATER RATES WOULD BE REFLECTED IN CUSTOMER BILLS.

SO IN CONCLUSION, OUR RECOMMENDATION IS A 45% INCREASE IN REVENUE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

AND STAFF REQUESTS CORRECTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING.

ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-0029 INITIATING THE PROPOSITION 218 PROCESS AND SETTING A DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

ADOPT RESOLUTION 23-0030 REGARDING PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED WASTEWATER FEE INCREASES.

ANY QUESTIONS?

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCIL, QUESTIONS?

STRAIGHTFORWARD.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I JUST HAVE ONE, PLEASE, MAYOR.

SO YOU SAY THAT IF PROTEST COUNT IS LESS THAN 50% PLUS ONE ON NOVEMBER 1st ROW HERE.

50% PLUS ONE OF WHAT?

>> OF THE TOTAL COUNT IN THE RESIDENTS.

SO IF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH HAS, YOU KNOW, 14,000 RESIDENTS,
THEN THAT WOULD BE IF WE GET 50 PLUS ONE THEN IT WOULD BE CONSIDERED
A PROTEST.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I WANTED TO MAKE THAT CLEAR FOR MYSELF
AND SOME OTHERS.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NO OTHER QUESTIONS?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: NO.

THAT'S IT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU COUNCIL.

THANK YOU.

STAND BY.

PUBLIC COMMENT?

ANYONE HERE IN THE CHAMBERS PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> FOR THOSE OF US WHO MAY NOT BE AWARE, CAN YOU JUST EXPLAIN THE
218 PROCESS?

BECAUSE IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE GOING TO ACTUALLY VOTE AND WE'RE VOTING
FOR IT.

IT'S A MAILER THAT GOES OUT TO THE PROPERTY OWNER AND IF WE DON'T
PROTEST -- IF YOU SEND OUT A THOUSAND AND YOU DON'T GET 501, THEN
THE RATE GOES INTO EFFECT.

CAN YOU JUST EXPLAIN THAT MAYBE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC?

>> Mayor Montgomery: YES.

WHEN WE'RE ALL DONE.

>> WHEN YOU GET A CHANCE.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WHEN WE'RE ALL DONE WE'LL COME BACK.

>> THAT WORKS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYONE ELSE HERE IN CHAMBERS HAVE A QUESTION?

HOW ABOUT ON ZOOM.

ALL RIGHT.

>> MY COMMENT IS JUST THAT 43% OVER FIVE YEARS SEEMS LIKE IT'S A BIG INCREASE, ESPECIALLY WITH THE RECESSION THAT WE'RE PROJECTED TO BE IN.

SO I WOULD ASK THAT COUNCIL MAYBE THINK ABOUT DOING SOMETHING A LITTLE BIT MORE CONSERVATIVELY AND INCREASE IT IN A LESS PAINFUL WAY FOR US WHO ARE STRUGGLING.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

ANYONE ELSE ON ZOOM?

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

I'D LIKE TO COME BACK AND TALK ABOUT THE PROP 218 PROCESS?

>> I CAN ADDRESS THAT.

WE HAVE TO HAVE 50% OF ELIGIBLE PROTEST BALL LOTS SUBMITTED PLUS ONE.

IF THAT DOES HAPPEN THEN THE COUNCIL CANNOT ENACT A RATE INCREASE.

IF WE HAVE LESS THAN THAT THRESHOLD THEN THE COUNCIL HAS THE ABILITY

TO ENACT THAT RATE INCREASE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 16th.

>> Mayor Montgomery: FOR CLARITY'S SAKE, THE PROTEST VOTE IS AN OPPOSITION VOTE TO THE MOTION.

>> THAT IS CORRECT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL?

>> Councilmember Howorth: YEAH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: SORRY.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, THANK YOU FOR PUSHING THE BUTTON.

>> Councilmember Howorth: HELLO, DIRECTOR LEE.

AGAIN TO CLARIFY, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS.

IS THE 50 PLUS ONE THE AMOUNT OF VOTES THAT ARE TURNED IN OR THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS?

BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S THE -- IT APPEARS TO BE --

>> SO IT WOULD BE PROPERTY OWNERS, SO 50% OF THE PARCELS THAT RECEIVE SERVICE IN MANHATTAN BEACH PLUS ONE WOULD HAVE TO PROTEST THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASES.

