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>> Mayor Montgomery: THAT WAS OUR ADJOURNED MEETING.

WE'RE GOING TO HEAR BACK FROM THE ATTORNEY AND RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR.

EARLIER THIS EVENING THE CITY COUNCIL WENT CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS TWO ITEMS IDENTIFIED ON THE 5:00 AGENDA.

THE CITY COUNCIL GAVE DIRECTION ON BOTH ITEMS.

THERE'S NO OTHER REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

THAT MEETING ADJOURNED.

WE'RE GOING TO ROLL INTO OUR CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 20th, 2023.

AND WE'RE GOING TO GO RIGHT TO OUR PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

AND I GET TO PICK TONIGHT WHO I WANT TO DO THE PLEDGE?

I THINK THE BOY SCOUT TO THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE.

WE'RE GOING TO FOLLOW YOUR LEAD.

YOU WANT TO COME UP?

>> EVERYBODY PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND ON YOUR HEART, FACE THE FLAG.

NORMALLY AT MY SCHOOL I JUST SAY READY BEGIN WHEN WE START SAYING IT, SO, READY, BEGIN.

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD

INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL DONE.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

HERE, YOU GET ONE OF THESE FOR DOING OUR PLEDGE TONIGHT.

HOPEFULLY I'LL SEE YOU LATER AND THANK YOU.

SEE YOU IN A LITTLE BIT.

NEVER KNOW WHEN A CALL TO LEAD THE PLEDGE OF THE FLAG.

YOU'RE ALL POTENTIAL PEOPLE TO READ THE PLEDGE FOR US.

WE'LL DO ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER HO.

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>> Councilmember Howorth: HERE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: HERE.

>> COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: VICE MAYOR FRANK.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: HERE.

>> MAYOR MONTGOMERY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: HERE.

AND ON TO CEREMONIAL CALENDAR.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING POLICE
DETECTIVE SETH HARTNELL AS THE 2022 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR
AND FIRE CAPTAIN/PARAMEDIC JAMES PALS AS THE 2022 FIREFIGHT OF
THE YEAR.

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

I'M HONORED TO BE BEFORE YOU TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT DETECTIVE

SETH HARTNELL, OUR 2022 OFFICER OF THE YEAR.

SETH IS WHAT I LIKE TO CALL A SOUTH BAY SUCCESS STORY.

HE GREW UP LOCALLY IN HAWTHORNE.

HE WAS A MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPLORER.

GRADUATED FROM COSTA AND HAS GONE ON TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER
HERE WITH US.

ALONG THAT JOURNEY HE ALSO WORKED AS A TRAFFIC CONTROL ASSISTANT
IN THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AND A DEPUTY FOR THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BEFORE JOINING US.

I'M SO PROUD OF SETH BECAUSE THERE'S A PICTURE OF SETH ON OUR
WALL WHEN HE WAS AN EXPLORER WEARING A LIGHT BLUE SHIRT AND HOW
PROUD WE WERE OF HIM TO JOIN OUR POST AND NOW HE'S NOT ONLY A
SUCCESSFUL DETECTIVE WITH US, HE IS ALSO THE OFFICER OF THE YEAR.

I DIDN'T TELL YOU THE TIMELINE FOR SETH'S GRADUATION FROM HIGH
SCHOOL AND THINGS LIKE THAT BECAUSE I WANT SETH ON THE AGELESS.

BUT SETH HASN'T REALLY BEEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT LONG.

THE THINGS HE'S BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH HAVE BEEN ASTONISHING.

HE'S SPENT TIME AS A PATROL OFFICER AND ALSO SPENT SOME TIME ON
THE MENTAL HEALTH TEAM WORKING WITH OUR MOST VULNERABLE
POPULATIONS.

HE RECEIVED THE NOMINATION FROM HIS PEERS TO BE AN OFFICER OF THE
YEAR.

HE HELPED AN UNSHELTERED PERSON GET SERVICES AND HOW SETH DID SEE
THE BIGGER PICTURE OF EVERYTHING THAT WE DO AT THE POLICE

OFFICER.

SINCE SETH HAS ROTATED TO THE DETECTIVE BUREAU IN SEPTEMBER, HE'S DONE NOTHING BUT CONTINUE TO SHINE.

HE WAS A DETECTIVE IN PROPERTY CRIMES FOR THE FIRST FEW MONTHS AND NOW HE'S A DIRECTOR OF CRIMES UPON PERSONS.

HE'S SPENT HIS TIME WITH US, MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY TO AN EXPLORER TO RETURNING TO US AS A POLICE OFFICER AND HIS PEERS THINKING OF HIM IN SUCH HIGH ESTEEM THAT HE WAS OUR 2022 OFFICER OF THE YEAR.

[APPLAUSE]

>> WELL NORMALLY IN MY SCHOOL HERE'S WHAT -- NO, JUST KIDDING.

[LAUGHTER]

>> SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR COMING OUT.

THANK YOU TO MY WIFE, MY FOLK HERE TONIGHT, MY FRIEND HEIDI IN THE BACK.

IT MEANS A LOT.

EVERYBODY WHO'S IN THIS ROOM.

IT'S AN HONOR TO BE A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

IT'S A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MANY YEARS OF SERVICE HERE.

THIS AWARD WAS GIVEN TO ME, VOTED ON BY MY PEERS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO EVERYBODY THAT VOTED FOR ME.

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT I CONTINUE TO REPRESENT THE POLICE

DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS I CAN.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Montgomery: THIS IS A PRACTICE RUN.

WE DID IT AT THE ROTARY.

THERE THIS IS A COMMENDATION FOR OUR 2022 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR, POLICE DETECTIVE SETH HARTNELL.

HOLD THIS UP.

YOU WANT TO TAKE PICTURES UP CLOSE?

YOU CAN COME UP HERE.

>> CAN WE JUST MOVE THAT CHAIR?

IT'S LIKE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE.

>> YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE ME, CAN YOU.

>> READY, ONE, TWO, THREE.

PERFECT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: FIRE CHIEF, YOU WANT TO LEAD THE COMMENDATION HERE.

>> THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

TONIGHT I GET THE PRIVILEGE OF INTRODUCING OUR FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR, MUCH LIKE OUR PARTNERS IN PUBLIC SAFETY.

THIS IS VOTED ON BY HIS PEERS AND THE COMMAND STAFF.

OVERWHELMINGLY PARAMEDIC JAMES FALLS RECEIVED THAT.

HE'S ON THE TECHNICAL RESCUE TRAINER.

HE IS A FIRE ASSOCIATION MEMBER BOARD -- EXCUSE ME, BOARD MEMBER.

HE'S ENGINE COMMITTEE BUILD MEMBER.

HE'S A STATION TWO COMMITTEE MEMBER AND ALSO HE WAS A RESERVE MENTOR AND PARAMEDIC PRECEPTOR.

TONIGHT HE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS WIFE BAILEY WHO IS HERE, 11 YEARS, DAUGHTER BECCA AND HIS SON WADE.

