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>> Mayor Montgomery: WELCOME TO THE MAY 16,2023, COUNCIL MEETING.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER.

GOING TO LEAD A PLEDGE TO THE FLAG OF JOSH MURRAY.

JOSH, TELL US WHAT TO DO.

>> 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, JOSH.

APPRECIATE THAT.

ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: HERE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: HERE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

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>> Councilmember Stern: HERE.

>> MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN LYNN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: HERE.

>> MAYOR MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: I AM HERE AS WELL.

NEXT ITEM IS CEREMONIAL CALENDAR.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION TO MONICA CHUN, LISA
NEWMAN, ALEX CHUN, JUSTIN NEWMAN, KAI O'NEILL, LARA MEYER, LUCA
O'NEILL AND MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS
DONOVAN TORRES AND MICHAEL HAMILTON.

ANYBODY HERE NOT IN THE PROGRAM?

NOT TO WORRY ALL OF THIS WILL BE FILMED AVAILABLE BY DVD.

YOU'RE OKAY.

MOST OF YOU KNOW THIS IS NATIONAL BICYCLE SAFETY MONTH.

IT'S A BIG DEAL IN THE CITY.

SINCE COVID AND NOW WE ALL KNOW WHAT eBIKE IS.

WHAT WE DON'T KNOW IS eBIKE SAFETY AND THAT'S ALL BECAUSE OF
COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN HAS LED THE WAY FOR THOSE WHO RIDE AN
eBIKE WHAT SAFETY IS.

OFFICER TORRES AND OFFICER HAMILTON ARE LEADING THE PLEDGE TO
MAKE SURE WE INFORM EVERYBODY IN THE CITY OF WEARING A HELMET.
THREE KIDS RIDE ON AN eBIKE.

ONLY ONE OF THEM HAD A HELMET ON.

WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO TO INFORM PEOPLE OF WHAT eBIKE SAFETY
IS.

YOU GUYS ARE LED THE WAY.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN, WHY DON'T YOU READ OUT -- HAND ME THE
CERTIFICATES AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO READ THEM OUT.

YOU CAN GIVE THEM ALL CITY PINS.

LUCA O'NEILL.

LARA MEYER.

KAI O'NEILL.

MICHAEL HAMILTON IS NOT HERE.

OFFICER DONOVAN TORRES.

JUSTIN NEWMAN.

ALL RIGHT.

ALEX CHUN.

SECOND TIME YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN HERE, RIGHT, SECOND OR THIRD?

>> SECOND.

>> Mayor Montgomery: SECOND.

ALREADY.

>> I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST THE KIDS.

>> THANKS TO THE CAMERA THEY'LL SEE YOU ACROSS THE WORLD.

HERE YOU GO.

LISA NEWMAN.

TELL GREG WE SAID HI.

MONICA CHUN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: WE'LL GIVE IT TO ALEX.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYBODY ELSE, JOE?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I THINK THAT'S IT.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: WE'RE GOING TO POST THIS ON NEXT
DOOR.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'LL GIVE YOU ALL A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

[APPLAUSE]

[TAKING PHOTOS]

>> Mayor Montgomery: JUST A REMINDER WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE
COMPLAINED ABOUT eBIKE, NOT JUST NEXT DOOR, THIS GROUP STOOD UP
AND MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR US.

THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THEM.

THANK YOU.

APPRECIATE IT.

[APPLAUSE]

THAT IS WHY I WORE A TIE TODAY.

THAT EXPLAINS IT.

WE'LL LET THEM CATCH UP FOR A SECOND.

ANYBODY ELSE?

HOW ABOUT APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL READING OF
ORDINANCES, ITEM E.

COUNCIL.

>> Councilmember Lesser: SO MOVED.

>> Mayor Montgomery: SO MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER, SECONDED
BY COUNCILMEMBER JOE FRANKLIN.

ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU ALL.

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS.

WE'RE GOING TO HOLD THAT FOR A SECOND AND WE'VE GOT A
PRESENTATION WITH THE BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT.

BRUCE MOE.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TOM TO GIVE A BRIEF PRESENTATION.

>> GOOD TO SEE HERE.

GOOD TO BE HERE TONIGHT.

I WANT TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HEALTH DISTRICT AND SPECIFICALLY WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR CAMPUS THERE, THE OLD SOUTH BAY HOSPITAL.

AS ALL OF YOU KNOW IN 1955 THE VOTERS FROM MANHATTAN BEACH, HERMOSA AND REDONDO BEACH CAME TOGETHER AND FORMED A HEALTH DISTRICT AND BUILT THE HOSPITAL.

SOME OF YOU KNOW IT WELL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: I WAS BORN THERE.

>> IF ALL GOES WELL WE'LL TALK ABOUT IN A MOMENT YOU CAN COMPLETE THE CIRCLE OF LIFE THERE.

[TOO MANY TALKING AT ONCE]

>> I DECIDED TO LEAD WITH THAT.

THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE.

ANYWAYS, LET'S TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CAMPUS.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, THE HEALTH DISTRICT HAS BEEN AROUND OVER 60 YEARS.

FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS WE'VE FOCUSED ON PREVENTIVE HEALTH.

AS A MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENT YOU PAY PROPERTY TAX.

THAT'S ROUGHLY LITTLE OVER A THIRD OF OUR BUDGET.

THE REST OF THE REVENUE COMES FROM PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE HAVE AS WELL AS LEASE REVENUE FROM THE OLD HOSPITAL BUILDING.

SO YOU CAN SEE WHERE WE'RE LOOKING HERE.

WE'RE ON PROSPECT AVENUE.

THE TWO BUILDINGS UP FRONT WERE DEVELOPED AFTER THE HOSPITAL CLOSED.

THOSE ARE LEASED OUT.

WE HAVE LAND LEASES FOR THOSE BUILDINGS.

AND THEN YOU CAN SEE THE MAIN BUILDINGS IN THE MIDDLE THERE.

SILVERADO IS KIND OF TO THE RIGHT.

I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT WE'RE PLANNING TO DO.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW WE'VE DONE LOTS OF THINGS OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS.

WE'VE HAD SUCCESS WITH REDUCING CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN REDONDO, WE'VE RECENTLY OPENED UP ALLCOVE, A YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY.

ALL OF THESE THINGS WE'RE DOING IN THE NAME OF COMMUNITY HEALTH.

AND THEN YOU COME ON TO THE CAMPUS AND THERE'S A SEA OF ASPHALT AND THERE'S A BIG THUD.

IT DOESN'T MATCH WHO WE ARE AND HOW WE'VE EVOLVED.

WE'VE EVOLVED OVER THE LAST 60 YEARS BUT OUR CAMPUS HAS NOT.

WE WANT TO CREATE A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN COME, BE WELL AND SHOW WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE, HAVE A PHYSICAL SPACE WHERE WE CAN SHOW UP FOR OUR PROGRAMS AND PEOPLE CAN COME AND BE WELL.

WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR ABOUT FIVE YEARS.

THIS WAS OUR FIRST PLAN HERE WHERE WE WERE LOOKING AT ASSISTED LIVING.

WE'VE SEEN THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR ASSISTED LIVING IN THE SOUTH BAY.

NOT TALKING ABOUT SENIOR HOUSING OR APARTMENTS OR CONDOS, TALKING ABOUT ASSISTED LIVING.

WE ALREADY HAVE MEMORY CARE ON THE CAMPUS.

BUT THIS WOULD ADD ASSISTED LIVING TO THE CAMPUS.

THE ORANGE ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE, WE WEDGED THAT AROUND THERE FROM THE EXISTING BUILDING.

WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY AND SAY WE WANT TO BE MORE CONNECTED TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WE WANT THERE TO BE A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE THAT SHOWS OFF THE PROGRAMS THAT WE PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTH BAY AND WE WANT IT TO BE INTERGENERATIONAL.

WE DON'T WANT IT TO BE JUST A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE, OLDER PEOPLE COME.

AND SO YOU CAN SEE THE SECOND DRAWING THERE A LITTLE MORE OPEN SPACE.

AND THEN WE GOT TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY WHERE WITH ENDED UP REDUCING SOME OF THE ASSISTED LIVING UNITS.

THE IDEA WOULD BE TO BUILD PHASE ONE, THE ASSISTED LIVING ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE, NORTH SIDE OF THE PROJECT, WE DECIDED TO MOVE SOME OF THE DENSITY OVER THERE BEHIND THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY.

WE WOULD THEN HAVE ALCOVE AT THE TOP OF THE DRAWING THERE.

I'M GOING TO HURT MYSELF THERE.

THAT WORKS.

WE WOULD HAVE ALLCOVE AND THEN A PROGRAM FOR ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY.

THAT'S A PROGRAM WHERE OLDER ADULTS CAN COME AND HAVE ALL OF THEIR HEALTH NEEDS MET IN ONE PLACE.

WE DON'T HAVE A PLACE IN THE SOUTH BAY RIGHT NOW WHERE OLDER ADULT CAN COME AND HAVE DAY CARE SERVICES.

WE HAVE A VERY SMALL PROGRAM WITH THE EASTER SEALS BUT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF HERE IN THE SOUTH BAY.

PHASE TWO OF THE PROJECT IS WHERE WE WOULD BRING IN SORT OF THE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE THAT YOU CAN SEE IN THE MIDDLE HERE.

WE WOULD BRING BACK THE CENTER FOR HEALTH AND FITNESS FOR PHASE 1.

WE WOULD HAVE TO MOVE THEM OFF CAMPUS.

WE ARE CONTEMPLATING AN AQUATICS FACILITY HERE.

THAT IS SOMETHING YOU ALL ARE LOOKING AT AS WELL.

WE HAVE DONE A FEASIBILITY STUDY AROUND AQUATICS AND LOOKING AT HAVING THAT ON PLACE AND ON SITE IN PHASE 2 OF THE PROJECT.

SO WE'RE GOING TO SHOW JUST A QUICK VIDEO.

YOU KNOW, WE CAN TALK ABOUT OPEN SPACE AND WE CAN SAY TWO ACRES OR TWO FOOTBALL FIELDS OF OPEN SPACE BUT REALLY NEED TO SEE IT IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND IT.

SO HOPEFULLY THIS WILL WORK.

WE'RE TAKING A TOUR COMING FROM PROSPECT HEADING EAST.

AGAIN, THIS IS WHAT THE CAMPUS WILL LOOK LIKE.

AGAIN, THE IDEA IS WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING DOWN PROSPECT AND SAY
WHAT IS THAT, THAT'S THE HEALTHY LIVING DISTRICT.

THE IDEA IS TO HAVE A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WITH RECREATE AND
GATHER.

THE FOCUS IS TO BE INTERGENERATIONAL AND HAVE A PLACE WHERE
PEOPLE CAN GATHER AND BE HEALTHY AND SHOW WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO
BE HEALTHY.

WE PARTICIPATE IN THE GALLUP SURVEY, THE WELL-BEING INDEX SCORES
IS SOMETHING THAT GALLOP DOES.

WE WANT TO SHOW PEOPLE WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE.

YOU COME HERE, STARTING TO HEAD EAST.

YOU SEE ON YOUR RIGHT WHAT IS CALLED A LABYRINTH.

THIS IS WHERE PEOPLE CAN DO WALKING MEDITATIONS.

THE IDEA WOULD BE TO HAVE DEMONSTRATION GARDENS AND GARDENS TO
CONTINUE TO EDUCATE OUR SCHOOLS ON WHAT GARDENS LOOK LIKE WITHIN
THE SCHOOLS.

THERE'S NO DENSITY ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY.

THAT WAS SOMETHING WE HEARD A LOT ABOUT FROM THE TORRANCE
RESIDENTS.

TORRANCE IS NOT IN THE HEALTH DISTRICT BUT RIGHT ON THE BORDER
THERE AND WE WANT TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO THEIR CONCERNS.

AS YOU MAKE THE TURN HERE NORTH YOU'LL SEE THIS IS THE BUILDING,
THIS IS WHERE ALLCOVE AND PACE WILL BE THE PROGRAM FOR
ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY.

YOU CAN SEE THE BUILDING IS SIX STORIES HIGH.

WE HAVE COMPLETED AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON THE PROJECT.
WE ARE WORKING ON THE HEIGHT.

YOU CAN SEE AS WE TURN THE CORNER THAT IT WILL BE A LITTLE
HIGHER THAN THE EXISTING OFFICE BUILDING.

WE'RE NOT BUILDING TALL BUILDINGS TO BUILD TALL BUILDINGS.

WE'RE COMING UP IN HEIGHT A LITTLE BIT SO THAT WE CAN MAXIMIZE
THE OPEN SPACE.

SO IF THE BUILDINGS NEED TO COME DOWN, THEN THAT WOULD BE LESS
OPEN SPACE AVAILABLE.

SO YOU CAN SEE AS WE COME ALONG HERE THAT IT IS TALLER THAN THE
OFFICE BUILDING.

THAT'S SOMETHING WE'RE WORKING ON WITH OUR DEVELOPMENT PARTNER.
FOR PHASE ONE WE'RE DOING A LAND LEASE WHICH WE WILL RECEIVE A
LAND GRANT PAYMENT THAT WILL GO TO FUND OUR PROGRAMS.

AND SO RIGHT NOW THE HOSPITAL BUILD SPENDS OFF \$2.5 MILLION THAT
GOES TOWARD OUR HEALTH PROGRAMS.

AND SO OUR HOPE IS THROUGH PHASE 1 THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO REPLACE
THAT REVENUE WITH HEALTH SERVICE PROGRAMS THAT WE NEED, LIKE
ALLCOVE, ASSISTED LIVING.

WE THEN HAVE OPEN SPACE WHICH IS SOMETHING WE NEED MORE OF, AND

THEN WE WOULD BE ABLE TO FOCUS ON PHASE 2 TO MEET OUR FUTURE HEALTH NEEDS.

THAT'S JUST A QUICK TOUR.

WE CAN TALK ABOUT TWO ACRES OR TWO SOCCER FIELDS, BUT I THINK TRYING TO GIVE PEOPLE AN IDEA OF WHAT THAT WOULD MEAN IN A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE COULD COME GATHER.

SO JUST IN SUMMARY, I KNOW YOU GOT A BIG AGENDA TONIGHT.

WE'LL KEEP IT BRIEF.

THE REVENUE WILL GO TO FUND OUR PROGRAMS.

WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT ALLCOVE.

IT'S BEEN HAPPENING HERE FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS.

IT'S GETTING A LOT OF USE.

OBVIOUSLY GOOD NEWS.

BUT IT IS A NEED WE HAVE FOR OUR YOUTH.