>> Councilmember Howorth: OKAY.

>> IN THAT CASE THE COUNCIL, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU WANTED TO IMPOSE AN INCREASE YOU COULD NOT DO IT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: AND YOU'RE ONLY MAILING IN A VOTE IF YOU'RE PROTESTING?

>> CORRECT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THAT'S RIGHT.

GOT IT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: AND IT'S ONE PERSON PER HOUSEHOLD?

>> IT'S ONE PROTEST PER PARCEL.

AND TO BE CLEAR, THERE IS NO BALLOT.

WE'RE GOING TO SEND NOTICE TO ALL THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND RATE PAYERS
IN TOWN AND INFORM THEM ON HOW TO PROTEST.

WE ACCEPT THOSE IN WRITING, THROUGH THE MAIL, THROUGH THE CLERK'S
OFFICE.

IT WILL ALL BE EXPLAINED.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

ANYONE ELSE?

QUESTIONS?

COMMENTS?

THANK YOU, DIRECTOR LEE.

WE'LL CLOSE FROM THERE.

COUNCIL COLLEAGUES.

WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST?

SECOND?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: SOMEONE HAS TO START.

I THINK TO THE QUESTION RAISED BY THE CALLER, I WOULD SIMPLY SAY THIS.

OUR COST TO PERFORM SERVICES AS A CITY HAVE TO BE OFF-SETTED,

OTHERWISE EVENTUALLY THE CITY IS UNDERWRITING THE COST OF SUCH BASIC

SERVICES THAT ULTIMATELY IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO TAPER BACK IN OTHER SERVICES THAT THE CITY PROVIDES.

SO NO ONE LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH RAISING WASTEWATER FEES BUT ON THE OTHER HAND WE HAVE TO DO IT.

WE'VE GONE THROUGH A PROCESS WHICH INVOLVED ENGAGING AN OUTSIDE FIRM TO ANALYZE OUR COST AND ADVISE US HOW TO DO THE WASTEWATER INCREASE PROPERLY AND THAT'S WHAT'S BEFORE US TODAY AND THAT'S WHY I'LL BE IN SUPPORT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

WHO ELSE WANTED TO GO SECOND?

LET'S SEE.

IT WAS MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: EVEN BEFORE I GOT ON COUNCIL I LEARNED ABOUT STORMWATER.

AND THIS PROCESS.

AND I'VE ACTUALLY LOOKED AT SOME OF THE STORMWATER FACILITIES, TAKEN A TOUR OF IT.

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT AND HOW APROPOS WITH THE ATMOSPHERIC WATERS WE HAVE COMING OUR WAY.

I IMAGINE THE STREETS AND THE GUTTERS ARE PRETTY CLEAN.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALWAYS THE CASE.

AND THE SWEEPERS DON'T GET EVERY PIECE OF DEBRIS AND HARMFUL MATERIAL THAT MIGHT JUST GET WASHED DOWN TO THE OCEAN.

SO IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT THING TO CONSIDER.

IT HASN'T BEEN RAISED IN NINE YEARS.

THINK BACK TO WHAT THINGS COST NINE YEARS AGO AND WHAT THEY COST TODAY.

SO I WOULD BE IN SUPPORT OF THIS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

>> IF I CAN MAKE A CLARIFICATION, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WASTEWATER.

STORMWATER IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING THAT WE'RE UNDERWRITING.

BUT THIS IS BASICALLY THE SEWERS.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: YEAH, THE SEWERS.

EVEN BETTER.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: FLUSH WITHOUT FEAR.

AND BOTH THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND MPT FRANKLIN ARE CORRECT.

YOU KNOW, NOBODY HERE WANTS TO RAISE FEES OR TAXES.

NOBODY HERE WANTS TO DO THAT.

BUT ALL THESE SERVICES COST MONEY.

AND THE COST OF THESE SERVICES HAVE INCREASED A LOT OVER TIME.

AND THERE IS NO, YOU KNOW, YEARLY INCREASE BUILT INTO THE FEES THAT WE CHARGE FOR THESE THINGS.