[APPLAUSE]

JAMES HAS BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT SINCE 2007.

HE STARTED AS A RESERVE WITH US.

2009 HE WAS PROMOTED TO FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER.

AND 2021 HE WAS PROMOTED TO FIRE ENGINEER AND THIS YEAR IN 2023 I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF PROMOTING HIM TO FIRE CAPTAIN.

HE YIELDS AN ASSOCIATION DEGREE, A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN LIBERAL ARTS AND HE'S CURRENTLY WORKING ON HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN FIRE LEADERSHIP.

HE HAS A COMPANY OFFICER'S CERT AND WORKING ON A CHIEF OFFICER'S CERT.

I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE JAMES FALLS AS FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR.

[APPLAUSE]

>> I WANT TO THANK AND RECOGNIZE MY FAMILY.

I HATE THIS.

I ALWAYS GET CHOKED UP.

I COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR GUYS' SUPPORT AND SHARED SACRIFICE.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.

THANK YOU TO THE COMMAND STAFF AND YOU CHIEF FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT AND TOO THE REST OF OUR DEBT, SUPPORT STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION.

WE COULDN'T BE ON THE FRONT LINES WITHOUT YOU GUYS.

THANK YOU, COUNCIL, FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION TONIGHT.

AND EVERYBODY FOR BEING HERE TONIGHT.

IT REALLY MEANS THE WORLD.

IT TAKE AS VILLAGE AS EVERYBODY LIKES TO HEAR AND WE TRULY HAVE A TEAM.

THERE'S NOTHING WE DO INDIVIDUALLY.

WE'RE A TEAM AND WE SUCCEED AND FAIL AS A TEAM.

TONIGHT THIS IS A SUCCESS.

THE HONOR AND PRIVILEGE IS ALL TO YOU GUYS.

SO THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Montgomery: MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN HAS THIS DUTY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THE CITY PIN.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ROTARY RECOGNIZED JAMES EARLIER, 2022 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR, CAPTAIN FIREFIGHTER JAMES FALLS.

[APPLAUSE]

[INDISCERNIBLE]

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Montgomery: BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION OF THE PACIFICA
DIVISION PINWOOD DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER, LAIRD CAMPBELL,
GRAYSON KING AND OLIVER TERRELL.

YOU GUYS COME UP HERE.

YOU WANT TO TELL US ABOUT THE PINWOOD DERBY PART OF IT.

>> SO THE PINWOOD DERBY IS WHEN A BUNCH OF CUB SCOUTS GATHER TO
RACE THEIR CARS THAT THEY MADE.

THIS IS THE ONE THAT I MADE.

SO YOU DO A SET OF RACES.

WHO WINS THE MEDALS, I'M WEARING MINE RIGHT HERE.

AND THEN THERE'S A CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER THE NORMAL PINWOOD DERBY
AND I WON THAT TOO.

SO THERE'S THE TROPHY.

[APPLAUSE]

>> I WON SECOND PLACE IN THE PACIFICA DISTRICT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: AND YOUR NAME.

>> AND MY NAME IS GRAYSON KING.

[APPLAUSE]

>> MY NAME IS OLIVER TERRELL.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Montgomery: SEE THAT GUY IN THE SHORT SLEEVES, THE

TALLER GUY, HE ALWAYS WINS BECAUSE HE'S GOT THE HEAVYWEIGHTS.

WE DON'T DO IT BUT HE DOES.

YOU GUYS DON'T.

CONGRATULATION TO ALL OF YOU.

WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME AWARDS HERE.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN IS GOING TO GIVE YOU OUR CITY PINS.

ONLY SPECIAL PEOPLE GET THOSE.

LAIRD CAMPBELL.

GRAYSON.

AND OLIVER, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU YOURS.

FIRST, SECOND, THIRD PLACE IN THE PACIFICA DISTRICT PINWOOD
DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT CITY IT STARTED ?

>> MANHATTAN BEACH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: DO YOU KNOW WHAT YEAR IT STARTED?

>> 1950, SOMEWHERE AROUND THERE?

>> Mayor Montgomery: CLOSE ENOUGH.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YEAR IT IS?

>> 1960, I THINK.

>> Mayor Montgomery: CLOSE ENOUGH.

SO APPLAUSE FOR EVERYBODY HERE.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I WON THE COUNCIL PUMPKIN RACE, DOES
THAT COUNT?

>> Councilmember Napolitano: NO.

>> Mayor Montgomery: CONGRATS, GENTLEMEN.

WAY TO GO.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Councilmember Howorth: ABOUT TIME FOR ANOTHER COUNCIL PINEWOOD RACE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I NEED MY CAR BACK.

>> Councilmember Lesser: YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE IT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I MADE MINE.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: WE LOST OUR AUDIENCE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'VE GOT A MEETING TO GO.

IF YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO YOU CAN STICK AROUND.

WANT TO GIVE THEM TIME TO FILTER OUT.

OUR NEXT ITEM UP, EVERYONE, IS ITEM E, APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES.

COUNCIL.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: YOUR HONOR.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YES, COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I PRESSED MY BUTTON AND MY NAME DIDN'T SHOW UP.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THERE IT IS.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I'M GOING TO PULL ITEM 11 AND 12.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ITEM 11 WHICH IS THE PLAQUE PROPOSAL.

PULL ITEM NO. 11.

ALL RIGHT.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: AND 12.

>> Mayor Montgomery: AND 12.

>> Councilmember Howorth: AND 12.

>> Mayor Montgomery: PURCHASE SOUTH BAY -- GOT IT.

ALL RIGHT.

11 AND 12 HAVE BEEN PULLED.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: AND 16, I ACCEPT THAT IT'S THERE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YOU'RE NOT PULLING IT?

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I'M NOT PULLING IT.

JUST A COMMENT FOR THE RECORD.

>> Councilmember Lesser: ARE THERE MOTION BUTTONS ON THE SCREEN?

>> Councilmember Napolitano: IT'S A LITTLE SLOW OR SOMETHING.

>> Mayor Montgomery: RESET ON OUR MOTION VOTING SCREEN.

>> Councilmember Lesser: OUR SCREENS ARE NOT DISPLAYING MOTION
BUTTONS.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THERE IT IS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND A SECOND
BY MAYOR PRO TEM JOE FRANKLIN.

VOTING SCREEN.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU ALL.

ITEM OF CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION ANNOUNCEMENTS OF
COMMUNITY EVENTS.

ONE MINUTE PER PERSON.

ANYONE HAVE AN ITEM?

WELCOME JOSH.

WE LIKE SEEING YOU EVERY TWO WEEKS.

>> THANK YOU.

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

I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE TEENS OF THE COMMUNITY ON JUNE 27th FROM 3 TO 4 P.M.

LEARN ABOUT THE SCIENCE AND CHEMISTRY OF BATH FIZZIES AND THEN MAKE YOUR OWN.

THIS IS FOR AGES 10 TO 17 AND ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27th.