WE WANT TO CREATE A PERMANENT HOME FOR ALLCOVE.

THAT WILL BE A PRIORITY.

BLUE ZONE PROJECT PRINCIPLES ARE GOING TO BE INCORPORATED IN HERE.

WE ARE GOING TO MAKE THIS A SHOWCASE FOR ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES.

WE'RE GOING TO TRY SOME NEW THINGS TO BE A SHOWCASE FOR ALL THREE CITIES OF WHAT ENVIRONMENT STABILITY LOOKS LIKE.

WE CAN TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE SPECIFICS.

THERE WILL BE LESS TRAFFIC HERE BECAUSE WE'RE CHASING THE USE

FROM MEDICAL OFFICE TO ASSISTED LIVING, AMONG OTHER USES.

SO WE'VE DONE THE EIR WHERE WE'RE SHOWING ACTUALLY LESS TRAFFIC ON THE CAMPUS.

AND REAL QUICK, WE'VE DONE SOME POLLING AND TALKED TO PEOPLE ABOUT THIS PROJECT.

WHEN WE ASKED THEM WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT THE PROJECT, ABOUT 61% ARE IN FAVOR AND ABOUT 21% OPPOSED.

WHEN THEY LEARN MORE ABOUT IT, THAT NUMBER GOES UP TO ABOUT 72%.

WE'RE A HEALTH DISTRICT.

WE'RE A PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT.

WE WANT PEOPLE TO BE PLEASED WITH WHAT WE'RE DOING.

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROJECT.

THAT'S WHY WE'VE TAKEN OUR TIME.

WE CONTINUE TO LISTEN AND CONTINUE TO TRY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT WE HEAR FROM PEOPLE.

AGAIN, THIS WAS JUST A QUESTION ABOUT IS THERE A NEED FOR ASSISTED LIVING.

WE'VE DONE THE MARKET STUDY.

THERE IS A NEED BASED UPON PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO PERFORM AVERAGE DAILY FUNCTIONS.

BUT WHEN WE HEARD WHAT WE DID A STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY IS ALMOST TWO-THIRDS SAID YES, THERE IS A NEED FOR MYSELF OR MY FAMILY MEMBER FOR ASSISTED LIVING.

AND THEN YEARS AGO WE PUT TOGETHER A COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP.

WE HAD MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS AS PART OF THAT, DAN WAS ON THAT GROUP, AND WE ASKED, HEY DID WE GET IT RIGHT WITH WHAT WE WERE LOOKING AT DOING WITH THE MASTER PLAN THAT WAS ULTIMATELY APPROVED, AND 93% SAID YES.

THERE'S ALSO ONE, RIGHT?

BUT 93% SAID YES, YOU'RE ON TARGET WITH WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH.

AND I THINK THAT'S THE LAST ONE.

HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, TOM.

COUNCIL HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

>> Councilmember Howorth: LOOKS NICE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: I HAVE ONE FOR YOU, TOM.

>> SURE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: OF THE HOUSING UNITS, 217 TOTAL NOW, IT'S BEEN REDUCED?

>> YES.

WE REDUCED THAT DOWN FROM THE 450 TO 217.

>> Mayor Montgomery: OF THE 217, HOW MANY OF THOSE ARE LOW-INCOME HOUSING UNITS?

>> TEN PERCENT ARE GOING TO BE BELOW MARKET.

WE'RE WORKING TO SEE IF WE CAN MAKE THOSE MORE AFFORDABLE.

IT'S A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT THAN YOUR TYPICAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING BECAUSE THERE ARE SERVICES THAT COME WITH US.

BUT WE'RE TRYING TO HAVE 10% BELOW MARKET FOR THE REAL ESTATE SIDE AND THEN WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO HAVE THEM BE TRULY MORE AFFORDABLE OLDER ADULT LIVING BY BRINGING DOWN THAT OPERATING COST, THAT SERVICE COST.

>> Mayor Montgomery: AND ANY CRITERIA FOR ANYONE TO APPLY TO RENT THESE UNITS?

IN OTHER WORDS, THE DISTRICT IS HERMOSA, MANHATTAN AND REDONDO. WHAT IF SOMEBODY DOESN'T LIVE IN THE DISTRICT.

>> THIS IS FOR THE BEACH CITIES DISTRICT.

THIS IS THEIR ASSET, THE PROPERTY THEY BOUGHT 60 YEARS AGO, 65 YEARS AGO.

THE PLAN WOULD BE TO HAVE PRIORITY FOR BEACH CITIES RESIDENTS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WOULD THAT PLAN INCLUDE SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN A RESIDENT FOR A WEEK VERSUS SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN HERE FOR TEN YEARS?

I'M CURIOUS HOW THEY WOULD JUDGE THE POINT SYSTEM.

>> I'VE DONE SOME OF THAT WORK WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING PREFERENCE AND LOTTERIES.

I THINK WE'LL HAVE TO WORK ON THAT.

I THINK TECHNICALLY IF SOMEONE IS A RESIDENT IT WOULD COUNT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: DAY ONE.

>> DAY ONE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: UNDERSTOOD.

THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: TO THE EXTENT WE'RE RECEIVING COMMENTS ON THIS PROJECT AT ALL.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY TO BUILD FACILITIES THAT A PRIVATE ENTITY COULD BUILD JUST AS EASILY.

WHAT IS THE RESPONSE TO THAT?

>> I THINK THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF FOCUS ON THE ASSISTED LIVING PIECE.

WE ARE PARTNERING WITH A DEVELOPMENT PARTNER THAT HAS THAT EXPERTISE, JUST LIKE THE DISTRICT HAS PARTNERED WITH THE TWO FRONT BUILDINGS WITH A DEVELOPER THAT HAS THAT EXPERTISE TO PROVIDE THAT SERVICE.

WE'RE NOT GIVING UP THE LAND.

WE'RE LEASING THE LAND FOR \$1.5 MILLION A YEAR THAT WE THEN USE THAT LAND OR THAT REVENUE FOR OUR SERVICES.

AND SO MY ANSWER TO THAT WOULD BE WE'RE TRYING TO FIRST MEET THE HEALTH NEED.

WE SEE ASSISTED LIVING AS WELL AS ALLCOVE, MEMORY CARE, ALL OF THOSE THINGS, OPEN SPACE, WE'RE TRYING TO MEET THAT HEALTH NEED AND FOR PART OF IT WE'RE PARTNERING WITH SOMEONE THAT PROVIDES THAT SERVICE.

>> Councilmember Lesser: IS THE PRIVATE SECTOR NOT KEEPING UP? IS THAT A REASON FOR EXPLAINING WHY --

>> FOR ASSISTED LIVING YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVE A NEW PROJECT COMING

IN HERE IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

AS YOU MAY KNOW, WE'RE ALSO A PARTNER IN SUNRISE, IN HERMOSA BEACH WHERE YEARS AGO THE DISTRICT GOT INVOLVED IN THAT PROJECT AS WELL.

THE SHORT ANSWER IS THERE IS NOT ENOUGH ASSISTED LIVING IN THE THREE BEACH CITIES TO MEET THE NEED THAT WE HAVE.

AND SO WHAT HAPPENS AND WE SEE WITH THE CLIENTS THAT WE SERVE, AS YOU KNOW, WE SERVE ABOUT 400 CLIENTS WHERE WE COME IN WITH SOCIAL WORKERS AND HELP THEM WITH THEIR IN-HOME CARE -- AND OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOME FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

BUT WHEN THERE COMES A TIME WHEN THEY CAN'T BE THAT THEIR HOME ANY LONGER, WE WANT THEM TO AGE IN PLACE OR IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

WE THINK THERE IS A NEED THE BEACH CITIES.

WE THINK THIS IS A WAY TO MEET THAT NEED.

THE ORIGINAL HOSPITAL WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH A BOND ISSUE.

WE HAVE DECIDED NOT TO GO BACK OUT FOR A BOND ISSUE AND SEE IF THERE IS A WAY TO USE THE INCREASED VALUE OF OUR LAND TO MEET A HEALTH NEED AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR OUR SERVICES.

>> Councilmember Lesser: FINALLY, WHAT IS THE TENTATIVE TIME FRAME BASED ON WHAT WE JUST SAW, AT LEAST FOR PHASE 1.

>> FOR PHASE 1 WE'RE LOOKING AT WHETHER OR NOT THERE MAY BE A WAY TO MOVE FORWARD A LITTLE MORE QUICKLY WITH ALLCOVE.

THAT'S BEEN SUCH A SUCCESS IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS.

WE WANT TO SEE IF THERE'S A WAY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT.

WE NEED A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FROM REDONDO BEACH.

WE HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT.

WE HOPE TO GO THROUGH THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROCESS FOR THE
REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR AND BREAK GROUND PROBABLY IN EARLY '25.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU.

THE TWO BUILDINGS THAT THERE ARE NOW, ARE THEY GOING TO STILL BE
THERE?

THEY'LL STAY?

>> THOSE TWO BUILDINGS WILL SAY.

THE NEWER ONE TO THE NORTH WILL STAY A LONG TIME.

THE ONE TO THE SOUTH IS COMING DUE HERE IN 2030, SO THE DISTRICT
AND ALL OF US WILL GET THAT BUILDING BACK IN SEVEN YEARS AND
THEN THAT WILL BE PART OF PHASE 2.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I SEE.

SO ANY OF THE SERVICES LIKE QUEST LAB, QUEST DIAGNOSTICS, THE
PRIVATE SERVICES THAT RENT OUT THOSE SPACES WILL STILL BE THERE
UNTIL THE LEASE IS UP OR ARE WE GOING TO PUT MORE BEACH CITIES
HEALTH DISTRICTS SERVICES IN THOSE BUILDINGS?

>> OUR PLAN IS TO KEEP THOSE SERVICES THERE AND KEEP THE MIX OF
MEDICAL SERVICES AS WELL AS ASSISTED LIVING.

I WANT TO EMPHASIZE, THIS IS A UNIQUE PROJECT -- AND IT'S BACK

TO DAVID'S QUESTION A LITTLE BIT.

YOU HAVE A PRIVATE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY THAT'S NOT GATED,
THAT'S NOT A PLACE THAT YOU GO VISIT, THAT'S NOT INSULAR, IT'S
PART OF A PUBLIC HEALTHY CAMPUS AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT HASN'T
BEEN DONE.

WE THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE LEADING THE WAY WITH THAT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: I'LL ASK AGAIN, MORE QUESTIONS POP UP.

ANYBODY ELSE HAVE QUESTIONS?

YOU TWO GOOD?

WE APPRECIATE WHAT YOU GUYS DO FOR OUR OLDER ADULTS.

KEEP DOING IT.

WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME.

>> Councilmember Howorth: AND WITH ALLCOVE FOR OUR STUDENTS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NOW, COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS, ONE MINUTE IN
LENGTH.

>> JOHN BRATEMAN.

OUR CLASS PROJECT FOR THIS YEAR IS CREATION OF A NUTRITION
FACILITY, A PANTRY FOR THE SINGLE MOM PROJECT AT THE RICHARD
STONE FAMILY CENTER IN HAWTHORNE.

I'M HERE TO ANNOUNCE THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY WILL BE
OCCURRING THIS SATURDAY, MAY 20th AT 10:00.

I KNOW JOE WILL BE THERE.

HOPEFULLY SOME OF THE REST OF YOU CAN ATTEND AS WELL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, JOHN.

GOOD LUCK.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

DON'T ALL RUSH DOWN HERE.

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

MY NAME IS JOSH MURRAY ON BEHALF OF MANHATTAN BEACH LIBRARY.

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO WRITE AND PUBLISH YOUR OWN BOOK?

FIND OUT HOW AT THE LIBRARY ON TUESDAY, MAY 23rd.

YOU'RE INVITED TO LEARN TO WRITE AND PUBLISH A BOOK.

WE'LL SHARE VALUABLE INFORMATION FROM OVER 30 YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE ADVISING INDIVIDUALS FROM DIVERSE FIELDS ON HOW TO
REALIZE THEIR BOOKS, BUSINESS SKILLS AND PROJECTS.

REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE LACOUNTYLIBRARY.ORG.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, JOSH.

HOW MANY OF YOU KNOW THE LIBRARY IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST IN THE
COUNTRY.

THANKS TO THAT GUY.

HELLO.

>> HELLO.

GOOD EVENING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

I'M HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE OLDER ADULT HEALTH FAIR WHICH
IS HAPPENING THIS FRIDAY AT JOSLYN CENTER AND IT STARTS AT 8:30
AND GOES TO NOON.

I CAN'T TELL YOU THE NUMBER OF FREE TESTS YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE.

BUT I THINK A LOT OF THE PEOPLE HAVE SORT OF POSTPONED SOME OF THEIR HEALTH TESTS BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC, YOU KNOW, AND FOCUSING ON COVID.

BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER HEALTH NEEDS.

SO WE REALLY WANT YOU TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH FAIR.

AND WE'VE GOT FREE TO-GO LUNCHESES DONATED BY GRUNIONS.

IT'S GOING TO BE A GOOD TIME.

ANY QUESTIONS?

>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'RE GOOD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ONLY.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: ACTUALLY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN CAN RUIN THAT PART BUT GO AHEAD.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: HE'S STILL NEW.

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I WANTED TO ASK.

ARE SOME OF THE TESTS YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE, HAVE YOU GOT TO GET A RESERVATION?

>> NO.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: YOU WALK IN, PUT YOUR NAME DOWN AND YOU'RE IN LINE?

>> THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR THEY HAVEN'T REQUIRED RESERVATIONS.

WE HOPE IT WORKS OUT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YOU'RE GOOD TO GO, JOE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NEXT SPEAKER.

>> HI, EVERYBODY.

I'M JUST HERE TO ANNOUNCE THE HERMOSA BEACH SCREENING OF THE
SHORT DOCUMENTARY OF GRANDPA CHERRY BLOSSOMING.

I WANT TO COME HERE AND TALK TO YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT.

IT'S ABOUT, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, OWNED 120 ACRES IN MANHATTAN
BEACH BUT HAD TO SELL IT.

WE'RE GOING TO BE SHOWING THE FILM AND THEN HAVE A DISCUSSION
WITH THE TWO PEOPLE IN THE FILM, CHUCK AND THEN FRANCIS'
GRANDDAUGHTER.

THURSDAY AT 6 P.M.

RIGHT NOW WE'RE COMPLETELY SOLD OUT BUT THERE IS A WAIT LIST AND
YEAH, THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: AND YOUR NAME?