AND, YOU KNOW, WE'RE RUNNING A \$2 MILLION DEFICIT RIGHT NOW IN THE STORMWATER FUND, OR CLOSE TO THAT, AND IT'S ONLY GROWING.

AND THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT.

AND THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE, THE SEWER.

AND THE SAME THING WITH OUR LANDSCAPE AND STREET LIGHTING FEES.

THEY'RE ALL WAY BEHIND BECAUSE WHEN THEY WERE ADOPTED NOBODY PUT CPI INCREASES IN BECAUSE THAT WAS BEFORE 218, A LOT OF THESE FEES.

SO WE NEED TO KEEP UP WITH OUR COSTS TOO.

STAFF COSTS HAVE INCREASED.

MATERIALS HAVE INCREASED, CONSULTANTS HAVE INCREASED.

EVERYTHING HAS INCREASED.

AND TO THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, THESE COSTS ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO BE INCREASED ALONG WITH THOSE THINGS IS JUST UNREALISTIC.

IT'S A FACT OF LIFE.

NONE OF US LIKE IT.

BUT TO KEEP THINGS RUNNING AND TO KEEP ALL OF THOSE INVISIBLE SERVICES THAT WE RELY ON TO WORK INVISIBLY AND NOT WORRY ABOUT THEM, NOT THINK ABOUT SEWERS BACKING UP, NOT THINKING OF THE STORM DRAINS BACKING UP, NOT TO THINK ABOUT STREET LIGHTS GOING OUT, WE UNFORTUNATELY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO ADDRESS THESE THINGS.

THEY HAVE BEEN SITTING HERE FOR YEARS AND THEY'RE BEING SUBSIDIZED RIGHT NOW BY THE GENERAL FUND WHICH COULD BE GOING FOR MORE POLICE, WHICH COULD BE GOING FOR MORE FIRE BUT INSTEAD THEY'RE GOING TO STORMWATER AND SEWER AND OTHER THINGS.

AND SO EVERYONE WHO WANTS MORE POLICE, WE HAVE TO PAY FOR THEM.

AND THIS IS ONE OF THE WAY TO DO IT.

AND THE NEXT ITEM REGARDING THE HOTEL TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX IS ANOTHER ONE ALONG THOSE LINES.

IT'S JUST THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS AS A CITY.

NOBODY LIKES IT BUT IT'S NECESSARY AND IT'S A FACT.

SO FOR THOSE REASONS I'LL BE SUPPORTING.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, SIR.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I JUST WANTED TO SAY I'VE MADE A MOTION UNLESS YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU'RE DOING FINE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU, SIR.

WITH RESPECT TO EVERYTHING MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID, I MEAN I THINK YOU'VE SAID IT ALL.

SO MY MOTION IS TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION FOR -- TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION -- NOPE.

THAT'S IT UP HERE.

I WANT TO MAKE A MOTION TO INITIATE THE PROP 218 PROCESS TO CONSIDER INCREASING WASTEWATER RATE FEES AND ADOPT PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED WASTEWATER FEE.

THIS IS, I THINK, A NECESSARY STEP.

SO THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU ADOPT BOTH --

>> Councilmember Howorth: I'M SO SORRY.

MY MOTION INCLUDES ADOPTING RESOLUTION NUMBERS 23-00029 AND 23-0030.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

WE HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH AND A SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

COMMENTS.

ROLL CALL.

PLEASE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU ALL.

OUR NEXT ITEM, NUMBER TEN, CITY ATTORNEY QUINN BARROW.

>> NEXT ITEM IS EXTENDING THE CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT AND INCREASING HIS COMPENSATION 10%.

IN RECOGNITION OF COVID AND SENSITIVITY TO SALARY INCREASES, THE CITY MANAGER HAS NOT REQUESTED A MERIT INCREASE SINCE 2019 AT THIS TIME HE'S ASKING FOR MORE MONEY.

THE CITY COUNCIL IN CLOSED SESSION DIRECTED THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAUGHT THE AMENDMENT THAT GIVES HIM A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION TO HIS EXISTING CONTRACT AND INCREASING HIS SALARY AND THE NUMBER WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE REPEATED BY THE MAYOR, HIS ANNUAL SALARY WILL BE \$308,000. THERE WERE CHANGES MADE TO THE BROWN ACT AND THE MAYOR NEEDS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THE TERM AND THE COMPENSATION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: PERFECT.