WEDNESDAY ON JUNE 28th, 10:15 TO 10:45, CHILDREN AGES 2 TO 4 WITH A PARENT OR CAREGIVER IS ASKED TO JOIN THE STORYTELLER.

WE GATHER AROUND FOR INSPIRATIONAL TALES OF FUNNY ANIMAL FOLK TALES, SONG AND NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> Mayor Montgomery: IS THE LIBRARY AS WAS SERVICE DELIVERY INVESTMENTS AS IT WAS TWO WEEKS AGO OR IS THERE A NOTICE TO SLOW DOWN.

>> RECENTLY WE HAD AN UPTICK ON OUR TEENS USING THE LIBRARY FOR THEIR FINALS AND WE HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY.

IT'S A GREAT THING.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

>> YES.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NEXT SPEAKER.

>> EVENING HONORABLE MAYOR AND DISTINGUISHED COUNCILMEMBERS.

WAYNE POWELL.

I'M A BOARD MEMBER OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH COMMUNITY EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM.

FIRST OF ALL WE WANT TO THANK OUR FIREFIGHTERS FOR ATTENDING OUR
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

AND THEY DID A GREAT JOB BARBECUING HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS FOR
OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

SECONDLY I WANT TO ANNOUNCE THE FREE LIFE-SAVING CPR CLASSES THAT
WE'RE OFFERING.

AND THEY ARE FREE TO MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENTS AND THEN 60 BUCKS
FOR NONRESIDENTS SPACE AVAILABLE.

THREE CLASSES ARE GOING TO BE AUGUST 6th, OCTOBER 12th AND
DECEMBER 2nd.

AND IF YOU WANT TO ENROLL IN THE CLASS OR FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE WHICH IS MBCERTA.ORG.

THAT'S MBCERTA.ORG.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

NEXT SPEAKER.

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

I'M THE CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER AND I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO REALLY JUST REMIND EVERYONE OF TWO THINGS WE HAVE GOING ON.

FIRST, OUR CURRENT EXHIBITION SWELL IS STILL ON VIEW BUT IT WILL BE CLOSING ON JULY 2nd.

AND ON THAT SAME JULY 2nd WE WILL BE HONORED TO OPEN OUR CONCERTS IN THE PARK SERIES WITH ONCE AGAIN SALUTE TO THE TROOPS.

AND THE SATIN DOLLS WHO YOU SEE IN THIS PICTURE.

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO COME SEE SWELL WHILE IT IS STILL UP ON DISPLAY AND THEN STAY LATER FOR CONCERTS IN THE PARK.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: SWELL.

THANK YOU.

[LAUGHTER]

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, HONORABLE COUNCILMEMBERS.

WASTE MANAGEMENT CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH WOULD LIKE TO INVITE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR ANNUAL SHRED EVENT SATURDAY, JUNE 24th, 9 TO 11 AT MIRA COASTA HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT.

EACH HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE TO BRING UP TO THREE BANKER BOXES FOR PAPER FOR SAFE AND SECURE SHREDDING AND RECYCLING.

WE ASK EVERYBODY TO STAY IN THEIR CARS AND JUST POP THE TRUNK.

INFORMATION IS ON THE CALENDAR PAGE OF THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

THANK YOU.

HOPE TO SEE YOU BRIGHT AND EARLY ON SATURDAY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

I DO HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO SHRED.

NEXT SPEAKER.

PERFECT.

>> ALEXANDRIA LATRAGNA.

I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE PUBLIC TO JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE PARTNERSHIP IN DONATION OF FIVE DECOMMISSIONED POLICE CARS TO THE TOWN OF PICKENS, MISSISSIPPI.

I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING THE MAYOR OF PICKENS, MISSISSIPPI TODAY.

HER NAME IS PAULETTE MOORE.

SO MAYOR MONTGOMERY AND PAULETTE MOORE WILL BE GIVING REMARKS.

THE CEREMONY IS TOMORROW AT 11 A.M. IN THE SIC CENTER PARKING LOT RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE POLICE STATION THERE.

SO YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SPOT US.

BUT 11 A.M. TOMORROW.

THERE'S INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE AS WELL AS OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING MAYOR MOORE AROUND.

I APPRECIATE THAT TODAY.

>> HELLO HONORABLE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL.

I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYBODY TO OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING ON SATURDAY AT 11 A.M. AT THE LITTLE RED COTTAGE IN
POLLIWOG PARK WHERE WE WILL BE FEATURING A SPECIAL PRESENTATION
ON THE HISTORY OF THE CATALINA CLASSIC WHICH GOT ITS START AT THE
MANHATTAN BEACH INTERNATIONAL PADDLE BOARD RACE.

BOARD MEMBER FRANCESCA WILL BE THERE TO TALK TO EVERYBODY AND
GIVE YOU UPDATES ON WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.
THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, KRISTEN.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

SEEING NONE HERE, HOW ABOUT ON ZOOM?

>> DAVID ARCHER.

>> Mayor Montgomery: OKAY.

>> GOOD EVENING, HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

DAVID ARCHER HERE, MANHATTAN BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE TO COME OUT TO A RIB BEEN CUTTING
TOMORROW WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER INTO THE COMMUNITY AT SALT AND
STRAW.

THAT WILL BE AT 4:45 P.M. TOMORROW EVENING --

>> YOU'RE LIVE, DAVID ARCHER.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: DAVE?

DAVE?

>> I'M HERE.

I'M HERE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU'RE UP.

>> OKAY.

GOOD EVENING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

DAVID ARCHER, MANHATTAN BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME THIS EVENING.

I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERYONE OUT TO A RIBBON CUTTING TOMORROW
WELCOMING SALT AND STRAW INTO OUR COMMUNITY AT 4:45 P.M. AND THEN
WE'LL HAVE A MIXER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT 5:30 AT THE SAND BAR
66 WHICH IS BELOW THE 900 CLUB.

AND THAT WILL BEGIN AT 5:30 P.M. AND I WELCOME YOU ALL AND THE
COMMUNITY OUT TO A WONDERFUL EVENING.

THANK YOU AND HAVE A GREAT NIGHT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, DAVID.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

ANYONE ELSE ON ZOOM, MARTHA?

NO ONE HERE IN THE AUDIENCE.

HERE TO SPEAK, COME ON DOWN.

THIS IS ONE MINUTE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

PRACTICE RUN FOR YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, I SEE YOUR BUTTON IS PUSHED.

>> Councilmember Howorth: ENOUGH WITH THE BUTTONS.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

I WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY.

SCHOOL IS OFFICIALLY OUT FOR THE SUMMER AND SO THERE'S A LOT OF

KIDS OUT ON OUR STREET WHETHER THEY'RE -- [BEEPING].

SO BE AWARE WHEN YOU'RE DRIVING, YOU KNOW.

IT'S NOT JUST E-BIKES THAT RUN STOP SIGNS I'M HERE TO TELL YOU.

EVERYBODY DRIVE LIKE YOU'RE LOOKING OUT FOR KIDS.