>> I'M MADDOX.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL COME.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

GOOD LUCK.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Councilmember Howorth: GREAT PROJECT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NEXT SPEAKER.

>> MY NAME IS ALEXANDRIA LATRAGNA.

WE'RE DOING A WEBSITE REFRESH AND SEEKING INPUT FROM THE
COMMUNITY VIA A VERY BRIEF SURVEY.

IT'S EASY TO COMPLETE.

GO TO WWW.MANHATTANBEACH.GOV/UX.

AND OUR GOAL THROUGH THE WEBSITE REFRESH IS TO MAKE OUR WEBSITE
MORE USABLE AND USER FRIENDLY, PROVIDE THE INFORMATION AND
SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE USERS OF OUR WEBSITE.

SO WE NEED YOUR INPUT.

PLEASE GO TO THE LINK WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE COMPLETING THE
SURVEY BY MAY 25th.

OUR HOPE IS TO GET AS MUCH COMMUNITY INPUT AND FEEDBACK AS
POSSIBLE.

PLEASE GO TO WWW.MANHATTANBEACH.GOV/UX AND COMPLETE THE SURVEY.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: PERFECT.

THANK YOU, ALEX.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I FILLED MINE OUT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYBODY ELSE?

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS?

GO TO ZOOM, MARTHA.

NO ONE?

WOW.

SURPRISE.

I HAVE A FEW.

COUNCIL, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANYBODY?

I HAVE A COUPLE.

MARTHA IS GOING TO PUT IT ON THE SCREEN FOR ME.

THERE YOU GO.

MY FAVORITE ONE.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR.

THEY'RE ALWAYS DIFFERENT.

AND DEFINITELY EDUCATIONAL.

MAY 23rd, COFFEE BEAN AND TEA LEAF AND JUNE 6 PEET'S COFFEE
DOWNTOWN.

IT'S NOT A DRESSY EVENT.

COME AS YOU ARE.

I WILL NOT BE WEARING A TIE AT THOSE EVENT.

COME AND SEE ME.

NEXT ONE?

WHAT DO WE HAVE NEXT?

IT'S A SURPRISE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

THOSE OF YOU NOT SIGNED UP FOR THIS, WONDERING WHAT IS THE BABY
PASSPORT.

ISSUED TO RESIDENTS BORN IN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND
NOTIFY OUR ASSISTANT CITY CLERK AND WE'LL PRESENT TO YOU LIVE AT
A COUNCIL MEETING.

COLLECTOR'S ITEMS DOWN THE ROAD.

WHO IS THAT?

IS THAT A STOCK PHOTO?

>> UNKNOWN.

MAYBE.

>> Councilmember Lesser: IS THAT COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO?

>> Mayor Montgomery: THAT'S GREAT.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: MY FIRST MAYOR'S PHOTO.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

THREE MINUTES PER PERSON ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA.

PEEK ON AN ITEM ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SPEAK

ON THAT ITEM WHEN IT COMES UP.

WITH THAT, OUR FIRST SPEAKER.

>> I'M NERVOUS TONIGHT AND I'M USUALLY NOT.

MY NAME IS HEATHER AND MY HUSBAND AND I OWN MANHATTAN GROCERY.

I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE POLICIES THAT LITERALLY

DECRIMINALIZE CRIME DIRECTLY IMPACTING THAT MINORITY OWN

BUSINESS.

ALL OF THESE POLICY CHANGES ARE UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF CRIMINAL

JUSTICE REFORM.

IF YOU SUPPORT THIS, WHICH SOME OF YOU ON THE DAIS DO, AMY

HOWORTH, YOU REPRESENT THE PAIN THAT WE HAVE HAD TO ENDURE.

THANKS TO THESE GASCON CHANGES, L.A. COUNTY IS A PLACE OR

CRIMINALS.

EFFECTIVELY THIS IS A SANCTUARY CITY FOR THESE THUGS.

YESTERDAY WE HAD A SHOPLIFTING INCIDENTS WHERE A LARGE MAN WEARING A BLACK HOODIE THREATENINGLY INFORMED MY CASHIER THAT HE WAS NOT PAYING FOR THE ALCOHOL HE SHOVED DOWN HIS PANTS AND THERE WAS NOTHING THE CASHIER COULD DO ABOUT IT BECAUSE HE WAS GOING TO PUSH HIM TO THE GROUND.

HE PROCEEDED TO LIGHT A CIGARETTE IN HIS FACE.

AND WE ALL KNOW THAT CIGARETTES AND PLASTIC STRAWS ARE BANNED IN MANHATTAN BEACH.

HE'S NOT A LOCAL.

HE STANDS IN LINE DECLARING HIS RIGHT TO STEAL FROM US AND RUBS IT IN OUR FACE.

THANKFULLY HE DID NOT PULL OUT A GUN LIKE HAPPENS RECENTLY WHERE VICTIMS WERE PISTOL WHIPPED DURING A ROBBERY.

WE LOSE QUITE A BIT TO SHOPLIFTING BUT THE THIEVES ARE A LITTLE MORE DISCREET THAN THIS THUG.

STEALING UP TO \$950 WON'T PUT THEM IN JAIL.

I CAN'T STRESS HOW UPSETTING AND TERRIFYING IT IS TO OPERATE A SMALL BUSINESS.

SHOUT OUT TO MBPD FOR COMING OUT WHILE WORKING UNDER THESE AWFUL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT COULD GET THEM INJURED OR KILLED OVER STOLEN ITEMS FROM A GROCERY STORE.

ONE OF THE THUG'S FRIENDS CAME BACK TO THE STORE SAYING THANKS

TO HIM, HIS BUDDY GOT ARRESTED.

HE WASN'T HAPPY WE CALLED THE POLICE ON HIM.

COULD THE WORLD BE ANY MORE UPSIDE DOWN.

WE'RE ALL ON HIGH ALERT WAITING FOR RETALIATION.

WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE THREE MUSKETEERS DECIDE TO
COME BACK.

CIRCLES BACK TO THE POLICIES OF GASCON.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH SUPPORTS THIS AND YOU CAN LOOK IT UP ON
THE COUNTY REGISTER'S WEBSITE.

YOU'RE WITH US OR AGAINST US AND THAT'S IT.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SHOW SUPPORT TO MY FAMILY RATING HERE IN
MANHATTAN BEACH AND HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HELP US DEAL WITH
OPERATING IN SUCH A HOSTILE PARADISE --

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, HEATHER.

APPRECIATE THAT.

I APPRECIATE OUR POLICE AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

>> Councilmember Howorth: AND I APPRECIATE -- MAY I COMMENT?

>> Mayor Montgomery: YES.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I DID, WHEN GEORGE GASCON RAN.

IT IS DOCUMENTED THAT I SUPPORTED HIM.

I'M ON RECORD THAT HE'S BEEN AN UTTER FAILURE AND I DON'T LIKE
HIS POLICIES.

BEYOND THE MISCHARACTERIZATION OF MY SUPPORT OF HIM NOW, I AM
MOST TROUBLED BY WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR

EMPLOYEE AT YOUR STORE AND I AM HAPPY TO SUPPORT YOU AND DO MORE BUSINESS WITH YOU AND, YOU KNOW, WORK WITH THE POLICE.

SO, YOU KNOW, I THINK IT DOESN'T DO US ANY GOOD TO KIND OF SAY THESE THINGS.

I MEAN YOU CAN SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT BUT I'M VERY SORRY THIS HAPPENED TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU'RE WELCOME.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

HOW ABOUT ZOOM NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 3 THROUGH 11.

COUNCIL.

I SEE MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO, A SECOND WITH MAYOR PRO TEM JOE FRANKLIN.

ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU ALL.

ITEM I, NO ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

FIRST ITEM J, PUBLIC HEARING.

ITEM 12.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING KNEW WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1st, 2023,

THROUGH NOVEMBER 1st, 2027, AND ALL PROTEST TO THE PROPOSED
WASTEWATER RATES LED BY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE.

FLOOR IS YOURS, SIR.

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

I'M ERICK LEE.

TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION WILL BE GIVEN BY SENIOR ANALYST NICOLE.

>> GOOD EVENING HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.
TONIGHT WE'RE HERE CONDUCTING THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER NEW
WASTEWATER FEES FOR MANHATTAN BEACH WASTEWATER SERVICES.

GIVE ME ONE SECOND.

IF THESE RATES ARE ADOPTED THIS EVENING, THEY WILL BE EFFECTIVE
FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS STARTING NOVEMBER 1st, 2023, RUNNING
THROUGH NOVEMBER 1st, 2027.

BASICS REGARDING THESE FEES.

SO CURRENTLY CUSTOMER BILLS FUND THE OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL
INFRASTRUCTURE ASSOCIATED WITH ALL WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN THE
ITEMS LISTED HERE.

RIGHT NOW WE HAVE 82 MILES OF GRAVITY SANITARY SEWER PIPELINES,
5,000 FEET OF FORCE MAINS, 2,000 MAIN HOLES AND 8 LIFT STATIONS
ALL OPERATING WITH 6 1/2 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.

WE HAVE ONE ENGINEER ASSIGNED TO OUR WASTEWATER PROJECTS.

THIS IS A TIMELINE.

Typical MUNICIPALITIES DETERMINE LONG-TERM REVENUE FEES BY

PERFORMING THESE RATE STUDIES.

THESE ARE TO BE PERFORMED BY A CERTIFIED CONSULTANT.

AS A TIMELINE OF HOW WE GOT HERE TODAY, IN 2010 OUR WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN IDENTIFIED THAT THE CITY HAS \$42 MILLION IN IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED.

THE LAST ACTUAL WASTEWATER INCREASE WAS IN 2014.

FAST FORWARD TO 2023, A RATE ANALYSIS AND IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR COUNCIL INITIATED THE PROP 218 PROCESS.

WE ALL KNOW THAT PRICES, COSTS FOR EVERYTHING INCLUDING FOOD AND MATERIALS HAVE GONE UP SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE 2014.

IF YOU LOOK AT COMPOUNDED INFLATION SINCE 2014, IT'S GONE UP 25.4%.

THE COST FOR OUR MAINTENANCE AND OUR PROJECTS HAVE INCREASED. AND IF YOU ARE TO LOOK AT THIS SLIDE, IT KIND OF HAS A CUMULATIVE INCREASES FROM 2009 TO 2022.

SO IT SHOWS HERE WHILE ALL ITEMS HAVE GONE ALL OVER THE PLACE WITH REGARDS TO THEIR INCREASE CUMULATIVELY SINCE 2009, WATER RATES AND SEWER RATES HAVE GONE UP UNIFORMLY ALL THE WAY UP TO 2022.

WE'RE IN A NEED WHERE WE HAVE IDENTIFIED MANY INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS THAT WE HAVE AND THESE RATES WOULD FUND THOSE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS.

ALL PROP 218 NOTICES CAME WITH THIS EXCEPT SHOWING THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASES FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

IT INCLUDES THE CURRENT RATE RIGHT NOW AND THEY'RE ALL BASED ON DIFFERENT METER SIZES.

AN EXAMPLE HERE, YOU'LL SEE, IF YOU HAVE A THREE-QUARTER INCH METER, 1280 WOULD BE YOUR FIXED CHARGE AND THE VARIABLE USES CHARGE IS BASED ON WATER USAGE.

FOR THE FIRST INCREASE IT'S \$1.46.

THIS SLIDE HERE SHOWS THE BILL IMPACTS THAT YOUR AVERAGE SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSEHOLD WOULD SEE.

IF YOU LOOK HERE, WE LOOK AT ABOUT 2000 CUBIC FEET IS TYPICALLY THE AVERAGE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

YOUR BIMONTHLY BILL WOULD BE \$36.52S AND YOUR PROPOSED BIMONTHLY BILL WOULD BE AROUND \$42.

THE DIFFERENCE IS \$5.40 ON THE BILL EQUATING TO \$2.45 A MONTH.

IF THESE RATES ARE ACCEPTED OR INITIATED TODAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 2023, WOULD BE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE NEW RATES.

THEY WILL NOT BE REFLECTIVE IN BILLS UNTIL JANUARY 1st, 2024.

NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

HERE IS KIND OF A SNAPSHOT OF OUR WEBSITE.

SO ON OUR WEBSITE WE CREATED A CUSTOMER WASTEWATER BILL CALCULATOR.

IN THIS CALCULATOR YOU'RE ABLE TO TYPE IN YOUR SCENARIO, THE METER SIZE, TYPICAL USAGE IS ABOUT 20 BUT YOU CAN LOOK AT YOUR WATER BILL AND SEE WHAT YOU TYPICALLY USE AND PLUG IN THOSE NUMBERS AND SEE WHAT YOUR RATE WOULD BE.

NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

THE PROP 218 PROCESS.

SO THIS PROCESS WAS PASSED BY CALIFORNIA VOTERS IN 1996.

THIS LIMITS GOVERNMENTS SO THEY CAN'T JUST INCREASE TAXES AND FEES.

THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS.

IT ALLOWS PROPERTY OWNERS AND RATE PAYERS TO PROTEST RATE INCREASES.

THIS IS LIMITED TO ONE PROTEST PER PARCEL.

THIS REQUIRES THAT THE CITY MAILES THESE NOTICES TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND RATE PAIRS.

AS A COURTESY THE CITY ALSO MAILED THESE TO TENANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY KNEW THAT THIS PROCESS WAS TAKING PLACE.

THERE IS A 45-DAY PROTEST PERIOD THAT IS REQUIRED.

THE CITY DID A 49-DAY PROTEST PERIOD TO GIVE PEOPLE AMPLE TIME TO MAKE THIS DECISION.

THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING WE'RE AT TO HOLD AFTER THIS PROTEST PERIOD.

NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

THIS IS JUST A TIMELINE OF THE EVENTS THAT GOT US TO THIS POINT.

MARCH 21st COUNCIL INITIATED THE PROCESS AND WE SET THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR TODAY.

MARCH 28th IS WHEN THE PROP 218 NOTICES WERE MAILED TO PROPERTY OWNERS, RATE PAYERS AND ALSO TO TENANTS AND OCCUPANTS.

WE HELD A COMMUNITY MEETING ON APRIL 19th.

IT WAS IN PERSON AND ZOOM.

TODAY IS THE PUBLIC HEARING WHERE WE'LL DETERMINE IF THERE IS A PROTEST COUNT AND IF WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE RATES.

IF WE CAN AND DO NOT HAVE A PROTEST COUNT OF OVER 50% PLUS ONE OR AFTER 50% PLUS ONE, NEW RATES GO INTO EFFECT NOVEMBER 1st, 2023, AND NEW WASTEWATER RATES WILL BE EFFECTIVE ON BILLS JANUARY 1st, 2024.