IN DOING SO I'LL POINT OUT THAT THIS EXTENDS THE TERM OF THE CITY MANAGER TO FEBRUARY 5th, THAT'S 5, 2027.

AND INCREASES THE YEARLY BASE SALARY TO 308, 165.04.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: IT WAS INTERESTING BEING OFF OF COUNCIL AND

APPRECIATING THE ROLE OF THE CITY MANAGER.

THE CITY COUNCIL EMPLOYS TWO PEOPLE, WE EMPLOY THE CITY ATTORNEY AND EMPLOY THE CITY MANAGER WHO EMPLOYS AND OVERSEES EVERYONE ELSE. AND WITH THE EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PANDEMIC, SEEKING TO KEEP THE CITY RUNNING, ALL OF THE MEETINGS, ALL OF THE INTERACTIONS, TRYING TO DO SO REMOTELY WAS REALLY REMARKABLE TO WATCH.

I FELT VERY PROUD AND PLEASED TO LIVE IN THE CITY BECAUSE OF ITS LEADERSHIP, LEADERSHIP ON COUNCIL, LEADERSHIP WITH OUR CITY MANAGER TO REALIZE THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO MERIT INCREASE SINCE 2019 HAS CAUSED ME TO SUPPORT THIS.

AND I WILL BE IN SUPPORT OF THIS.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, SIR.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY.

I DON'T MEAN TO UNDERCUT WHAT COUNCILMEMBER LESSER JUST SAID, WHICH I AGREE WITH, BUT I'M GOING TO SAVE MY COMMENTS UNTIL AFTER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: PUBLIC COMMENT.

ANYONE HERE IN THE AUDIENCE.

SEEING NONE, ANY COMMENTS ON ZOOM?

OKAY.

WELCOME, iPad.

OKAY.

HI, FORGIVE ME IF THE INFORMATION IS SOMEWHERE ELSE, BUT I'M NOT UNDERSTANDING WHAT THE ORIGINAL TERM WAS AND WHAT THE SALARY IS INCREASING TO.

I DO APPRECIATE THE AMOUNT OF WORK IT TAKES TO BE CITY MANAGER, FOR THE ENTIRE CITY.

WHILE MY MEMORY IS NOT AS GOOD RIGHT NOW, I CAN'T THINK OF THE EXACT EXAMPLE, BUT I REMEMBER A TIME DURING THE PANDEMIC, IT WAS POSSIBLY IN REGARDS TO EVERYONE HAD TO STAY HOME AND SOMEONE WENT INTO POLLIWOG AND GOT A THOUSAND DOLLAR TICKET OR SOMETHING.

AND EVEN THOUGH COUNCIL HAD APPROVED THE ACTION OF, YOU KNOW, TICKETING PEOPLE OR WHATEVER IT WAS, ONCE CITY COUNCIL SIGNED OFF ON IT, IT WAS UP TO THE CITY MANAGER AND STAFF TO COME UP WITH ALL OF THE FINE PRINT AS THEY SAY.

AND THEN THAT ENDED UP BEING SOMETHING REALLY NOT IN THE SPIRIT OF WHAT COUNCIL HAD WANTED.

AND SO THAT EXAMPLE REALLY RUBBED A LOT OF PEOPLE THE WRONG WAY.

AND, YOU KNOW, COUNCIL HAS TO BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU SIGN ANY DOCUMENT TO READ THE FINE PRINT.

AND IF BRUCE MOE AND HIS STAFF ARE THE FINE PRINT, THEN WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS REALLY IN ALIGNMENT IN, WHAT'S IT CALLED, EXECUTING WHAT YOU GUYS ACTUALLY WANT TO HAVE DONE.

SO I JUST THINK THAT'S A CRAZY HIGH NUMBER, BUT THEN WHAT DO I KNOW. WHAT'S A NORMAL PAY FOR A CITY MANAGER.