I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT A BUNCH OF US ATTENDED EITHER THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION CEREMONY AND/OR THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES LAST WEEK.

IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO GET TO BE A PART OF THAT.

IT'S SUCH A GREAT MOMENT FOR THE COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY.

AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT BOTH AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING THERE TO, YOU KNOW, KEEP EVERYBODY SAFE.

LOTS OF TRAFFIC, LOTS OF PEOPLE NOT KNOWING WHERE THEY'RE GOING. SO IT WAS REALLY APPRECIATED.

AND ESPECIALLY OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT DURING THE GRADUATION PRACTICE THE DAY BEFORE GRADUATION ACTUALLY GRILLED HOT DOGS FOR THE SENIORS.

THAT'S THE KIND OF POLICE DEPARTMENT WE HAVE AND THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF COMMUNITY CARE AND EXTRA STUFF THAT WE APPRECIATE.

SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE E-BIKES NOW THAT SCHOOL IS OUT TOO? YOU GOOD WITH THAT?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: THAT'S FINE.

LET THEM HEAR FROM SOMEONE ELSE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COLLEAGUES, ANYBODY ELSE?

NONE?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I WOULD SAY JUST ONE THING IS WE ALL GET UPSET ABOUT IT WHEN WE SEE IT, PLEASE COMPLIMENT THE CHILDREN WHO ARE DOING THE RIGHT THINGS WITH THEIR HELMETS ON, PROPERLY STRAPPED, ONE PER BIKE.

POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT PRAISE IS JUST AS IMPORTANT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: IF I SEE IT I WILL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR, JUNE 27th, COFFEE BEAN AND TEA LEAF, 3:30 TO 4:30 AND AFTER THAT JULY 11 HERE AT PEET'S COFFEE.

IT'S LIKE SEEING DIFFERENT PEOPLE EVERY DAY WE DO THIS.

OUR NEXT ITEM, MARTHA.

THERE WE GO.

THOSE OF YOU NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS, YOUR CHILD WAS BORN IN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH WE'RE GOING BACK TO COVID DAYS, BUT ANYONE WHO HAD A CHILD BORN IN 2020 FORWARD WE BROUGHT BACK THE MANHATTAN BEACH PASSPORT.

ANY QUESTIONS, E-MAIL OUR CITY CLERK AND THEY'LL SET THAT UP FOR YOU.

YES, THAT IS STEVE'S PICTURE AS THE EXAMPLE PICTURE THAT WE HAVE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: IT'S TOO CUTE TO BE ME.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ONE MORE.

SO WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE OUR VETERANS.

IF YOU HAVE A VETERAN OR SERVING ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE STAND UP AND
LET US RECOGNIZE YOU WHILE YOU'RE HERE.

I KNOW GARY AND THE CHIEF.

ANYBODY ELSE THAT IS HERE?

ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

SOMETHING THAT WE STARTED AND EVERYBODY FEELS GOOD AFTERWARDS.

I KNOW I FEEL GOOD AFTERWARDS.

IT'S GOOD THAT WE DO THAT.

THANK YOU.

NO MORE COMMENTS, MARTHA?

THEN WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENTS, THREE MINUTES PER PERSON ON AN
ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

IF IT IS ON THE AGENDA, YOU CANNOT SPEAK TWICE.

THIS IS YOUR TIME TO PUT IT OUT THERE.

IF YOU SPEAK HERE YOUR NOTES WILL NOT BE REFLECTED IN THE RECORD.

AFTER THAT, PLEASE COME DOWN, THREE MINUTES, COME DOWN TO THE
DAIS AND WE'RE GOOD TO GO.

>> HELLO, HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

MY NAME IS JULIE PROFIT AND I'M REPRESENTING TONIGHT THE FRIENDS
OF POLLIWOG PARK.

IN A RECENT COUNCIL MEETING WE HEARD SOME TALK ABOUT RELOCATING

TREES IN POLLIWOG PARK TO MAKE ROOM FOR STORING RECORDS IN THE
PARK, STORING HISTORICAL RECORDS.

JUST WONDERING WHY WE NEED TO STORE HISTORICAL RECORDS THAT WAY.
ISN'T THERE A PLACE THAT WE CAN FIND THAT WE CAN RESTORE THEM OR
KEEP THEM SOME OTHER WAY?

>> Mayor Montgomery: THIS IS YOUR TIME TO TALK.

>> THIS IS MY TIME TO TALK.

OKAY.

SO IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE THAT WE'RE GOING TO RIP OUT THESE
BEAUTIFUL TREES TO POLLIWOG PARK TO STORE RECORDS.

WE'RE HOPING WE CAN FIND AN ALTERNATIVE WAY AND HOPE THAT YOU'VE
ALREADY LOOKED FOR ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO STORE THEM.

THERE ARE A LOT OF BEAUTIFUL TREES IN POLLIWOG PARK THAT PEOPLE
ARE INTERESTED IN SAVING.

IT WOULD BE GOOD TO FIND OUT ANOTHER PLACE TO STORE THESE THINGS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: APPRECIATE THAT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NEXT SPEAKER.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

MY NAME IS GERRY ANNE.

I'M A RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND I'M HERE TONIGHT TO EXPRESS
MY OPPOSITION TO BUILDING THE SECOND LIBRARY IN HISTORICAL
COLLECTION SPACE IN POLLIWOG PARK.

I BELIEVE DOING SO WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY AND I

URGE YOU TO SELECT AN ALTERNATIVE LOCATION.

MANHATTAN BEACH HAS LIMITED UNSTRUCTURED OPEN SPACE AND POLLIWOG PARK IS A PRECIOUS RESOURCE PARTICULARLY FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO LIVE EAST OF SEPULVEDA.

UNFORTUNATELY WE LOST A SECTION OF THE PARK TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC BUILDING AND WE NEED TO PROTECT WHAT REMAINS.

THE VIABLE ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT.

THE PARKS AND REC COMMISSION IS IN THE PROCESS OF FINALIZING THEIR RECOMMENDATION FOR REPURPOSING THE MARINE AVENUE PAY AND PLAY BUILDING.

AND THEY WILL BE PRESENTING THIS TO YOU ON JULY 18th.

I'M HERE TONIGHT TO ASK YOU TO DELAY THE REPURPOSING DECISION UNTIL THE PAY AND PLAY LOCATION CAN BE EVALUATED AS A POTENTIAL SITE FOR THIS SECOND LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENT DISPLAY.

I'M ADVOCATING FOR THIS DELAY BECAUSE I HAVE LEARNED THAT ONCE A LOCATION HAS BEEN PROGRAMMED IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

I BECAME AWARE OF THIS AS EVEN A SUGGESTION OF USING THE OLD LIBRARY BUILDING ON MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD WAS MET WITH RESISTANCE DUE TO ITS CURRENT PROGRAMMING.

BY DELAYING THE DECISION ALL AVAILABLE OPTIONS CAN BE EXPLORED WITHOUT PREMATURELY ELIMINATING POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS.