IN ORDER TO GET A MAJORITY PROTEST COUNT, THIS IS THE -- THESE ARE THE NUMBERS THAT WE WOULD NEED TO SEE.

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE IS GOING TO ANNOUNCE THE PROTEST COUNT.

IF MORE THAN 6700 PROTESTS ARE RECEIVED, THAT WOULD DECLARE A MAJORITY PROTEST IN WHICH CASE THE CITY COUNCIL CANNOT INITIATE THE INCREASE.

IF LESS THAN 6600 PROTESTS ARE RECEIVED, THE CITY COUNCIL MAY APPROVE THE RATE INCREASE.

AND THESE NEW RATES TAKE EFFECT NOVEMBER 1st REFLECTIVE IN BILLS 2024.

APPROVAL OF THE RATES IS GOOD FOR FIVE YEARS AT WHICH TIME ANOTHER PROP 218 PROCESS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO INCREASE THE RATES.

NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

SO OUR NEXT STEP WILL BE FOR THE CITY CLERK, ONCE WE'VE CONCLUDED THE PUBLIC HEARING, TO GIVE US THE FINAL PROTEST COUNT

RECEIVED AT THE END OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.

IF A MAJORITY PROTEST IS REACHED, COUNCIL MAY ADOPT THE
RESOLUTION APPROVAL THE NEW RATES.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: IS NOT REACHED.

>> AND OUR RECOMMENDATION IS ADOPTING RESOLUTION 23-0051,
ADOPTING THE ANNUAL PROPOSED RATE INCREASE NOVEMBER 1st, 2023,
THROUGH NOVEMBER 1st, 2027.

THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

ANY QUESTIONS?

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL DONE, NICOLE.

COUNCIL, ANY QUESTIONS?

NO ONE HAS PUSHED THE BUTTON TO SPEAK.

I ASSUME NONE.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

ANYONE CARE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

SEEING NONE, LET'S GO TO ZOOM.

ALL RIGHT.

NO ONE ON ZOOM.

COUNCIL, DIRECTION, MOTION.

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>> Councilmember Howorth: DON'T WE HAVE TO HEAR FROM --

>> MAYOR, GO AHEAD AND CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

>> Mayor Montgomery: CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

>> HEAR FROM THE CITY CLERK.

>> WE RECEIVED 47.

>> Mayor Montgomery: FOUR-SEVEN?

>> CORRECT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL BELOW 6,600.

>> I'M NOT GOOD AT MATH BUT I THINK THAT'S RIGHT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCIL, KNOWING THAT THE CITY CLERK JUST CONFIRMED THE NUMBER, I HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YES, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-0051.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU FOR THAT.

IS THERE A SECOND?

A SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND A COMMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: MR. MAYOR, NO ONE LIKE TO PAY MORE FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES BUT CONVERSELY, NO ONE WANTS TO HAVE A FAILURE OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, PARTICULARLY OUR WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE.

OUR COUNCIL OF PAST DECADES HAVE INVESTED IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE PRECISELY SO THERE WOULD NOT BE A FAILURE.

WHAT WAS THE OLD ADAGE, WE WANT TO BE ABLE NOT TO HAVE FEAR TO FLUSH.

IT'S BEEN AN RESPONSIBLE UNDERTAKING BY COUNCILS BEFORE US TO INVEST IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENSURE THAT THIS CORE, CORE FUNCTION OF OUR CITY IS OPERATIONAL.

AND INVESTED IN IT TO ENSURE IT REMAINS SO.

THAT'S WHY I'VE SECONDED THE MOTION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

>> Councilmember Napolitano: AGREED.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I MOVED APPROVAL OF ADOPTING
RESOLUTION NO. 23-0051.

>> Councilmember Lesser: AND I SECONDED.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU ALL.

APPRECIATE THAT.

OUR NEXT ITEM UP, GENERAL BUSINESS.

K, NO. 13.

CONSIDERATION OF AN INCREASE TO STORMWATER ASSESSMENTS, FINANCE
DIRECTOR CHARELIAN.

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

STEVE CHARELIAN FINANCE DIRECTOR.

I'M GOING TO TURN THIS OVER TO OUR FINANCIAL CONTROLLER.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ALL RIGHT.

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

MY NAME IS JULIE, I'M THE FINANCIAL CONTROLLER.

IT IS MY PLEASURE TODAY TO PRESENT THE REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE STORMWATER ASSESSMENT INCREASE WHICH IS PART OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK PLAN.

WE ARE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE CITY'S STORMWATER FUND AND WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH THE NEXT STEPS FOR A POTENTIAL FEE INCREASE.

SORRY.

MY APOLOGIES.

TONIGHT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE STORMWATER WHERE FEES HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE 1996.

WE WILL ALSO BRIEFLY GO OVER THE LAST ANALYSIS CONDUCTED IN 2019 AND THE TWO VALID OPTIONS AVAILABLE IF THE CITY DECIDES TO PROCEED WITH THE STORMWATER INCREASE.

THE OBJECTIVE TONIGHT IS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH OBTAINING AN UPDATED REPORT.

THE COST FOR THESE IS \$46,000.

THERE'S A RESERVE OF 20%.

THE GENERAL FORECAST PRESENTED AT THE MEETING PROJECTS THAT THE CITY WILL NOT MEET THE RESERVES BY 2027.

THE RED AMOUNTS IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028 INDICATES THE POLICY RESERVES NOT BEING MET.

ADDITIONALLY THE FORECAST PROJECTS -- MY APOLOGIES.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

>> INITIALLY THE FORECAST DIP INTO RESERVE BUSINESS 2026, THE

RESERVES FULLY UNFUNDED BY FISCAL YEAR 2027.

UNRESERVED GENERAL FUND BALANCES IS ALSO PROJECTED TO BE FULLY DEPLETED BY FISCAL YEAR 2026.

IN THE LAST SIX YEARS LISTED ON THE SLIDE IT IS PROJECTED THAT THE GENERAL FUND WILL PROVIDE THE STORMWATER FUND WITH \$11 MILLION OF SUBSIDIES.

CURRENTLY THIS IS UNSUSTAINABLE.

SOME OF THE IMPACTS OF THE GENERAL FUND IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS INCLUDE INFLATION, FUNDING CAP TAMURA PROJECTS AND SUBSIDIES.

INFLATION IS OUTPACING.

SOME CAPITAL PROJECT BIDS ARE COMING IN AS HIGH AS 2.5 TIMES MORE THAN BUDGETED.

DUE TO THE RESOURCES REQUIRED WHEN UNDERTAKING MAJOR PROJECTS, THERE IS INSUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS. MANDATED PROJECTS ALSO PUT A STRAIN ON FUNDING.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE POTENTIAL OFFSETS FOR GRANTS FOR SOME OF THE MANDATED PROJECTS, ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOT COVERED BY GRANTS.

AND LASTLY ONGOING SUPPORT OF THE STORMWATER FUND IS ESTIMATED TO RESULT IN 11 HADN'T \$4 MILLION OF OUTGOING TRANSFERS FROM THE GENERAL FUND OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE STORMWATER FUND IS TO FUND SYSTEM TO DIVERT STORMWATER OFF OF THE STREETS AND PREVENT FLOODING.

TRASH IS ALSO CARRIED INTO THE STORM DRAINS ALONG WITH THE STORMWATER.

THEREFORE ADDITIONAL FUNCTION OF THE STORMWATER FUND IS TO PREVENT TRASH AND DEBRIS FROM REACHING SURFACE WATERS LIKE THE OCEAN.

THE CITY CURRENTLY MAINTAINS SEVEN FULL CAPTURE SYSTEM TOTS CAPTURE RUNOFF DEBRIS CARRIED INTO THE STORM DRAINS.

MANDATES LIMIT THE LEVELS OF BACTERIA AND METALS IN RUNOFF WATERS.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS LIKE THE STORE FUND SHOULD BE SELF-SUPPORTING WHERE THE INCOMING REVENUES COVER THE OUTGOING COSTS.

HOWEVER, THE STORMWATER FUND HAS BEEN RUNNING A DEFICIT YEAR OVER YEAR.

ANY DEFICITS IN THE STORMWATER FUND IS SUBSIDIZED BY THE GENERAL FUND.

CURRENTLY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PAYS A FIXED RATE OF \$19 ANNUALLY RESULT IN \$350,000 OF ANNUAL REVENUE WHICH IS REPRESENTED BY THE FLAT BLUE LINE ON THE CHART.

EXPENDITURES ARE PROJECTED TO FALL BETWEEN 1.6 AND \$3 MILLION OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS.

THE BULK OF THE EXPENDITURES FUND STORM DRAIN REPAIRS AND CONTROL RUNOFF.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO LINES IS THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL SUBSIDIES REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE STORMWATER FUND, \$11.4 MILLION

OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS.

STORMWATER FEES OF \$19 FOR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE THE PROGRAM'S INCEPTION IN 1996, ABOUT 27 YEARS AGO.

THE LAST ANALYSIS CONDUCTED IN 2019 ELECTED TO MOVE AWAY. IMPERVIOUS SQUARE FOOTAGE IS ON A PROPERTY THAT CANNOT ABSORB WATER.

IF WATER CAN BE ABSORBED, THERE IS NO NEED FOR STORMWATER SERVICES.

THE PROPOSED RATE STRUCTURE WOULD DETERMINE THE RATE BASED ON THE IMPERVIOUS SQUARE FOOTAGE.

THE AVERAGE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PACES \$70 ANNUALLY, AN INCREASE OF \$50 A YEAR.

A SURVEY CONDUCTED AT THE TIME RESULTED IN 60% RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT FOR THE MEASURE.

HOWEVER, THIS ANALYSIS IS NOW OUTDATED SO UPON CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL, STAFF WILL PROCEED WITH OBTAINING AN UPDATED REPORT OF NEW PROPOSED RATES AND CONDUCT A NEW SURVEY TO POLL PUBLIC OPINION.

THIS CHART DEPICTS THE PROPOSED RATES FROM THE 2019 ANALYSIS. SINK RESIDENCES HAD AN AVERAGE FEE OF \$70, AN INCREASE OF \$50. ABOUT 56% OF THE POPULATION WOULD HAVE HAD AN AVERAGE RATE OF 44 TO \$71.

ABOUT 17% WOULD HAVE AN AVERAGE FEE OF \$97.

CONDOS AND MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR 19% OF THE PARCELS WOULD HAVE AN AVERAGE FEE OF 36 TO \$64.

HIGHER RATES FOR THE REMAINDER 8% OF PARCELS ARE DUE TO LARGER LOT SIZES OR HAVING FOR IMPERVIOUS SQUARE FOOTAGE ON THE PROPERTY.

A NEW ENGINEER'S REPORT IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN UPDATED RATES BASED ON CURRENT OPERATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS.

IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE STORMWATER ASSESSMENT THE CITY MUST GO THROUGH A BALLOT PROCESS.

STORMWATER HAS TWO OPTIONS.

THE FIRST OPTION IS TO PLACE THE MEASURE IN THE NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION.

THIS OPTION REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS VOTER APPROVAL OF THE LOCALLY-CASTED BALLOTS.

THE OTHER BALLOT OPTION IS A PROP 218 PROCESS.

IT INVOLVES A 45-DAY PROTEST PERIOD AND A 45-DAY BALLOT PROCESS WHERE THE PROPERTY OWNERS CAN VOTE ON THE MEASURE.

A PROP 218 REQUIRES A MAJORITY APPROVAL OF PROPERTY OWNERS.

OUR LAST MEETING HELD APRIL 20th, 2023, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED PROCEEDING WITH A PROP 218 PROCESS.

SHOULD CITY COUNCIL DECIDE TO PURSUE A PROPOSITION 218 PROCESS, THIS CHART ILLUSTRATES THE PROPOSED TIMELINE.

CITY COUNCIL DOES NOT HAVE TO DECIDE TODAY WHICH BALLOT OPTION TO PROCEED.

STAFF WILL WORK ON OBTAINING A NEW UPDATED ENGINEER'S REPORT.
ON THE AUGUST 15th MEETING CITY COUNCIL CAN REVIEW THE SURVEY AND
REPORT AND DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED.

AT THE TIME WE'LL GO INTO MORE DETAIL ON THE TWO BALLOT OPTIONS.
SO THERE IS A POTENTIAL OBSTACLE TO THE CITY'S EFFORTS TO
ENHANCE REVENUE.

THE TAXPAYER PROTECTION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT IS
SLATED FOR THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER '24 ELECTION.

IF IMPROVED, ALL TAX INCREASES INCLUDING FEES WOULD REQUIRE
TWO-THIRDS VOTER APPROVAL.

IN ADDITION TO MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT TO RAISE FEES, IT IS
RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1st, 2022.

ANY INCREASES AFTER THIS DATE MAY HAVE TO BE REDUCED.

AT THE TIME CITY COUNCIL CAN DECIDE WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH THE
BALLOT MEASURE.

THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, JULIE.

STAND BY.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

QUESTIONS.

WHEN WE RAISE THIS A LITTLE BIT BEFORE BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO
DETERMINE IMPERVIOUS SURFACES?

DG, ROCKS, GRASS, CRETE, WHAT PART OF THAT IS GOING TO BE COUNTED, SOME OF THE PAVERS NOW HAVE GROOVES BETWEEN THEM TO ALLOW FOR PASS THROUGH.

AND THEN, I MEAN, WE'RE NOT GOING IN PROPERTY BY PROPERTY.

ARE WE DOING THIS BY PERMITS OR ARE WE DOING IT BY GOOGLE EARTH?

HOW ARE WE GOING TO DETERMINE THIS?

>> SO THE LAST STUDY THAT WAS CONDUCTED IN 2019 WENT BY THE DATA IN L.A. COUNTY.

AND WE ARE ALSO USING THE L.A. COUNTY DATA.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, L.A. COUNTY DATA?

WHAT DATA?

>> THE ASSESSMENT DATA.

THEY HAVE WHAT IS BUILT OUT FOR IMPERVIOUS SQUARE FOOTAGE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: IN TERMS OF WALKWAYS, NOT JUST ROOFS AND SQUARE FOOTAGE OF HOUSES, BUT SURFACES, IMPROVED SURFACES THAT WOULD INCLUDE I DON'T KNOW WHAT.

>> THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING.

WE CAN GET CLARIFICATION ON THAT.

THEY'RE ALREADY USING IMPERVIOUS SQUARE FOOTAGE TO CALCULATE THE MEASURE W.