BUT IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE CAN HAVE THAT INFORMATION OR IF YOU CAN DIRECT ME TO WHERE IT IS SO I CAN ACTUALLY SEE THE INCREASE AMOUNT. THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANY OTHER CALLERS ON ZOOM?

ALL RIGHT.

WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT AND MOVE TO COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND FOR THE RECORD I'LL START OFF.

THE MAYOR'S PREROGATIVE HERE.

THE CALLER MENTIONED THE INFORMATION.

IT'S ACTUALLY ON PAGE 125, 147, BOTH THE TERM, EXPIRES FEBRUARY 5th, 2024, AND THE AMOUNT OF TIN CREASE IS STATED CLEARLY ON PARAGRAPH THREE AND BOTTOM OF PARAGRAPH FOUR, THAT'S ON PAGE 125 OF 147 OF THE STAFF REPORT.

ANOTHER COMMENT MADE ABOUT THE FINES THAT WE ASKED THE CITY MANAGER TO DO IN 2020, I CAN TELL YOU THAT FORMER MAYOR NAPOLITANO AND I THAT WERE THERE IN 2020 DURING COVID, WE DIRECTED IT CLEARLY TO FOLLOW THE RULES THAT THE COUNTY AND STATE PUT IN PLACE.

WHATEVER FINES WERE INCURRED BY THE PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T WANT TO FOLLOW THE RULES THEY WERE WELL-DEFINED IN ADVANCE.

NOTHING THE CITY MANAGER DIDN'T DO THAT WE DIDN'T ASK HIM TO DO.

COUNCIL COMMENTS?

I'M SORRY.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: YES.

I MENTIONED IN MY COMMENTS WHEN I WAS APPOINTED MAYOR PRO TEM ABOUT HOW MUCH I HAD LEARN THESE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS AND HOW MANY I'M GOING TO PUT THAT HOPEFULLY TO GOOD USE.

AND A GREAT DEAL OF THAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE WAS WITH BRUCE MOE, OUR CITY MANAGER.

I FOUND BRUCE TO BE FAIR, BALANCED, YOU KNOW, MILDLY CORRECTING MY ERRORS, YOU KNOW, LIKE WE SAW TODAY.

SO PEOPLE PLEASE DO NOT URINATE IN THE GUTTERS.

WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WATER STREAM GETS IN THE CORRECT SPOT.

BUT IT'S VERY HELPFUL.

IT'S BASICALLY ON-THE-JOB TRAINING FOR ANY NEW COUNCILMEMBER.

I COME FROM THE BUSINESS SECTOR.

THINGS ARE DONE MUCH DIFFERENTLY.

AND YOU COULD BECOME A BULL IN A CHINA SHOP IF YOU'RE TRYING TO WORK WITH CITY STAFF AND, YOU KNOW, FELLOW COUNCILMEMBERS AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

SO HE'S BEEN THERE, HE'S BEEN STALWART.

ALSO, IT'S JUST I'VE BEEN VERY IMPRESSED WITH HIS COMMITMENT.

I CAME IN DURING THE LOCKDOWN PHASE AND I JUST HAVE TO WHINE, AGAIN, I WAS THE ONLY COUNCILMEMBER OF ANYONE THAT'S BEEN IN THOSE PICTURES OR HERE THAT HAS NOT BEEN SWORN IN IN THESE CHAMBERS.

I WAS IN ANY KITCHEN IN ANY BOXER SHORTS -- NO.

I DID HAVE MY SUIT AND TIE ON.

BUT I TOOK THE OATH IN MY KITCHEN.

BUT THAT SHOWS THE CHALLENGE.

THAT WAS AN AMAZING CHALLENGE.

EVERYBODY WAS.

AND WITH AN EASY AND SWIFT AND SMOOTH TRANSITION, YOU KNOW, THE CITY
MANAGER AND THE PEOPLE FOR WHOM HE'S RESPONSIBLE MADE THAT CHANGE.

SO I JUST WANT TO MENTION THAT AND ALSO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR
HOPEFULLY I'VE BEEN A GOOD STUDENT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THAT'S YOUR MOTION, SIR?

NEVER MIND.

ALL RIGHT.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THANK YOU.

YES, I ECHO EVERYTHING THAT COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN OR MAYOR PRO TEM
FRANKLIN JUST SAID AND SO MUCH MORE.