I ALSO KIND OF QUESTION THE NEED FOR LIBRARY SERVICES.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS ARE AWARE OF THE WISEBURN

LIBRARY.

IT'S SIX MINUTES AWAY IF YOU MISS ALL OF THE LIGHTS.

THEY HAVE A NICE PARKING LOT, THE BOOK DROP-OFF, YOU CAN PICK UP BOOKS THERE.

IT DOES SEEM LIKE WE'RE DUPLICATING SERVICES THAT WE ALREADY HAVE AND THAT DOESN'T MAKE A LOT OF SENSE TO ME.

THE RESIDENTS HAVE EXPRESSED A STRONG DESIRE TO MAINTAIN OPEN SPACE THROUGH BOTH THE RECENT LAST YEAR'S STATISTICALLY VALID COMMUNITY SURVEY AND IN THE BUDGETING SURVEY.

I WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THAT WAS IN THERE.

THE COMMUNITY CHERISHES POLLIWOG PARK AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS.

SO LET'S TRY AND RESPECT THEIR WISHES AND REFRAIN FROM FURTHER CLUTTERING OUR PRECIOUS PARK.

LET'S FIND AN ALTERNATIVE LOCATION FOR THE HISSELF TORE CALL COLLECTION SO THAT POLLIWOG PARK'S CHARACTER CAN BE MAINTAINED WHILE STILL PROVIDING THE COMMUNITY TO ACCESS TO OUR VALUABLE HISTORY.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS OF BUILDING IN POLLIWOG PARK AND TAKE THE DECISIVE ACTION TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY'S OPEN SPACE.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TONIGHT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

EVERY TWO WEEKS COME SPEAK.

ALWAYS WELCOME.

NEXT SPEAKER.

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

MY NAME IS DAVID JONES AND I RESIDE AT 653 MARINE AVENUE.

I'M HERE TODAY TO REQUEST A CHANGE TO THE UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION OF THE CYCLE 2 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT.

THE STRETCH OF MARINE AVENUE I LIVE IS USED BY CARS TO SPEED DOWN THE STREET TO BEAT TRAFFIC THAT NORMALLY GOES ALONG VALLEY DRIVE. THE STREET CONNECTS TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE BEACH AND HIGHLAND AVENUE AND BETWEEN HIGH LAND AND PACIFIC.

LAST YEAR A PUBLIC MEETING WAS HELD WHERE I AND OTHER RESIDENTS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE TRAFFIC CONCERNS AND WE ASKED THAT TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE SICKLE 2 RESURFACING PROJECT.

AT THE MEETING [INDISCERNIBLE] MENTIONED ONE POTENTIAL OPTION WOULD BE TO INSTALL A SWALE OR A DIP ACROSS MARINE AVENUE.

SO PLEASE SEE THE PHOTO WHICH I'VE HANDED OUT OF THE INTERSECTION.

SO LATER IN OCTOBER I REACHED OUT AGAIN TO ERIC AND ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF ADDING THE SWALE.

HE SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH THE DESIGN ENGINEERS BUT HE DID NOT GET BACK WITH ME.

THIS PAST JUNE 6th I AGAIN REACHED OUT TO ERIC TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE SWALE AND SINCE THEN I'VE EXCHANGED E-MAILS WITH HIM AND GABRIEL RAMOS.

THE LAST INFORMATION I RECEIVED WAS ON JUNE 13th AND SAID THAT

THE DESIGN TEAM DID NOT IMPLEMENT THE SWALE FEATURE.

SO I REPLIED TO GILBERT ASKING WHY BUT HE HAS NOT RESPONDED.

A SWALE ACROSS MARINE AVENUE WOULD BE A LOW-COST AND HIGH VALUE ADDITION TO THE RESURFACING PROJECT.

THE PROJECT ALREADY INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF A SIDEWALK ALONG FLONoy.

IT'S A LOW-COST AND AS I SAID, AN EASY LIFT FOR A PROJECT THAT HAS \$622,000 OF CONTINUOUSLY BUDGETED FOR IT.

AND I GAVE A PHOTO OF AN EXAMPLE OF A SWALE THAT I HAVE IN MIND.

SO ON BEHALF OF ME AND MY NEIGHBORS ON MARINE AVENUE, PLEASE ADD THE SWALE TO THE PROJECT ACROSS MARINE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

DIRECTOR, YOU WANT TO COME TALK ABOUT THAT FOR A SECOND?

WE'LL PUT A PAUSE ON ANYBODY ELSE WHO WANTS TO TALK.

GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SWALE AT MARINE.

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

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY AND I HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM.

IF IT'S AS FEASIBLE AS IT SOUNDS AT FACE VALUE WE COULD CONSIDER IT.

IMPORTANT POINT, THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED, ALREADY.

AWARDED.

SO IT'S A LITTLE LATE AT THIS POINT.

BUT IT MIGHT NOT BE TOO LATE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: APPRECIATE THAT.

THANK YOU.

ANY QUESTIONS?

GOOD.

NEXT SPEAKER.

>> HONORABLE MAYOR AND YOU OTHER WONDERFUL PEOPLE.

YOU AGAIN.

I'LL JUST GIVE SOME INFORMATION AND LET YOU THINK ABOUT IT.

1958 MY PARENTS LEFT VALLEY DRIVE, WE WENT TO LIBERTY VILLAGE.

ONE OF THE GREATEST THINGS I SAW WAS POLLIWOG PARK.

WE HAD RAFTS AND CHASED FROGS.

HAD A GREAT TIME.

IF KIDS COULD DO THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LEARN A I LOT.

SALAMANDERS, TAD POLES, POLLIWOG PARK.

AND THEN THAT KIND OF WENT AWAY.

THERE WAS A FIELD ON MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD AND SEPULVEDA,
PCH, THAT WAS THERE FOREVER.

THEY USED TO HAVE THE MOOSE FAIR.

THAT WENT AWAY.

THEY BUILT A PLACE CALLED UNIMART WHICH BECAME DISCO FAIR WHICH
BECAME TWO GUYS WHICH BECAME TARGET.

I'M SHARING THIS BECAUSE THE THING THAT WE TALK ABOUT, THE SMALL
BEACH AMBIANCE IS GOING AWAY.

ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO MAINTAIN WHAT WE HAVE LEFT WOULD BE

APPRECIATED BY THIS OLD MANHATTAN BEACH GUY BECAUSE I'VE BEEN
HERE SINCE 1956 AND I'VE SEEN SO MANY CHANGES, SOME GOOD, SOME
BAD.

IN FACT SOME BARR, SOME OF YOU FOLKS MAY KNOW, GO TO HIS WEBSITE,
B-A-R-R, YOU CAN SEE A PICTURE WHEN THEY USED TO WATER SKI IN
POLLIWOG PARK.

AND THOSE DAYS ARE GONE.

AND THEY'RE LEAVING US REALLY QUICKLY.

SO I URGE YOU TO THINK BEFORE YOU DEVELOPMENT.