IT'S ALREADY OUT THERE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: YOU'RE JUST ADOPTING MEASURE W?

>> FOR MEASURE WE WOULD USE THE SAME DATA AS THAT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

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

CAN YOU JUST GIVE, FOR MY PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION AND MAYBE FOR OUR RESIDENTS, SORT OF A DRONE-EYE VIEW OF THE EQUIPMENT HERE.

IT'S A LOT OF MONEY, MILLIONS OF DOLLARS BUT I DON'T THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE SEEN THE PUMPS, THE RETAINING STATIONS, THINGS LIKE THAT.

I HEARD THAT THERE ARE SEVEN OF THEM AROUND TOWN.

CAN YOU JUST SORT OF GIVE US AN IDEA OF THE BREADTH OF THIS EQUIPMENT.

>> YES.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE IS THE EXPERT ON THAT.

>> IF I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION RIGHT, WHAT KIND OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND EQUIPMENT DO WE OPERATE IN THE STORMWATER SYSTEM, IS THAT CORRECT?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: YES.

>> WE HAVE A NUMBER OF LIFT STATIONS AND LIFT STATIONS ESSENTIALLY ARE PUMPS THAT PUMP THE STORMWATER OVER HIGHER GROUND.

AND THEN WE HAVE -- WE MAINTAIN MILES AND MILES OF PIPES AND THEN WE ALSO CONNECT TO COUNTY PIPES AS WELL.

A LOT OF OUR EXPENSES REALLY RELATE TO THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF THAT INFRASTRUCTURE, WHETHER IT BE JUST MAKING SURE IT'S

CLEAN OR GENERAL REPAIRS ASSOCIATED WITH MOTORS AND GENERATORS AND WHAT NOT.

AND THEN WE HAVE TREMENDOUS CAPITAL NEEDS TO ADDRESS REGIONAL MANDATES.

AND THERE ARE PROJECTS THAT ARE IN THE CIP THAT ARE THE COUNCIL IS GOING TO DISCUSS AGAIN TONIGHT, IN THE TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF OBLIGATIONS THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE STORMWATER SYSTEM WORKS CORRECTLY.

SO FORTUNATELY WE HAVE GRANTS FOR MANY OF THOSE PROJECTS AND WE CONTINUE TO NOT ONLY SEEK GRANTS BUT RECEIVE FAVORABLE OUTCOMES FROM GRANTING AGENCIES.

BUT THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RUNNING THIS INFRASTRUCTURE IS REAL AND GRANTS WILL NEVER FUND ALL OF IT.

AND AS WAS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, GENERALLY THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTING AGENCIES AREN'T REAL INTERESTED IN THAT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

I WAS GOING TO ASK A QUESTION ABOUT WHAT IS CONSIDER PERMEABLE. SO FOR EXAMPLE, IF SOMEBODY DOES ON LANDSCAPING ON PREVIOUSLY THAT WAS GRASS, THEY PUT DOWN BRICKS AND CEMENT AND THINGS LIKE THAT, DO -- I GUESS THESE HOMEOWNERS WOULD HAVE TO HAVE PERMITS AND HOW DOES THAT GET ADDED ON TO THE -- FIRST OF ALL, IS THAT CONSIDERED NONPERMEABLE, OKAY, AND THEN HOW DOES THAT GET

TRANSLATED OVER TO THEIR ULTIMATE, YOU KNOW, FEE, IN TERMS OF THE SQUARE FOOTAGE ON THEIR PROPERTY?

>> I'LL LET OUR CONTROLLER ADDRESS THAT.

>> HELLO.

SO WE DO HAVE A CONSULTANT THAT WE CONSULT WITH THAT DOES THESE CALCULATIONS EVERY YEAR.

SO THEY DO TAKE THE L.A. COUNTY DATA, IF IT'S UPDATED BY A PERMIT.

OF COURSE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY DATA THAT WAS NOT PERMITTED.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: DOES THE PERMITS SAY HOW MANY SQUARE FEET THERE IS OF COVERING OR DO THEY HAVE TO GO INTO THE PLANS OF --

>> I BELIEVE SO ON THE PERMIT DATA.

I CAN DOUBLE-CHECK THAT.

BUT USUALLY IN PERMITS YOU PUT THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF WHAT YOU'RE MODIFYING.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: DO WE HAVE A PROCESS FOR A RESIDENT TO QUESTION THAT OR, YOU KNOW, TO CONTEST THE SQUARE FOOTAGE VALUE THAT IS DETERMINED IN.

>> WE CURRENTLY DO NOT.

WE'RE STILL IN THE INFANCY STAGES OF THIS PROCESS.

THAT'S SOMETHING WE CAN POTENTIALLY LOOK INTO.

BUT USUALLY WE DO TAKE THE L.A. COUNTY DATA.

WE DO HAVE AN OPTION IN THE FEE TO TAKE, YOU KNOW, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S DATA.

BUT SINCE MEASURE W IS ALSO USING THE A.L. COUNTY DATA, IT SEEMS MORE CONSISTENT TO USE THE DATA.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYBODY ELSE.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: JUST GIVE ME A SECOND HERE.

SO THE 218 PROCESS, WE JUST SAW THAT EARLIER, YOU KNOW, WITH THE WASTEWATER.

SO THE 218 PROCESS, SO NEEDS A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY TO WIN.

>> AND NEEDS A MAJORITY APPROVAL FROM PROPERTY OWNERS.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: A MAJORITY APPROVAL.

OKAY.

SO THE BALLOT THAT GOES OUT TO HOMEOWNERS, SO THEN WE COUNT THE YES VOTES ON THAT VERSUS THE NO.

I MEAN WE COUNT BOTH BUT --

>> YES, YOU COUNT BOTH.

AND WHATEVER -- IF WE HAVE A MAJORITY OF YESES, THEN YES, THAT WOULD PASS.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: BUT WHERE DOES THE 50% COME IN?

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR PRO TEM.

IT'S A SIMPLE MAJORITY ON THE MAIL-IN BALLOT.

IT COULD BE --

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: OKAY.

50% PLUS ONE OF THE BALLOTS THAT COME IN.

>> OF THE BALLOTS THAT COME IN.

IF YOU PUT IT ON A GENERAL ELECTION, IT WOULD BE TWO-THIRDS.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: OKAY.

YES.

>> BUT AGAIN JUST TO CLARIFY FOR TONIGHT, WE'RE JUST ASKING -- THIS IS A PROCESS.

WE WENT TO THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE FIRST.

TONIGHT WE'RE HERE TO ASK YOU TO, YOU KNOW, GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO OUT AND GET A SURVEY AS WELL AS DO AN ENGINEER'S REPORT AND COME BACK TO YOU WITH A LOT OF INFORMATION.

AND JUST ALSO ONE OTHER THING TO CLARIFY, WHEN THEY DID MEASURE W, THEY DID A COMPLETE AERIAL SURVEY.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: THANK YOU.

NO MORE QUESTIONS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN ASKED A BIT ABOUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS BEING INCORPORATED BY THE CITY.

I THINK IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL JUST TO CONFIRM WHAT SOME OF THE FEDERAL AND COUNTY OBLIGATIONS THAT ARE THAT HAVE MADE THIS INVESTMENT MANDATED AND REQUIRED.

IT ISN'T JUST A STRAIGHT-LINE INFLATIONARY CURVE THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH IN TERMS OF RISING PRICES.

WE'VE BEEN OBLIGATED AS I UNDERSTAND IT TO INCORPORATE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE BECAUSE WE ARE AT THE END OF THE LINE AND WE DISCHARGE INTO THE OCEAN.

CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT AS AN OVERVIEW?

AND I RECOGNIZE THERE WILL BE MORE INFORMATION THAT IS PRESENTED WHEN STAFF COMES BACK WITH THE REPORT.

>> HAPPY TO.

SO REALLY THIS ORIGINATES WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT.

IT WAS PASSED MANY YEARS AGO.

LOCALLY THAT'S ADMINISTERED -- STATEWIDE IT'S BY THE STATE WATER BOARD.

AND REGIONALLY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WE HAVE THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL QUALITY BOARD.

REALLY THE AIM OF THIS IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SURFACE WATERS OF AMERICA ARE NOT POLLUTED.

AS YOU MENTIONED, WE'RE AT THE FRONT DOOR TO THE BEACH AND 85% OF ALL OF THE STORMWATER IN THE CITY GOES DIRECTLY INTO THE SANTA MONICA BAY VERY QUICKLY.

THE OTHER 15% DISCHARGES INTO THE CHANNEL WHICH TAKES A LONGER ROUTE BUT ULTIMATELY REACHES THE OCEAN AS WELL.

AND SO I THINK ALL OF US HERE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WILL

REMEMBER YEARS AND YEARS AGO WHEN THERE WAS ALWAYS ALERTS IN THE SANTA MONICA BAY, DON'T GO INTO THE WATER TODAY.

AND FORTUNATELY WE DON'T HAVE THOSE NEARLY AS FREQUENT.

AND A LOT OF THAT IS DUE TO THESE REGULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON LOCAL AGENCIES FOR GOOD REASON.

AND SO AS OUR PART HERE IN MANHATTAN BEACH, WE ARE PART OF THE BEACH CITIES ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN OR EWMP.

WE'VE PARTNERED WITH HERMOSA BEACH, REDONDO, TORRANCE TO MEET OUR REGIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

WE RECOGNIZE WE'RE NOT IN THIS ALONE.

AND NOT ONE CITY OR TOWN CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

IT TAKES EVERYONE TO DO THIS.

AND SO WE REALIZE THERE'S ECONOMIES OF SCALE THAT WE CAN GAIN AND BE BETTER BENEFIT% THE REGION WITH MORE REGIONAL PROJECTS AND APPROACH RATHER THAN EVERY CITY DOING THEIR OWN THING.

SO WITH THAT EWMP, WE'VE GOT -- I THINK FOR THE ENTIRE REGION WITH ALL OF THE AGENCIES THAT I MENTIONED, WELL OVER \$100 MILLION WORTH OF PROJECTS WE'RE ALL TRYING TO COMPLETE.

IN MANHATTAN BEACH WE'VE GOT -- I THINK THE LAST ESTIMATE I'VE SEEN IN A STAFF REPORT IS UPWARDS OF \$67 MILLION OF OBLIGATIONS AND WE'RE WELL ON OUR WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THAT.

OUR SOLUTIONS BIG PICTURE ARE TO -- AND OUR CORNERSTONE PROJECT WHICH I MENTIONED BEFORE IS THE 28th STREET INFILTRATION PROJECT AND THAT WILL TAKE THE PARKING LOT OF BRUCE'S PIECE.

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A SERIES OF DRY WELLS IN THERE AND REROUTE SOME OF THE STORMWATER DRAIN LINES TO DISCHARGE INTO THE UNDERGROUND WELLS AND THAT WATER GOES INTO THE SOIL RATHER THAN INTO THE BAY.

WE'RE WELL ON OUR WAY TO DO THAT.

WE'VE GOT GRANT FUNDS TO COMPLETE THAT AND THOSE GRANTS TOTAL ABOUT \$30 MILLION.

AND THAT'S GOING TO TAKE CARE OF A LOT OF OUR NEEDS.

WE'VE GOT A PARTNERSHIP WITH TORRANCE TO DO SOME GREEN STREETS PROJECTS ON THE PERIMETER OF OUR CITY AND THAT'S GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'VE GOT MORE IMPERVIOUS SURFACES THAT WHEN THE RAINS DO COME THAT WATER CAN PERCOLATE INTO THE GROUND.

AND THEN WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT OBLIGATION TO DEAL WITH RUNOFF INTO THE CHANNEL.

SO THE REGION'S MAJOR PROJECT THAT'S CURRENTLY BEING WORKED ON RIGHT NOW IS AT THE PARK.

WE ARE ON RECORD TO SUPPORTING THAT.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS YET THAT WE NEED TO MAKE BUT THERE ARE OTHER PROJECTS THAT WE HAVE TO DO TO MAKE SURE THAT -- BECAUSE WE'RE UPSTREAM OF THAT PORTION OF THE CHANNEL, THAT WE'RE TAKING CARE OF OUR BUSINESS.

AND THAT THE COST TO ADDRESS THAT IS LIKELY TO BE IN THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

WE HAVE SOME YEARS THAT WE'RE OBLIGATED TO HAVE THAT PROJECT

SPECIFICALLY COMPLETED.

WE'RE IN THE BEGINNING STAGES OF FIGURING OUT HOW TO DO THAT.
THOSE ARE ALL REAL REGULATORY-MANDATED PROJECTS THAT WE'RE
DOING.

THESE ARE PROJECTS THAT WE REALLY HAVE EXCELLENT CONSULTANTS
THAT KNOW THIS ASPECT OF THE BUSINESS.

THEY'VE HELPED US DESIGN THE PROJECTS.

AND THAT'S ALL ON THE REGULATORY SIDE.

LOCALLY QUITE FRANKLY WE HAVE FLOODING ISSUES AT TIMES.

WE'RE SPENDING TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO DEAL WITH
REGULATORY ISSUES.

BUT WE'RE HOPING TO SPEND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN THE COMING
YEARS DEAL WITH LOCAL FLOODING ISSUES TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T
HAVE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES AND WE DON'T HAVE LIFE AND PROPERTY
ISSUES.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THE GREEN
STREETS PROJECTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH TORRANCE DID YOU MEAN
PERMEABLE RATHER THAN IMPERVIOUS.

>> PERMEABLE, NOT IMPERVIOUS.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU.

AND I BELIEVE TO MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN'S QUESTION WHAT IF SOME
RESIDENT REPLACES THEIR GRASS WITH BRICK, WE DO HAVE

CODES -- THIS MAY BE FOR DIRECTOR MIZAKHANIAN SAYING YOU HAVE TO HAVE A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR PROPERTY.

YOU CAN'T HAVE IMPERVIOUS PAVEMENT, I BELIEVE.

JUST A YES OR NO.

BECAUSE -- YEAH.

>> RESIDENTS HAVE A 30% LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: IT CAN'T BE ALL BRICK OR CEMENT.

AND IF YOU DID IT PAST THE MEASURE W ANALYSIS, THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL BE COMPARING THAT DATA WITH NEW PERMITS TO SEE IF THE AMOUNT IS THE SAME, I BELIEVE.

SO JUST A CLARIFICATION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU FOR THAT.

ANYBODY ELSE HAVE QUESTIONS?

SEEING NONE, OPEN UP PUBLIC COMMENT.

ANYONE HERE TO TALK ABOUT INCREASE IN STORMWATER ASSESSMENTS, THE THEME FOR TONIGHT SO FAR.