I SAID WE HAVE THE BEST STAFF ANYWHERE AND IT STARTS AT THE TOP AND
THERE WAS A REASON WHY MANY ON THIS DAIS RIGHT NOW ASKED BRUCE TO
TAKE OVER FOR CITY MANAGER SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

AND HE'S DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB SINCE THEN.

I WILL DISAGREE WITH ANYONE WHO SAYS OTHERWISE.

THEY JUST DON'T KNOW.

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

I'M SORRY.

THEY JUST DON'T.

YOU KNOW, HE DOES HIS BEST TO FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF COUNCIL WHICH

ARE CLEAR AS MUD SOMETIMES.

AND SO, YOU KNOW, IF MISTAKES GET MADE ALONG THE WAY, IT'S MORE A REFLECTION OF US THAN HIM OR CITY STAFF.

AND WHEN THINGS DO GO WRONG INVARIABLY SOMETHING WILL ALWAYS GO WRONG, HE CLEANS IT UP.

HE FIXES IT.

HE DOESN'T BLAME OTHERS.

HE TAKES RESPONSIBILITY AND FIXES IT.

WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT FROM A CITY MANAGER.

AND STILL HE GIST MORE.

INTEGRITY, BLEEDS MANHATTAN BEACH, DEDICATED.

HE'S A LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE HERE, NOT JUST A CITY MANAGER.

SO INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE MEANS A LOT TOO.

HE'S BEEN SO GOOD IN SO MANY WAYS FOR THE CITY I DO BELIEVE HE'S THE BEST CITY MANAGER WE'VE HAD.

I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS A BARGAIN.

PUT YOU'RE MUFFS ON, BRUCE.

BECAUSE WE'RE INCREASING, IT SEEMS LIKE A 10% INCREASE.

IT'S LESS THAN THE COST OF INFLATION FOR THE TIME THAT HE HASN'T BEEN GIVEN A RAISE.

SO WE'RE BRINGING HIM UP TO STILL BELOW PAR IN TERMS OF SALARY BECAUSE THERE ARE LOTS OF CITY MANAGERS MAKING A LOT MORE BUT NONE OF THEM ARE DOING A BETTER JOB THAN HE IS.

SO HE'S A BARGAIN.

HE'S WORTH IT.

AND HE'S DONE INCREDIBLE JOB SO I APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE.
THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I MOVE TO APPROVE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: JUST A FEW ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

I AGREE COMPLETELY WITH EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN SAID AND I WAS ON THE
COUNCIL WHEN WE ASKED BRUCE TO STEP UP.

AND FOR ALL OF THE REASONS THAT STEVE MENTIONED, YOU KNOW, THE FACT
THAT HE LIVES AND BREATHE MANHATTAN BEACH AND HAS ALL OF THIS
INTEGRITY, THOSE WERE THE REASONS WE WANTED YOU TO TAKE THIS POSITION
THEN.

AND ALL I CAN SAY IS SOMEHOW YOU'RE EVEN BETTER NOW THAN YOU WERE
THEN.

AND THAT IS REALLY SOMETHING THAT I VALUE, SOMEONE WHO IS WILLING
TO CHANGE AND GROW, LOOKING, YOU KNOW, OUTSIDE THEIR COMFORT ZONE.

IT COULD BE REALLY EASY FOR YOU TO REST -- WELL JOB NOT REST.

ANYONE IN CITY GOVERNMENT KNOWS THERE'S IN REST.

BUT YOU COULD -- YOU KNOW, YOU COULD SIT ON YOUR LAURELS, LET'S SAY
THAT.

AND I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT YOU HAVE.

AND THAT HAS BEEN SO INCREDIBLY GREAT TO SEE.

AS A RESIDENT I SO APPRECIATE IT AND AS A COUNCILMEMBER I SEE IT AND

WANT TO HONOR THAT.

THANK YOU, BRUCE, FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE AND I'VE SECONDED THE MOTION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

SEEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS --

>> RESOLUTION 23-0031.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THERE YOU GO.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: CONGRATULATIONS, BRUCE.

>> THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

I'M SO HUMBLLED.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE KIND COMMENTS.

YOU'RE LIGHT.