I HAVE A PLACE IN MAUI.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NICE.

>> THANK YOU.

AND YOU TALK TO THE LOCALS AND THEY ALWAYS SAY, YOU SHOULD HAVE
BEEN HERE WHEN.

AND I TELL YOU, I RELATE.

I SAID YOU SHOULD BE HERE, MANHATTAN BEACH, WHEN, YOU KNOW.

I'M NOT GOING TO GO INTO THE BARS I CRIED OVER WHEN THEY CLOSED
DOWN, BUT AGAIN, THINK BEFORE YOU LEAP.

NIKE SAYS JUST DO IT.

I'M SAYING JUST LEAVE IT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

ANYBODY ELSE?

DON'T BE SHY.

>> YES, HI.

I WAS KIND OF REMINDED THIS LAST WEEK THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING A CUSTOMER AND A TAXPAYER.

IN BUSINESS I'VE DONE THINGS TO REALLY SATISFY MY CUSTOMERS.

WHEN I WORKED FOR APPLE, GETTING THE HOT PRODUCT WAS ALWAYS ON ALLOCATION AND YOU COULDN'T MAKE YOUR CUSTOMERS HAPPY.

SO I STARTED SELLING REFURBISHED TO THEM.

I WAS THE FIRST ONE TO GET A REFURBISHED PRODUCT TO MY CUSTOMERS IS NOW A COMMON THING, IN ORDER TO SATISFY THEIR NEEDS.

I WAS SELLING A PROPERTY.

IT WOULD BE REALLY NICE TO HAVE A DOOR BETWEEN THE MASTER BEDROOM AND THE MASTER BATH.

I INSTALLED ONE FOR THEM.

I THINK OF INNOVATIVE WAYS TO SATISFY MY CUSTOMERS.

HOWEVER BEING A TAXPAYER, IT'S WHETHER YOU WANT TO USE THE FACILITY OR THE SERVICE, YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR IT EITHER WAY OR WE'RE GOING TO SEND PEOPLE WITH GUN TO COME COLLECT IT, WHETHER YOU USE IT OR NOT.

OVER A STUPID HOSTING AT THE DOG PARK I CALLED AND ASKED, IT'S A TRIPPING HAZARD.

IT'S BEEN THERE FOR YEARS.

NOBODY HAS EVER TRIPPED.

NO WE DON'T LIKE IT.

WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT.

I DON'T SEE WHAT THE BIG DEAL IS.

KIND OF A DUMB THING.

SO IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE A MORE INNOVATIVE SOLUTION, MAYBE
PVC PIPE OR SOMETHING THAT NO ONE CAN TRIP OVER.

ON A SEPARATE SUBJECT, I DON'T KNOW WHO THE PERSON IS, I KNOW
THEY LIVE IN THE TREE SECTION.

BUT I WANT TO REACH OUT AND -- I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR SAVING MY
NEPHEW.

THERE WAS AN ARMED MAN CHASING HIM, HE FELL AND HE WAS STANDING
OVER HIM WITH A GUN AND A NEIGHBOR CAME OUT AND YELLED AT HIM TO
GO AWAY.

THEY TOOK HIM AND TOOK CARE OF MY NEPHEW.

I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE BUT THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, RAY.

>> HELLO.

HI, RICHARD.

I WANT TO SAY, DON'T TAKE AWAY THE OPEN SPACE.

WHAT WE HAVE IN THAT PARK IS GREAT.

DO WE REALLY NEED ANOTHER LIBRARY?

BUT WHEN WE HAD TWO LIBRARIES OVER AT, I THINK IT'S HIGH VIEW
ACROSS THE STREET, IF YOU WANT A LIBRARY SO MUCH, REOPEN THAT ONE
AND YOU DO IT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CULTURAL ART SHOWS THEY PUT
IN THERE.

IF IT'S COUNTY MONEY VERSUS CITY MONEY, MAYBE WE SHOULD GIVE THE MONEY TO LENOX OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT IF THEY INSIST ON USING THE MONEY FOR THE LIBRARY.

IF WE CAN KEEP THE MONEY, USE IT TO FIX UP THE POOL.

WE JUST DON'T NEED ANOTHER LIBRARY RIGHT NOW.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

ANYBODY ELSE?

PARK NIGHT TONIGHT.

>> GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL.

MY NAME IS CHERYL AND IT'S ABOUT KEEPING POLLIWOG PARK A PARK.

A PARK SETTING IS NOT REQUIRED FOR ANY LIBRARY SERVICES BUILDING FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND.

IT'S NOT EVEN GOING TO BE A REGULAR FULL LIBRARY, JUST SERVICES, PICK UP AND DROP OFF.

YOU CAN DO THAT WITH JUST LOCKERS IF.

THIS IS ALSO DIRECTLY AGAINST THE DESIRES OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNITY ACCORDING TO THE CITY'S OWN SURVEY.

AND IT IS JUST A GRAND OPPORTUNITY TO UTILIZE ALREADY-DEVELOPED AREAS THAT HAVE GONE BY THE WAYSIDE.

THE PAY AND PLAY, PARTS OF BEGG, PARTS OF THE CITY YARD.

IT'S HUGE IN THERE.

I KNOW BECAUSE I VOLUNTEERED FOR TEN YEARS AT THE MANHATTAN BEACH BOTANIC GARDEN.

THAT TOP PRIORITY OF MAINTAINING PARK SPACES SHOULD TAKE PLACE
OVER THE SECOND TO LAST IN IMPORTANCE OF LIBRARY SERVICES.

AND I'M SURE THAT THE FOLKS WHO WANTED LIBRARY SERVICES WOULD NOT
PROBABLY WANT IT AT THE EXPENSE OF OPEN PARKLAND.

THAT'S THE CLIFF NOTES.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

ANYONE ELSE?

>> GOOD EVENING.

MY NAME IS RUTH DAVIES.

I'VE LIVED HERE SINCE 1955.

I DON'T SEE POLLIWOG PARK AS A PARK.

POLLIWOG PARK IS A WETLAND.

POLLIWOG PARK WAS A DRAINAGE AREA, A SCUMMY PLACE FOR POLLIWOGS
AND FROGS.

IT WAS A PLACE THAT WAS BIG ENOUGH TO WATER SKI.

IT USED TO FLOOD ACROSS MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD EVERY TIME IT
RAINED.

IT HAS QUITE A HISTORY.

IT'S GOOD FOR THE BIRDS, IT'S GOOD FOR ALL OF THE WILDLIFE.

IT'S GOOD FOR THE DRAINAGE.

AND THEN THE CITY DECIDED TO DRAIN IT, FILTER IT, PURIFY IT,
YUPIFY IT, CONTAIN IT -- I HAD SOME OTHER WORDS IN MIND BUT YOU
GET MY POINT.

I NOSE WE SEE IT AS A PARK AND I GUESS I HAVE TO ADMIT IT IS.

I STILL SEE IT AS A WETLAND.