SEEING NONE, CAN WE GO TO ZOOM, PLEASE, MARTHA.

SEEING NONE WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

COUNCIL.

I'LL START US OFF.

I'LL EVEN GO FIRST.

THE FACT THAT ANYONE WOULD COME AND TELL YOU THAT YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND \$11.4 MILLION ON SOMETHING THAT HASN'T BEEN RAISED IN FEES SINCE 1996 SHOULD SCARE EVERYONE IN THE ROOM, EVERYONE AT

HOME WATCHING THIS, THEY'RE BLOWING MONEY AT THE GENERAL FUND.

IF YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBERS YOU'RE GOING TO RUN DRY AND EAT INTO YOUR RESERVES IN SIX YEARS, THAT SHOULD GET EVERYONE CONCERNED.

I MOTION TO COUNCILMEMBER LESSER'S COMMENT, THIS IS A NEED.

WE CANNOT RELY ON GRANTS.

WE HAVE NO WAY TO CATCH UP RELYING ON GRANTS ASSUMING WE WIN.

AND WE NEVER DO.

THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO AT THE RIGHT TIME.

I PUT A MOTION THERE.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I WOULD GO FURTHER TO SAY IT IS A MUST.

IT'S UNSUSTAINABLE.

IT WILL EAT INTO OTHER SERVICES, POLICE, FIRE, PARKS AND RECREATION, ALL OF THOSE THINGS THAT WE HOLD DEAR AND WANT MORE OF, WE WILL HAVE LESS IF WE DO NOT ADJUST THIS PICTURE AND RIGHT THIS SHIP.

BECAUSE OUR BUDGET DISCUSSIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT, THE LINES SHOW THAT RIGHT THERE.

AND WE REALLY NEED TO MAKE THE CASE TO FOLKS.

IT'S NOT -- PEOPLE STILL HAVE TO VOTE FOR IT AND WE HAVE TO MAKE THE CASE OUT THERE FOR THEM AND EDUCATE FOLKS AS TO WHY THIS IS NECESSARY AS COUNCILMEMBER LESSER SAID EARLIER, NOBODY WANT TO PAY MORE FOR THESE TYPES OF SERVICES BUT THIS IS PART OF THE

INVISIBLE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE RELY ON.
POLL AFTER POLL, SURVEY AFTER SURVEY THAT WE SURVEY OUR
RESIDENTS, STATISTICALLY VALID, THEY SHOW THAT CLEAN OCEAN IS AT
THE TOP OF WHAT THEY LOOK FOR WHEN LIVING HERE IN MANHATTAN
BEACH.

THIS WILL HELP ENSURE THAT.

IT WILL HELP ENSURE THAT WE ADDRESS THE FLOODING ISSUES AROUND
TOWN AND WITH CLIMATE CHANGE IT'S NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER.

AND IT'S JUST UNSUSTAINABLE IN THE MODEL THAT WE HAVE.

AND SO, YOU KNOW, IT'S STILL GOING TO BE AN ELECTION.

WE STILL NEED TO MAKE THE CASE AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO
THAT AND DO IT RIGHT.

THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL SAID.

DEFINITELY A MUST.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING EVERYTHING
THAT PEOPLE HAVE SAID POLL AFTER POLL SAYS THAT, YOU KNOW, OUR
PEOPLE VALUE CLEAN OCEAN WATER.

THAT'S REALLY CLEAR.

WE ARE A COASTAL COMMUNITY.

I WANT TO AMPLIFY THOSE COMMENTS AND ADD MY SUPPORT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL DONE.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID MOSTLY EVERYTHING I WANT TO SAY AND VERY ELOQUENTLY. THE COMMENT I WOULD MAKE IS I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS UNDERSTAND THESE ARE NOT FEEL-GOOD MEASURES. IT'S BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN MANDATED TO TAKE THESE STEPS TO UPGRADE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND THESE ARE ACTUAL COSTS AND PROJECTED CONTINUING COSTS AND RIGHT NOW WE ARE ONLY GETTING REVENUE TO PAY FOR IT BASED ON THE RATES THAT WERE SET IN STONE IN 1996.

WE HAVE TO, AS THE MAYOR SAID, UNDERTAKE THE DIFFICULT TASK OF RAISING SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO FULFILL OUR MANDATES.

ONE CAN BE FRUSTRATED WITH THE FACT THAT THESE ARE IN A SENSE UNFUNDED MANDATES EXCEPT FOR SOME OF THE GRANTS THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR INDICATED.

BUT WE HAVE FAR MORE OBLIGATIONS THAT WE'RE WILLING TO SATISFY WITH THE GRANTS AND I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION BECAUSE OF THAT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, SIR.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I WANT TO ECHO EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN SAID HERE.

AND WE ALL KNOW THAT IT'S REALLY THE JEWEL OF MANHATTAN BEACH IS OUR OCEAN.

EVEN THOUGH WE'RE TWO MILES LONG OF THE OCEAN, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO DELIVER CLEAN WATER OR AS CLEAN AS POSSIBLE BACK INTO THE OCEAN.

I ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE BECAUSE THAT'S CAPTURING RUNOFF AND WE EVEN MAKE A FURTHER COMMITMENT BEFORE THAT IN THAT WE SWEEP THE STREETS EVERY WEEK.

I BELIEVE THE STATE ONLY REQUIRES THAT YOU DO IT ONCE A MONTH. BUT WE'VE MADE THE COMMITMENT TO SPEND THE MONEY TO DO THAT FOUR TIMES A MONTH SO THAT THE AMOUNT OF MATERIAL THAT GOES INTO THE STORMWATER DRAINS IS REDUCED TO BEGIN WITH.

SO THAT'S, THAT'S OUR OBLIGATION.

WE ENJOY IT.

MANY OF US GO IN THAT WATER AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S AS CLEAN AS POSSIBLE AND CERTAINLY FOR THE VISITORS THAT ARE COMING.

YOU KNOW, YOU CAN HEAR DOWN THE SIDEWALK, YOU HEAR THIS THUMP THUMP THUMP AND IT'S TOURISTS, VISITORS WHO ARE VISITING OUR BEACH THEY HEAR SO MUCH ABOUT IT.

THEY'VE GOT A FIVE-HOUR LAYOVER OR THREE-HOUR LAYOVER AT L.A.X. AND THEY'RE COMING HERE, HAULING THEIR LUGGAGE BEHIND THEM TO SEE THE BEACH.

TO GO ON THE PIER.

WE OWE IT TO THEM AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU FOR THAT.

WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND.

A MOTION BY MYSELF AND A SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: FANTASTIC.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

WE'RE GOING TAKE A BREAK -- AFTER THIS NEXT ONE, NEXT ITEM WE'RE
GOING TO TAKE -- COME ON.

AFTER THIS NEXT ITEM WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BREAK FOR FIVE
MINUTES.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: SO MOVED.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ITEM 14.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPOINTING PATRICK GRIFFIN AS
INTERIM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR AND APPROVAL OF AN
EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH PATRICK GRIFFIN ACTING HR DIRECTOR
STEPHANIE SWOFORD, IT'S UP TO YOU?

>> GOOD EVENING.

YOU ANNOUNCED IT.

I'M HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION
TO APPOINT PATRICK GRIFFIN FOR THE INTERIM I.T. DIRECTOR
POSITION.

AS YOU'RE AWARE OUR I.T. DIRECTOR IS LEAVING US AT THE END OF

THE MONTH, JUNE 2nd AND WE'D LIKE TO BRING BACK IN PATRICK GRIFFIN FOR THIS POSITION.

HE WAS PREVIOUSLY INTERIM DIRECTOR BEFORE, BEFORE TERRY CAME ON BOARD.

SO HE'S VERY EXPERIENCED WITH OUR CITY.

HE KNOWS STAFF.

WE WOULD BE ABLE TO COME RIGHT IN.

IT WOULD BE A SEAMLESS TRANSITION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL SAID.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COUNCIL, QUESTIONS?

SEEING NONE.

THANK YOU.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

NO ONE?

NO ONE ON ZOOM EITHER?

>> NO.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ALL RIGHT.

>> I'M NOT SURE IF I NEED TO ANNOUNCE THE SALARY BUT I'LL ANNOUNCE THAT REAL QUICK.

AS PART OF THE INTERIM ASSIGNMENT THERE IS AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AND THE SALARY THAT WE WOULD BE BRINGING IN

MR. GRIFFIN IN WOULD BE 108.033 AN HOUR.

THERE ARE NO BENEFITS TIED TO THIS POSITION AND IT'S CAPPED AT

960 HOURS PER FISCAL YEAR.

>> Mayor Montgomery: BECAUSE OF THAT I SEE A QUESTION.
COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I WANT TO ENSURE THAT BECAUSE HE HAS
RETIRED THERE ARE ENOUGH HOURS FOR HIM TO OVERSEE SOME OF THE
CRITICAL PROJECTS THAT WE'RE UNDERTAKING.

>> YES.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I'M SURE YOU MADE THAT ASSESSMENT BUT I
WANTED TO MAKE SURE.

>> AND WE'RE STARTING RECRUITMENT FOR TERRY'S REPLACEMENT
IMMEDIATELY.

>> YOU SHOULD SEE THAT OPEN UP ON THURSDAY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCIL, I HAVE A FIRST BY COUNCILMEMBER
NAPOLITANO AND A SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH AND WE'LL DO A
ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, STEPHANIE.
WELL DONE.

COUNCIL, FIVE MINUTE BREAK.

WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN FOR FIVE MINUTES AND COME RIGHT BACK.

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

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU'RE WELL COME.

[BRIEF RECESS]

>> Mayor Montgomery: EVERYBODY, RECONVENE FOR ITEM 15.

PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 20-TO-23-2024 THROUGH 2027-2028 AGENCY FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET.

>> TONIGHT WE'RE CONTINUING OUR CONVERSATION WITH THE FIVE-YEAR CIP WITH THE COUNCIL.

OUR HOPE IS THAT WITH YOU'VE GOT SOME QUESTIONS FOR US.

WE DEFINITELY WANT TO ANSWER THOSE.

I'M GOING TO LET OUR CITY ENGINEER KATIE DOHERTY TAKE IT FROM HERE.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL.

I'M BACK.

MY PLAN WAS TO START BACK UP WHERE I LEFT THE BUDGET COMMISSION MEETING ON THE 9th.

LET ME FLIP FORWARD TO THAT SLIDE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Montgomery: SURE, COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: WE'VE COVERED THIS.

DO WE NEED TO GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN?

>> Mayor Montgomery: I DON'T.

I'M MAKING SURE THAT NO ONE ELSE HAS ANY QUESTIONS, PUBLIC COMMENT.

IF YOU HAVE NO QUESTIONS, DON'T PUSH THE BUTTON.

>> HOPEFULLY TONIGHT COUNCIL WILL GIVE US DIRECTIONS ON TWO THINGS, WHETHER YOU WANT TO HAVE A STUDY SESSION NEXT TUESDAY IF

THERE ARE FURTHER UNANSWERED QUESTIONS.

BUT WE'D LIKE TO WRAP UP AS SOON AS WE CAN TO COME BACK ON
JUNE 6th TO ADOPT THE CIP AND BUDGET AT THAT MEETING.

THE EARLIER YOU GIVE US THE DIRECTION, THE BETTER OFF WE ARE IN
TERMS OF PREPARING FOR THAT.

IF YOU NEED CLARIFICATION OR ANYTHING ELSE, WE'RE HAPPY TO DO
THAT THIS EVENING.

>> Mayor Montgomery: UNDERSTOOD.

ASK MY COLLEAGUES, ANY QUESTIONS.

PUSH THE BUTTON NOW.

IF NOT, GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT AND CIRCLE BACK.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: HOW LONG IS THE PRESENTATION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: PHASE TWO OF YOUR FIRST ORIGINAL?

>> I HAVE THIS FIRST ENTIRE, THE ATTACHMENT FOUR WORK PLAN
DOCUMENT ON THE SLIDES.

I CAN GO THROUGH EVERY SINGLE OF THE 84 PROJECTS OR NOT.

[LAUGHTER]

>> Mayor Montgomery: SOUNDS LIKE COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO -- AS
MUCH AS I SHARE YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND SHARE YOUR PASSION, WE'VE
HANDLE THIS.

NOTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE YOUR DOCUMENT DATED MAY 8th, 2023.

>> CORRECT.

THAT'S THE LATEST INFORMATION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: SO SEEING THAT, YES, COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH,

YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

>> Councilmember Howorth: I HAVE A COMMENT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU, SIR.

IT'S NOT JUST HER ENTHUSIASM AND PASSION, I WANT TO SAY IT'S HER EXPERTISE ON DISPLAY LAST TIME.

YOUR THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF ALL OF THIS IS TRULY IMPRESSIVE AND I'M GRATEFUL YOU HAVE PRESENTED AS WELL AS YOU CAN.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'RE GOING TO COME BACK FOR COMMENTS.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I TOLD YOU IT WAS A COMMENT.

I WARNED YOU.

>> Councilmember Lesser: WERE THERE SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT YOU LOOKED INTO FOLLOWING SOME OF THE COUNCILMEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS THAT YOU WANTED TO REPORT BACK TO US TONIGHT?

>> I COVERED THOSE LAST TIME, THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP.

I COVERED THOSE ON THE 9th.

SO REALLY I'M JUST HERE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

STAND BY.

DON'T GO ANYWHERE.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

ANYONE HERE WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE PLANS, THE BUDGET, STORMWATER, ANYTHING?

ALL RIGHT.

HOW ABOUT ON ZOOM, MARTHA.

ALL RIGHT.

WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

AND SEEING NO QUESTIONS, JUST A CONFIRMATION OF YES, DETAIL.

THANK YOU FOR THAT.

THE PRIORITY.

THOSE OF YOU THAT ASKED THE QUESTION TO ME AND I APOLOGIZE I HAD TO ASK AGAIN, THE WORD CLOSEOUT ON THE CHART, THAT MEANS THEY EXPECT THE PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2024.

THAT'S WHAT CLOSEOUT MEANS.

PAST THAT POINT I THINK EVERYTHING I WANT TO SEE IS ON THERE, FROM THE EV CHARGES, CAMERA INSTALLATION.

EVERYTHING ELSE IS ON THERE.

THE ONLY THING I WOULD CIRCLE, MAYBE YOU WANT TO ADDRESS OR NOT, WE'VE HAD SO IN QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF AN AQUATIC CENTER.

IT CAN BOUNCE TO SOMEWHERE ON PARK VIEW OR SOMEWHERE ELSE.