WE HAVE THE BEST STAFF IN THE WORLD SITTING HERE AND THEY MAKE EVERYTHING HAPPEN.

BUT I AM SO HUMBLLED BY THE KIND COMMENTS AND THE FACT THAT I CAN CONTINUE MY CAREER HERE WITH THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, WHICH MEANS SO MUCH TO ME AND I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF THE TRUST YOU'VE GIVEN IN ME AND I PROMISE NEVER TO LET YOU DOWN.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU'RE WELCOME.

ALL RIGHT.

WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM P, CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS

INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS.

DO WE HAVE ANY?

SEEING NONE, ITEM Q.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I DIDN'T WANT TO WITHDRAW.

I WANTED TO SPEAK.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND THEN COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Lesser: FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS I WAS GOING TO REVIEW THE ISSUE OF AN APOLOGY TO BRUCE'S BEACH AND I WOULD LIKE TO BRING BACK THE 2021 ALTERNATIVE MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO IN SUBSTANCE AND EFFECT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I WOULD SUPPORT THAT.

THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY REQUEST.

>> Mayor Montgomery: TWO IN FAVOR, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

>> Councilmember Lesser: I HAVE ONE REQUEST FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY WITH PERMISSION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YES.

>> Councilmember Lesser: DOES THIS REQUIRE A TWO STEP OR A THREE STEP?

>> THIS WAS HAND DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT TIMES AND IF YOU'RE GOING WITH THE RESOLUTION OR SOMETHING SUBSTANTIALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE RESOLUTION THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DRAFTED, IT WON'T REQUIRE ANY STAFF TIME, RIGHT.

SO THIS COULD BE TWO STEPS, YOU COULD PUT A RESOLUTION ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF DOING SO.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I WOULD SUPPORT THAT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: MR. CITY ATTORNEY, A QUESTION.

YOU STILL WOULD LIKE US TO DISCUSS THIS IN A CLOSED SESSION OR IS THIS OPEN?

>> IF THE COUNCIL WANTS TO SCHEDULE A CLOSED SESSION BEFORE THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WE COULD DO THAT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: UNDERSTOOD.

ANY OTHER COUNCIL COMMENTS?

QUESTIONS?

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I AGREE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCIL REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS?

>> Councilmember Howorth: HOW OFTEN DO WE HAVE TO WEAR THE ARGYLE SWEATERS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: 45 MINUTES.

MOVE TO CITY MANAGER REPORT THEN.

>> I'LL BE VERY BRIEF IN THE INTEREST OF TIME HERE.

I WANT TO THANK MAYOR NAPOLITANO FOR OUR MONDAY MORNING MEETINGS.

THEY WERE ALWAYS INTERESTING, FUN-FILLED AND I LEARNED A LOT AND IT SET THE TONE FOR THE WEEK.

OFTEN VERY, VERY HELPFUL.

I'LL MISS THOSE.

I KNOW WE'RE MOVING TO MONDAY AFTERNOONS NOW SO I'LL SAVE MY BANTER FOR THAT TIME.

AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, MR. MAYOR, I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AS THE STAFF DOES ONCE AGAIN IN WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND. AND THE MAYOR PRO TEM THANK YOU.

WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER AND GET YOU SET UP FOR YOUR TERM AS MAYOR IN NINE AND A HALF MONTHS HERE.

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT.

>> VERY SIMILAR.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW MAYOR AND THE NEW MAYOR PRO TEM.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU NOW FOR THE NEXT, IS IT EIGHT MONTHS AGAIN, NINE MONTHS?

NINE AND A HALF MONTHS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

AGENDA FORECAST IN THE BOOK.

CLOSED SESSION, NONE TONIGHT.

WITH THAT WE'LL ADJOURN TO APRIL 4, 2024 -- I'M SORRY, '23 AT 6 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

>> MAYOR, WHY DON'T WE DISCUSS IT FOR A CLOSED SESSION AT 5:00.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'LL REVISE THAT.

>> JUST IN CASE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'RE GOING TO HOLD 5 P.M. CLOSED SESSION FOR

APRIL 4, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TONIGHT.

WE'LL SEE YOU IN TWO WEEKS.

THANK YOU.

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