AS OTHER SPEAKERS HAVE SAID THIS EVENING, THERE ARE OTHER PLACES WHERE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PUT THESE ARCHIVES THAT ARE SO PRECIOUS TO US.

I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT WHEN THE RED HOUSE WAS BROUGHT OVER TO POLLIWOG, I WAS THRILLED LIKE EVERYONE ELSE WAS BUT NOW I THINK I'M WISER THAT IT'S NOT THE PLACE TO PUT YET ANOTHER BUILDING. THERE ARE OTHER PLACES THAT ARE NOT WETLANDS AND I DON'T THINK IT BELONGS IN THE PARK.

I THINK WE NEED TO PRESERVE IT THE WAY IT IS.

THE WAY THAT WE'VE ALREADY ALTERED IT TO BE.

AND MOTHER NATURE DIDN'T CREATE IT AS A PARK.

MOTHER NATURE CREATED IT AS A WETLAND AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US CONTINUE TO PROTECT IT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, RUTH.

ANYONE ELSE WHO HAS NOT SPOKEN SO FAR?

SEEING NONE.

HOW ABOUT ZOOM, MARTHA.

[INDISCERNIBLE]

>> Mayor Montgomery: OKAY.

>> HI.

I ALSO AM IN SUPPORT OF NOT PUTTING ANYTHING AT POLLIWOG PARK.

I MEAN OUR --

>> Mayor Montgomery: HEATHER, ARE YOU THERE?

>> YES, I'M HERE.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

HELLO?

>> Mayor Montgomery: HEATHER?

>> HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> Mayor Montgomery: YES.

>> SORRY.

I'M ALSO IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING POLLIWOG PARK AS JUST A PARK.

I LIVE ON THE EAST SIDE OF MANHATTAN AND IT DOESN'T TAKE ME TOO LONG TO GET TO OUR BEAUTIFUL LIBRARY ON HIGHLAND AND I GO THERE PRETTY OFTEN WITH THE KIDS.

I DON'T THINK PEOPLE ON THE EAST SIDE LIKE MYSELF NECESSARILY NEED ANOTHER LIBRARY FACILITY.

SO LET'S LEAVE THAT ALONE.

THE OTHER THING THAT I WANTED TO MENTION IS I CROSS MEADOWS AVENUE, ACROSS MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD PRETTY MUCH DAILY.

AND OVER THE PAST, I DON'T KNOW, SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR, I FEEL LIKE THE LIGHTS ARE CHANGING TOO QUICKLY OR EVERYONE IS RUNNING A RED LIGHT.

WHEN I'M THE FIRST CAR THERE I ALWAYS HAVE TO WAIT LIKE AT LEAST FIVE SECONDS TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ISN'T A CAR SPEEDING ACROSS MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD.

I KNOW THAT THERE WAS A REALLY HORRIBLE ACCIDENT -- I THINK IT WAS LIKE LADERA HEIGHTS OR SOMETHING, THAT NURSE IN HER MERCEDES WENT THROUGH THE INTERSECTION AND KILLED A BUNCH OF PEOPLE. AND I THINK EVER SINCE THEN I'VE BEEN MORE -- IT'S BEEN A HEIGHTENED THING FOR ME.

BUT I'VE NOTICED THAT THERE IS PEOPLE RUNNING RED LIGHTS EVERY SINGLE DAY, EVERY TIME THAT I'M AT THAT INTERSECTION.

SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF THE CITY CAN MAKE THE LIGHTS TURN A LITTLE BIT SLOWER OR, I DON'T KNOW, SOMETHING TO MAKE THEM EVEN -- I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE RUNNING REDS OR IF IT'S SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE CITY LIGHTS.

BUT IT HAS BEEN ON MY MIND FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS NOW.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, HEATHER.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER, MARTHA.

ALL RIGHT.

WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

OUR CITY MANAGER HAS BEEN TAKING NOTES OP EVERYTHING ELSE BUT I'LL ADDRESS THE ONE ITEM THAT SEEMED TO GET THE MOST COMMENTS TONIGHT.

THE PARK IS NOT ON THE AGENDA TONIGHT.

LET ME MAKE THAT CLEAR.

I KNOW THERE IS SOMEONE PUTTING FALSE INFORMATION ON NEXT DOOR AND HE'S NOTORIOUS FOR SENDING FALSE INFORMATION OUT IN THE PAST.

MOST OF YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT.

THIS COUNCIL IS LOOKING AT SITES REGARDING WHAT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE.

NOTHING HAS BEEN DECIDED YET.

THERE'S NO RENDERING, NO DESIGN, NO PLAN, NO LOCATION.

EVERYBODY STOPS RIGHT THERE.

MBSD OWNS THE LAND, FOLKS, NOT US.

NUMBER THREE, IT IS A FLOODPLAIN STILL.

WHEN THE CITY YEARS AGO -- COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO WAS PROBABLY 5 YEARS OLD, THEY BUILT PLAYGROUND QUILT ON IT.

THAT GRAY GROUND EQUIPMENT IS MEANT TO WITH STAND WATER DURING FLOODS.

NOTHING HAS CHANGED.

WE'VE BEEN GRANTED NEW PLAYGROUND PEOPLE TO BE THERE.

IT'S A FLOOD BASIN.

THAT'S IT.

NOTHING WILL CHANGE PAST THAT POINT.

THE CITY DOES NOT OWN THE LOT AT THE END OF THE CORNER.

THAT IS OWNED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WE CANNOT TELL THEM WHAT TO DO WITH THEIR PROPERTY.

AND FINALLY I WOULD SAY THAT WHEN WE GET TO THE POINT OF DISCUSSING THE IDEA OF ANY SATELLITE LIBRARY OR WHERE IT WILL BE BUILT, EVERYONE WILL BE NOTIFIED AND YOU'LL SEE THE SAME THING WE SEE, HAVE A MEETING AND TALK ABOUT IT, BUT WE'RE NOWHERE NEAR

THAT POINT YET.

DON'T RELY ON NEXT DOOR AS YOUR FOUNTAIN OF TRUTH.

IT IS VERY RARELY ACCURATE.

IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION, E-MAIL ONE OF US.

WE'LL GIVE YOU THE DIRECT ANSWER.

PARKS AND REC RUNS THAT PROGRAM.

WE'RE NOWHERE NEAR DECIDING THAT YET.

HOPEFULLY THAT WILL CALM DOWN NEXT DOOR FOR ONE NIGHT UNTIL THEY CAN ACTUALLY FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO TALK ABOUT.

THAT'S THE ACTUAL POINT IN TIME TODAY.

EVERYBODY WILL LEAVE HERE TONIGHT KNOWING NO CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED, NOTHING HAS BEEN DESIGNED, NOLO OCCASION HAS BEEN FIXED. WE'LL STOP THERE.

ONCE IT COMES UP, IF AND WHEN IT COMES UP, WE'LL HAVE A COMMUNITY MEETING AND DISCUSS IT AT THAT POINT IN TIME.

RIGHT NOW THAT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA TONIGHT.