BUT THE FEASIBILITY STUDY IS POSSIBLE OPTIONS, THEN WE'RE GOOD.

WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

[OFF MIC]

>> Mayor Montgomery: GREAT.

THAT SAID I'LL LOOK FOR A MOTION AND A SECOND ON ITEM 15.

I SEE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> I THINK DIRECTOR CHARELIAN IS GOING TO GIVE A SHORT
PRESENTATION ON THE OPERATING BUDGET.

I'M NOT SURE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT TO THIS
PRESENTATION?

>> THEY'RE COMBINED ON THE AGENDA.

>> DIRECTOR CHARELIAN DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD AT THIS
POINT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR MOVE AND THE
SECOND.

ANY QUESTIONS ON THE CIP AND/OR THE OPERATING BUDGET?

>> Councilmember Napolitano: NO QUESTIONS, YOUR HONOR.

>> Councilmember Lesser: NO QUESTIONS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: DO I HAVE TO OPEN THIS BACK UP FOR THE
SECOND PART OF THE --

>> IT'S NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED.

YOU GAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON BOTH ITEMS.
YOU CAN ASK IF YOU WANT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: LET ME RESTATE MY QUESTION.

ANYONE IN THE PUBLIC ON A COMMENT ON EITHER THE CIP OR OPERATING
BUDGET TONIGHT?

>> EXCUSE ME, MR. MAYOR.

THERE WAS ONE ISSUE OUTSTANDING ON THE BUDGET AND THAT WAS THE PARKING CITATION IF YOU OR COUNCIL WANTED TO PROCEED WITH THAT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU WANT TO ADDRESS THAT SO EVERYBODY AT HOME CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?

>> SURE.

SO THE ONE ADDITIONAL ITEM IS PROPOSED REVENUE ENHANCEMENT TO INCREASE PARKING CITATIONS FROM 53 TO \$55 WHICH REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 2015.

THE AVERAGE OF THE TOP TEN CITIES SURVEYED WERE CLOSER TO \$58. EVEN WITH THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN MANHATTAN BEACH WE WOULD BE BELOW THAT ARCH.

THE ITEM WAS DISCUSSED AT THE APRIL 20th FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING AND THE DISCUSSION WAS TO BRING IT FORTH TO CITY COUNCIL DURING THE BUDGET PRESENTATION.

THE INCREASE WOULD GENERATE ABOUT \$166,000 ANNUALLY FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND ABOUT \$800,000 FOR THE FIVE-YEAR FORECAST IN YEAR 27-28.

WE ALL SAW WHERE THAT'S HEADED.

\$15 OF EACH CITATION GOES TO THE COURTHOUSE.

WE PAY THEM ABOUT \$900,000 ANNUALLY.

ANY QUESTIONS, BE HAPPY TO ANSWER.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NOW WE HAVE QUESTIONS.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

>> Councilmember Howorth: WE CAN DO EITHER.
I HAVE TO DO PUBLIC COMMENT AGAIN BECAUSE HE CAME AND SPOKE.
>> Councilmember Howorth: I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE MOTION SO
I CAN WAIT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.
>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO?
>> Councilmember Napolitano: I'LL WAIT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.
>> Councilmember Lesser: COMMENTS AS WELL.
>> Mayor Montgomery: I'LL KNOCK THESE OUT AND WE'RE GOING TO
COME BACK.
>> Councilmember Howorth: REMEMBER THE ORDER.
>> Mayor Montgomery: I'LL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT NOW, ANYONE ON
EITHER OF THE ITEMS ON ITEM 15, THE CIP OPERATING BUDGET.
ANY QUESTIONS?
SEEING NONE.
ON ZOOM?
NONE THERE EITHER ON EITHER ITEM.
WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.
COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.
>> Councilmember Napolitano: LOOK, I'M FIRST TO SPEAK.
THANK YOU.
AND I'M NOT TRYING TO SHORTCUT THIS BY ANY MEANS.
THIS SOUR MOST IMPORTANT DOCUMENT AND UP WITH OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT DECISIONS WE MAKE ON A YEARLY BASIS REGARDING BUDGET
AND CIP.

AND I WANT TO ENSURE EVERYONE THAT IT'S BEEN THOROUGHLY VETTED BY COUNCIL THROUGH A COUPLE OF MEETINGS NOW.

UNFORTUNATELY WE DON'T HAVE AN OVERWHELMING PARTICIPATION RATE FROM THE PUBLIC ON THIS BUT WE HAVE HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS.

AND I THINK IT'S ALSO THINGS THAT WE KEEP IN MIND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FROM THE THINGS WE HEAR AS PRIORITIES AND EVERYTHING ELSE. THIS ISN'T JUST, YOU KNOW, A MOMENT IN TIME AS MUCH AS IT IS ACCUMULATION OF OUR EXPERIENCE AND OUR DECISIONS AND FUNDING FOR WHAT WE'VE HEARD THIS LAST YEAR AND WHAT WE WANT TO IMPROVE UPON OR CHANGE OR WHATEVER FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR.

WITH THAT, THOUGH, I'LL REFER TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY TO THE INCREASE IN THE PARKING CITATIONS.

I THINK IT'S UNNECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

I THINK THAT WE HAVE SOME NEEDS BUT, YOU KNOW, CIP WITH SOME OF THE OTHER INCREASES THAT WE'RE DOING, I DON'T THINK ANOTHER \$100,000 FROM THAT IS PARAMOUNT.

I DON'T WANT TO HIT EVERYBODY WITH A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS AT ONCE.

I THINK IT'S BETTER PR FOR US TO GO WITH THE MUSTS RATHER THAN THE WANTS AND I DON'T SEE THE PARKING CITATION INCREASES AS A NEED OR A MUST AT THIS POINT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: UNDERSTOOD.

THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I'M SORRY.

ONE MORE COMMENT.

WITH THAT, AGAIN, IN SPEAKING ABOUT PERFORMATIVE THINGS, I DON'T SEE THAT WE NEED ANOTHER STUDY SESSION ON THIS GIVEN THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION WE'VE HAD SO FAR.

THAT'S MY ONLY ADDITIONAL COMMENT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY QUESTION AND COMMENT.

RIGHT NOW ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE FACED WITH ON THE AGENDA IS WE COULD YOU KNOW HAVE ANOTHER STUDY SESSION NEXT TUESDAY. AND I THINK IF WE HAD ALL COME HERE WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND MAYBE ADDITIONS OR SUBTRACTIONS TO THE BUDGET, YOU KNOW, THEN IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO COME BACK AGAIN NEXT WEEK. BUT I WOULD SAY AGAIN, BASED ON PARTICIPATION AND ALSO OUR UNDERSTANDING, I'M NOT SURE WE DO NEED TO.

SO, YOU KNOW, LET US -- LET'S DO MAKE THAT DECISION, THOUGH, THAT IS SOMETHING WE HAVE TO DECIDE TONIGHT.

I'M FINE WITH WHAT COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO PROPOSED ABOUT NOT RAISING THE PARKING TICKETS RIGHT NOW.

WE CAN DO THAT AT ANY TIME.

AND WE DID SAY WE ARE GOING TO DO A STUDY, RIGHT, FOR PARKS AND REC, DIFFERENT FEES.

WE'RE GOING TO DO A RATE STUDY.

WE'RE GOING TO APPROACH DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF HOW WE PROVIDE SERVICE AND THAT WILL BE SOMETHING THAT WE LOOK AT.

I APPRECIATE WHAT COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO SAID THAT IT MAY LOOK LIKE OKAY, BUT WE'VE ASKED A LOT OF QUESTIONS, A LOT OF US HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH THIS.

WHAT WE'RE VOTING ON TONIGHT THOUGH IS NOT TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET, IT'S GOING TO COME BACK ONE MORE TIME ON JUNE 6th FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

LET'S ALSO BE CLEAR ON THAT.

SO I JUST WANTED TO GET SOME CLARITY AND STILL NEED TO KNOW IF WE'RE COMING BACK NEXT TUESDAY FROM THE REST OF MY COLLEAGUES.

>> Mayor Montgomery: UNDERSTOOD.

I PROMISE WE'LL ADDRESS THAT.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING MY TWO COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT MIGHT BE WATCHING THIS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE NOT SEEKING TO RUSH THIS THROUGH.

IT HAS BEEN REMARKABLE TO ME OVER THE YEARS I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING ON COUNCIL WHEN WE HAVE ONE OF THE LARGEST ITEMS, APPROVING THE BUDGET AND APPROVING THE CAPITAL

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT THAT VERY FEW IF ANY SHOW UP.

I THINK I AND ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE STUDIED THE BUDGET AND APPRECIATE THE PROFESSIONALISM AND THOROUGHNESS OF CITY STAFF IN PREPARING THE BUDGET TO DATE.

THAT'S WHY I MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE IT.

AGREE WITH MY COLLEAGUES' COMMENTS ABOUT CITATIONS AT THIS TIME, ESPECIALLY AT A POINT WHERE WE'RE PROPOSING TO RAISE FEES.

I THINK WE WANT TO BE SENSITIVE TO THOSE THAT FEEL THAT THE CITY IS GOING AFTER EVERY LAST NICKEL WHEN IN FACT THERE IS CERTAINLY JUSTIFICATION FOR IT.

I WOULD RATHER DEFER IT.

I DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.

AND I ALSO AGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT WE NOT HAVE A STUDY SESSION NEXT WEEK AND WAIT FOR THIS BUDGET TO COME BACK ON THE 6th UNLESS ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY ISSUES.

NOW WOULD BE THE TIME TO RAISE THEM SO CITY STAFF HAS A CHANCE TO ADDRESS THEM.

I'VE MADE THE MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD AND THE EXACT SPECIFIC IS TO, LET'S SEE, RECEIVE THE SUPPORT, PROVIDE DIRECTION.

I GUESS THAT WOULD BE THEN THE DIRECTION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU FOR THAT.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

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

I WANT TO BE ON RECORD TO NOT SUPPORT THE INCREASE IN THE

PARKING TICKETS.

IF THEY ARE DESIGNED TO MAKE PEOPLE NOT DO IT AGAIN, \$3 ISN'T GOING TO MAKE THAT MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE.

AND I ALSO WANT TO BE BELOW BEVERLY HILLS AND SANTA MONICA AND ALL OF THAT.

SO THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU'RE WELCOME.

SO STAFF AND CITY ATTORNEY BARROW, MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE PROPOSAL TO RAISE CITATION FEES DENIED.

THE REST OF THE BUDGET APPEARS ON SCHEDULE.

WE WILL NOT, I REPEAT, NOT HAVE ANOTHER BUDGET STUDY SESSION.

WE'LL WAIT FOR THE FULL ITEM TO COME BACK ON JUNE 6th.

NOTHING PAST THAT POINT.

AND WE HAVE A MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND A SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

WITH THAT WE'LL DO A ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL DONE.

THANK YOU BOTH.

DIRECTOR CHARELIAN, DIRECTOR LEE, COUNCIL, THANK YOU.

ITEM L, CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN HAS ONE, FIRST COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I TRAVELED OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMIT TO

THE CITY OF EL SEGUNDO I WANT TO REPORT FOR THE 2023 WATER ISSUES FORUM.

I'M THE COUNCIL LIAISON TO THE WATER DISTRICT.

IT WAS A SUBSTANTIVE SECTION, INCLUDING THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE WATER DISTRICT, THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT, THE PLANT MANAGER.

THE HIGH-LEVEL TOP-LINE TAKEAWAYS ARE THAT THE RECENT STORMS ARE OBVIOUSLY MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN OUR WATER SUPPLY FOR THIS YEAR.

BUT BECAUSE CALIFORNIA IS VULNERABLE TO EXTREME INVARIABLE WEATHER BECAUSE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, WE HAVE A SHORT RELIEF BUT IN FACT THE LONG TERM FOR A WATER SUPPLY IS STILL QUESTIONABLE. THE COLORADO RIVER WHICH SUPPLIES SO MUCH OF OUR REGION WITH ITS WATER IS BEING CUT BACK AND THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY INCREASING DEMANDS.

AS A RESULT THE TAKEAWAY IS WATER EFFICIENCY STILL NEEDS TO BE A WAY OF LIFE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

I CAN TALK FURTHER BUT I PRESUME THOSE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS THAT PEOPLE NEED TO HEAR.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

THAT'S GOOD.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN, TALK ABOUT SCAG.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: ALONG WITH MAYOR MONTGOMERY WE ATTENDED THE SCAG CONFERENCE IN PALM DESERT LAST WEEK.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YES.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: IT WAS MY FIRST SCAG CONFERENCE.

I WANTED TO SEE -- WE HEAR SO MUCH ABOUT THEM, WHAT THEY DO, HOW THEY GIVE US OUR HOUSING NUMBERS AND HOW THEY WORK.

IT WAS A GOOD INTRODUCTION.

MET DURING LUNCH AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS WITH PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, WITH COLLEAGUES IN OTHER CITIES AND DISCUSSED HOMELESSNESS, YOU KNOW, EVs, ELECTRONIC VEHICLES, CHARGING STATIONS.

A LOT OF THE SAME KIND OF CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE ALL FACING.

SOME OF THEM WANT OUR eBIKE SAFETY PROGRAM WHICH I THINK WE CAN, YOU KNOW, WE CAN GO AHEAD AND PROVIDE FOR THEM.

INTERESTING WAS THE EV -- WHAT'S THAT EXPRESSION, EV, ANXIETY OR EV CHARGING ANXIETY?

>> RANGE ANXIETY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: RANGE ANXIETY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THAT POPPED UP A LOT DURING THE DISCUSSIONS AND IT'S TRUE AND IT'S VERY REAL.

HOPEFULLY THE STATE CAN PROVIDE SOME DIRECTION AND MONEY AND FINANCING AND SO CAN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, IT'S GOING TO HINDER THE ADOPTION OF EVs UNTIL THAT CAN BE ADDRESSED.

AND ADDRESSED EFFICIENTLY AND FAIRLY.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL DONE. I COULD SAY, SCOGS, SOUTHERN

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT.

IF YOU'RE ELECTED, THE STAFF WAIVES ADMINISTRATION FEES WHICH IS GOOD FOR ALL OF US.

IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO ATTEND.

YES, WE DID OFFER MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN'S SERVICES TO ANY CITIES IN CALIFORNIA eBIKE SAFETY.

THAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF IT.

THE ONLY PIECE THAT WE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT WAS THE TRANSIT, WHAT THEY'RE SEEING IN THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN, THE GOVERNOR'S THEORY IS WE'LL HAVE CHARGERS UP AND DOWN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH RAPID PULL UP AND GO.

THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THEY CANNOT BUILD CHARGERS FAST ENOUGH.

THOSE OF YOU WONDERING DRIVING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALMOST WITHOUT A STOP ALL THE WAY THROUGH, CANNOT DO IT YET.

THE NEXT PROJECTIONS ARE FIVE YEARS BEFORE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE A COMPLETE EV CHARGING STATION ALONG THE HIGHWAYS GOING FORWARD.

THAT WAS THE REPORTS FOR AB1234.

WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 17, REQUEST FOR COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH AND COUNCILMEMBER LESSER TO DISCUSS ELECTRIC BIKE SAFETY.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

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

SO I WOULD LIKE TO GET SUPPORT TO BRING THIS BACK.

AND WHAT I'M ENVISIONING -- SO AS YOU'VE MENTIONED AND WE'VE ALL MENTIONED --

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I SUPPORT IT.

THAT'S THREE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: GREAT.

I DO WANT TO GIVE STAFF -- I DO WANT TO GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF HEAD'S UP TO WHAT I WANT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: IS SHE ALLOWED TO EXPAND?

>> Councilmember Howorth: NOW I CAN EXPAND.

>> YES, SHE CAN.

RIGHT ON, COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: OKAY.

I WANT TO KNOW IF THERE'S BEEN ANY CHANGES OR IF THERE'S ANY PROGRAMS THAT OTHER CITIES IN CALIFORNIA MIGHT BE DOING BEYOND THE SAFETY, WHICH I DO THINK IS FANTASTIC THAT WE'VE DONE WITH MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN'S LEADERSHIP.

BUT THINGS LIKE, YOU KNOW, IS THERE A CERTIFICATE PROGRAM THAT IF YOU'RE 13 TO 15 YOU COMPLETE SO YOU UNDERSTAND THE RULES OF THE ROAD OR WHATEVER IT IS, WHATEVER KIND OF JURISDICTION WE MIGHT HAVE, YOU KNOW, ARE THERE DIFFERENT PENALTIES WE CAN GIVE. WHAT ARE THE ENFORCEMENT RULES AND WHAT CAN WE DO IN ADDITION TO WHAT WE'RE DOING.

JUST BECAUSE EVERYBODY SEEMS TO BE WEARING A HELMET NOW, WHICH IS GOOD.

KEEP IT UP.

THEY ARE STILL CUTTING AROUND CORNERS AND NOT UNDERSTANDING HOW TRAFFIC WORKS AND STOP SIGNS AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

SO I WANT TO UNDERSTAND IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE WE COULD DO, IF WE'RE ALLOWED TO DO AND WE MAY NOT WANT TO DO IT.

BUT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT IS.

HE IS STILL SUPPORTING IT.

I KNOW.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU'RE GOOD?

DIRECTION GIVEN?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN, ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE?

>> NO.

IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT THIS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ALL RIGHT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I APPRECIATE MY COLLEAGUES BRINGING THIS TO COUNCIL.

A YEAR AGO I SAID HOW DO YOU EXPECT CHILDREN TO FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD IF THEY DON'T KNOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

WELL, WE'VE TAUGHT THEM AND THEY'RE LEARNING AND PROBABLY MOST OF THEM ARE LEARNING WELL.

SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS EXAMINATION OF INCREASED ENFORCEMENT AT THE TIME WHEN WE WERE PUTTING THE MATERIALS TOGETHER I HAD SEVERAL EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, LIKE GIVING YOUR PRIORITIES AND WE DISCUSSED ENFORCEMENT, WORKING

WITH THROUGH BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT AND THEIR REMEDIATION SERVICES AND ALSO IMPOUNDING.

DIDN'T SEEM TO BE THAT PRACTICAL AT THAT TIME, AT LEAST THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS ENOUGH ON THEIR HANDS WHERE THEY HAVE -- THESE ARE EXPENSIVE MACHINES AND THEY DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE THEM OR DAMAGE THEM IN ANY WAY.

ABSOLUTELY LET'S TAKE A LOOK.

I CAN, YOU KNOW, GO WITH A CLEAR CONSCIOUS KNOWING THAT WE TAUGHT THEM, THEY KNOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD.

NOW WE GOT TO GET THEM TO FOLLOW IT.

THAT'S ENFORCEMENT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: MORE DIRECTION.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I WOULD ADD TO MY COLLEAGUES' COMMENTS, FOR ME, I'M INTERESTED IN WHAT THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT IS IN CALIFORNIA AS RELATES TO E-BIKES.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE WONDERFUL EFFORTS OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TAKING ON AND MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN, WE ALL SEE SOME OF THESE JUST, YOU KNOW, ASTONISHING SIGHTS OF PARTICULARLY KIDS ON E-BIKES.

I'VE READ THAT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAVE ROLLED BACK THE ABILITY TO REGISTER BIKES.

WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT'S ABOUT.

IN TERMS OF THE ABILITY FOR CITY TO REQUIRE ANY SORT OF

REGISTRATION OR ANY FURTHER STEPS IN THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT,
WHAT IS WITHIN OUR DISCRETION, I GUESS WOULD BE THE QUESTION I
HAVE.

SO THAT WOULD BE THE DIRECTION I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN UNLESS
THERE'S OBJECTION.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THAT'S GOOD.

>> Mayor Montgomery: I THINK YOU HAVE PLANNED DIRECTION FROM
THREE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

I WILL NOT ADD TO THAT.

>> I THINK WE HAVE CLEAR DIRECTION.

WE'LL REPORT BACK.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

NEXT ITEM 18, COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO
TO DISCUSS THE BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS.

WHO'S GOING TO TALK ON THAT FIRST.

>> Councilmember Lesser: IT SEEMS THAT WE HAVE SOME REALLY
CAPABLE MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD AND BUILDING APPEALS AND THAT ARE
EAGER TO DO MORE THAN JUST HAVE A TITLE BY THEIR NAME AND NEVER
MEET.

MY UNDERSTANDING OVER THE YEARS AS PRIOR COUNCILS HAVE SOUGHT TO
COME UP WITH WORK FOR THEM TO DO AND NOT JUST BUSY WORK BUT
SUBSTANTIVE WORK WAS THERE IS A STATE REQUIREMENT TO HAVE THE
BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS AND THUS THERE'S JURISDICTION THAT

THEY HAVE WHICH IS STATE MANDATED.

BUT TO THE EXTENT THAT WE AS A CITY WANT TO ADD CERTAIN TASKS WITH, CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF WHAT MIGHT OTHERWISE GO THROUGH THE PLANNING COMMISSION OR MIGHT INVOLVE PERHAPS, FOR EXAMPLE, WE'RE LOOKING AT OUR OUTDOOR DINING.

WHAT IS SOMETHING SUBSTANTIVE THAT THEY CAN DO TO CONTRIBUTE AND NOT JUST BUSY WORK THAT WE CAN ADD TO THEM.

BUT I DEFER TO COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF EXPERTISE ON THAT BOARD, ENGINEERS, BUILDERS AND MORE.

AND WE'RE WASTING THEM AWAY.

THEY'RE READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO SERVE BUT WE HAVEN'T GIVEN THEM ANYTHING TO DO AND THAT'S A LACK OF JUST AS YOU SAID, LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

VERY FEW THINGS COME BEFORE THEM.

BUT PUT THAT EXPERTISE TO WORK.

HAVE THEM AS A TECHNICAL BOARD FOR REVIEW OF CIP PROJECTS OR REVIEW OF THE MANAGEMENT OF CIP PROJECTS, REVIEW OF OTHER THINGS IN THE CITY.

I WOULD, YOU KNOW, ASK STAFF TO COME BACK WITH SOME IDEAS HOW TO BRING THINGS TO THEM.

THEY COULD ALSO BE A REVIEW OF ANYTHING FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE AS WELL.

THERE'S PLENTY OF STUFF THEY COULD WORK ON, AGAIN, PUTTING

DECADES OF GREAT EXPERIENCE IN ENGINEERING AND PROJECT
MANAGEMENT TO WORK.

SO THAT'S THE IDEA AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR A THIRD.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THIRD.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: OKAY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYONE ELSE?

I HAVE ONE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: ARE YOU MOVING ON TO FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YES.

I WAS AHEAD OF MYSELF THERE.

ITEM M.

AGENDA ITEMS.

ANYBODY ELSE HAS ITEMS GO FIRST.

SEEING NONE I HAVE ONE TO PROPOSE THAT WE LOOK AT THE OTS
ROUNDHOUSE AND THEIR OUTSTANDING INVOICE FROM COVID AND THE LOAN
PAYMENT TO HEAR WHAT OPTIONS WE HAVE REGARDING A WAIVER
REGARDING THE OTS ROUNDHOUSE.

THAT'S MY FIRST.

DO HAVE A SECOND?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I'LL SECOND.

>> Mayor Montgomery: MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN IS A SECOND.

CAN I GET A THIRD FOR THIS?

>> THAT'S ENOUGH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYONE ELSE.

ITEM M.

SEEING NONE WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM N, CITY MANAGER REPORT.

>> YES.

I HAVE TWO ITEMS ACTUALLY.

GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE LENGTH OF THE MEETINGS TYPICALLY IN AUGUST DUE TO VACATIONS AND OUR DESIRE TO NOT PUT VERY WEIGHTY THINGS ON LATE IN THE SUMMER BECAUSE OF VACATIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF THE COUNCIL IS OPEN TO GOING DARK ON THE SECOND MEETING IN AUGUST, AUGUST 15th AND NOT HOLD A MEETING.

SO THAT WOULD BE MY FIRST REQUEST.

THE SECOND IS -- WELL, LET'S GET THROUGH THAT ONE FIRST.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COLLEAGUES?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I WANT TO PUSH MY BUTTON FIRST, MR. MAYOR.

>> Mayor Montgomery: PLEASE.

THANK YOU.

>> Councilmember Lesser: YOU'RE WELCOME.

I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE NO SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS THAT STAFF FEELS TO ADDRESS IN AUGUST.

THERE ISN'T A NEED TO HAVE A MEETING IF THERE'S NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU NEED TO KEEP MOVING.

>> THE ONLY THING THAT WAS TENTATIVELY FOR THAT EVENING WAS WHAT

WAS DISCUSSED EARLY ON THE STORMWATER BUT THAT CAN EASILY BE
MOVED ONE MEETING ON EITHER SIDE OF THAT.

AS IT STANDS NOW, THERE'S NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I HAVE RAILED AGAINST TAKING
MEETINGS OFF CALENDAR BUT KNOWING HOW THESE THINGS HAVE GONE AND
THE POINT BEING IF THINGS -- IF WE HAVE CONSISTENT, YOU KNOW,
MEETINGS TO MIDNIGHT, THEN I WOULD SAY NO.

WE'RE HAVING MANAGEABLE MEETINGS NOW, SO I'M NOT GOING TO SPEAK
HIGHLY IN FAVOR OF IT BUT I WON'T SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO IT
EITHER.

>> Mayor Montgomery: I APPRECIATE THAT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: WOW.

>> Mayor Montgomery: MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN ARE YOU GOOD WITH
IT?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I'M GOOD WITH IT, JUST CHECKING MY
CALENDAR TO BE SURE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: HE'S CALLING HIS TRAVEL AGENT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I'M JUST, YOU KNOW, GLAD COUNCILMEMBER
NAPOLITANO CAN EVOLVE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WITH MY COLLEAGUES, I AGREE.

I THINK WE'RE ABLE TO GET A MORE EFFICIENTLY WORK DONE AT AN
EARLIER TIME THANKS TO SCHEDULING AND MOVING THINGS AROUND.

A LOT OF ITEMS PUT ON CONCEPT.

BEARING NO OTHER UNFORESEEN EMERGENCIES PRIOR TO 8/16, OR EMERGENCY AFTER 8/16 I AGREE WITH CAN DELAY AND PUSH OFF THAT MEETING AND TAKE A SUMMER BREAK 8/16.

>> IT'S ACTUALLY THE 15th.

1-5.

THANK YOU.

SECOND ITEM AS MENTIONED EARLIER TODAY, OUR I.T. DIRECTOR IS LEAVING US.

HE'S BEEN WITH US FOR ALMOST THREE YEARS AND WHILE TERRY DOESN'T LIKE TO BE IN THE SPOTLIGHT, I DID TELL HIM I WANTED TO SAY A FEW KIND WORDS ABOUT HIM.

HE'S BEEN A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE CITY IN THE THREE YEARS HE'S BEEN HERE.

I THINK WE'VE ALL RESTED WELL KNOWING THAT OUR CYBERSECURITY IS IN TOP-NOTCH SHAPE.

THAT'S PRESSURE I PUT ON TERRY WHEN HE WALKED IN THE DOOR AND MADE SURE HE GOT NO SLEEP OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS BECAUSE OF THAT.

HE'S DONE SO MUCH FOR US IN TERMS OF THE HELP DESK AND THE CLOUD-BASED SYSTEMS, ENERGGOV, THE FINANCIAL SYSTEM AND THE SUPPORT HE'S PROVIDED OVER THE THREE YEARS HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS. TERRY HAS HAD TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS ON MANY TOPICS AND HE DOESN'T HESITATE TO DO SO.

TERRY IS GOING BACK TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR BECAUSE HIS SKILL SET IS IN SO DEMAND AND HE'S SO ON TOP OF HIS GAME IT'S EVENTUAL THAT WE WOULD LOSE HIM TO A HIGHER CALLING IN TERM OF HIS SKILL SET.

I WANT TO RECOGNIZE TERRY, THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICE HERE, WISH HIM THE BEST OF LUCK AND AGAIN, THANK YOU, TERRY.

[APPLAUSE]

[INDISCERNIBLE]

>> I'M WAITING AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO DO THAT FOR ME.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NOTHING FURTHER?

>> NOTHING FURTHER.

>> Mayor Montgomery: CITY ATTORNEY REPORT?

>> NOTHING TONIGHT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ARE THERE.

WE ARE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM Q, OUR CLOSED SESSION.

AND WITH THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OPEN SESSION ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW.

>> YES, GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 51,957.6 THE CITY COUNCIL WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO HAVE A CONFERENCE WITH ITS LABOR NEGOTIATORS WITH RESPECT TO THE MANHATTAN BEACH FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: AT THIS TIME WE'LL RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION.

WE'LL BE BACK.

>> THE CITY COUNCIL WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE
LABOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION.

THE COUNCIL GAVE DIRECTION TO ITS NEGOTIATORS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WE WILL ADJOURN TO OUR FUTURE MEETING OF
JUNE 6th OF 2023.

HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.