WE'LL SEE YOU ALL WHENEVER IT POPS UP IF IT POPS UP IN THE FUTURE.

ALL RIGHT.

WITH THAT WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT REAL ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

LET'S SEE.

FIRST ITEM TONIGHT WE HAVE IS THE UPDATE ON THE CITY'S EFFORTS ON STATE MISDEMEANOR PROSECUTIONS AND HOMELESS COURT SERVICES.

ANOTHER ITEM THAT HAS BEEN MISCONSTRUED MORE THAN ONCE ON NEXT

DOOR.

SO THOSE OF YOU THAT WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE.

ONE SECOND, GEORGE, SO EVERYBODY -- THERE GOES HALF OF THE AUDIENCE.

GEORGE GABRIEL, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

>> HONORABLE MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, GEORGE GABRIEL, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER.

TONIGHT I WOULD LIKE TO, PER MAYOR MONTGOMERY AND MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN'S REQUEST, PROVIDE A REPORT SUMMARIZING THE CITY'S EFFORTS ON STATE MISDEMEANOR PROSECUTION AND HOMELESS COURT SERVICES.

THIS ITEM HAS COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL MULTIPLE TIMES AND WE'VE PROVIDED A REPORT, ABOUT A FOUR-PAGE STAFF REPORT DETAILING EVERYTHING THAT STARTED MARCH 16th OF 2021.

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS REPORT AND THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE, I'LL QUICKLY SUMMARIZE THOSE THINGS BUT I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE WHO WANTS A LOT OF DETAILS ON THIS, IT'S ALL IN THE REPORT.

BUT I WOULD LIKE TO QUICKLY SUMMARIZE SOME OF THE EFFORTS THAT WE'VE MADE.

IN THE SPRING OF 2021 AND FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION STAFF APPROACHED THE REDONDO BEACH CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND IN THIS APPROACH REDONDO BEACH INDICATED THEY WOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING HOMELESS COURT SERVICES CONTINGENT ON MANHATTAN BEACH CONTRACTING

WITH THEM FOR PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES.

HOWEVER TO DO SO THERE IS A GOVERNMENT CODE IN THE STATE SECTION THAT REQUIRES THE CITY TO RECEIVE CONSENT FROM THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

IN THE FOLLOWING MONTHS THE CITY PROVIDED FOUR REPORTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THOSE SERVICES, PROSECUTORIAL AND HOMELESS COURT.

THIS EVENTUALLY CULMINATED WITH THE CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERING AND APPROVING A DRAFT ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH FOR PROSECUTION AND HOMELESS COURT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.

THAT WAS A DRAFT AGREEMENT BUT IT WAS OBVIOUSLY APPROVED AND GIVEN AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE.

HOWEVER, THAT WAS PENDING THE CONSENT PROVIDED BY THE D.A.

STAFF MET WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE AND IN A MEETING ON

MARCH 9th WITHIN 2022, THE D.A.'S OFFICE VERBALLY INDICATED THEY WOULD NOT PROVIDE CONSENT FOR THE CITY OR OTHER JURISDICTIONS FOR THAT MATTER TO PROSECUTE THEIR OWN STATE MISDEMEANORS.

HOWEVER, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DID INDICATE A WILLINGNESS TO ADD HOMELESS COURT SERVICES IN MANHATTAN BEACH IN THE FUTURE.

ON MARCH 15th, 2022, THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVED A PRESENTATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REGARDING PROSECUTION SERVICES.

THEREAFTER, WHILE SOME MEETINGS WERE HELD BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE D.A.'S OFFICE, NO TRACTION WAS MADE TO RECEIVE CONSENT OR PROVIDE HOMELESS COURT SERVICES.

AT THE FEBRUARY 7th, 2023, MEETING COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN REQUESTED WITH CURRENT MAYOR MONTGOMERY TO AGENDIZE THE DISCUSSION TO MEET WITH THE OFFICE AGAIN.

FOLLOWING THIS STAFF REACHED OUT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO REQUEST A MEETING.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DECLINED THE MEETING PENDING ANY NEW INFORMATION OR DEVELOPMENTS THAT WOULD CHANGE THEIR POSITION. STAFF HAS MET INTERNALLY AND IS WORKING WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXPLORE OPTIONS WITH HOW THE CITY CAN MIRROR HOMELESS COURTS IN A PRECOURT FILING FORMAT.

THIS WAS DONE BY CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION AND ADDED BY THE CITY COUNCIL WORK PLAN MEETING.

SO THIS IS WHERE THE CITY STANDS IN TERMS OF HOMELESS COURT AND PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES.

THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT AND STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE THIS REPORT AND DISCUSS AND PROVIDE ANY DIRECTION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

>> OBVIOUSLY I'M HERE FOR QUESTIONS AS WELL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: MAYOR MONTGOMERY AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

AND COMMUNITY, I SHOULD UPDATE WHAT STAFF HAS PROVIDED WITH AN EXPERIENCE THAT MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN AND I HAD THIS PAST WEEK WHEN WE, AMONG MANY OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE REGION WERE INVITED TO A MEETING WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY GASCON AND HIS SENIOR STAFF.

I THINK THE TWO OF US RESPONDED SEPARATELY TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION, RECOGNIZING THAT WE DIDN'T WANT TO GET AHEAD OF DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL BUT WE NONETHELESS WANTED TO GO PERSONALLY, EXPRESS OUR FRUSTRATION WITH CERTAIN POLICIES OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND SEE -- BE PREPARED FOR QUESTIONS TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS CONCERNS THAT WITH CONSISTENT WITH WHAT GEORGE GABRIEL DUST DESCRIBED.

FOR MY PART AND THEN I PROPOSE TO MAYBE TURN IT OVER TO MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN TO SEE WHAT YOUR OBSERVATIONS WERE OF THIS MEETING TO THE EXTENT WE'RE JUST PRESENTING THE FACTS AT THIS PHASE, I WENT WITH TWO PRINCIPLE QUESTIONS SPECIFICALLY AS IT RELATES TO THE FAILURE TO PROSECUTE NONVIOLENT MISDEMEANORS.

SPECIFICALLY FOLLOWING A SPECIAL DIRECTIVE THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ISSUED IN DECEMBER OF 2020, 20-07, WHICH LIMITS THE ABILITY OF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO BRING CHARGES FOR A WHOLE HOST OF NONVIOLENT MISDEMEANORS.

I PROVIDED AN EXAMPLE.

AN EXAMPLE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN ARRESTED MULTIPLE TIMES FOR PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS WITH ADVERSARIAL IMPACTS ON INDIVIDUALS

WHERE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS NOT BEEN WILLING TO MOVE FORWARD.

IN RESPONSE TO MY REQUESTING THE DISTRICT WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS A REASON TO REVISIT THE SPECIAL DIRECTLY, THE DISTRICT INDICATED YES, THEY WERE WILLING TO REVISIT IT.

THE DISTRICT DEPRESSED INTEREST IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE WITH THE CRIMES LIKE THE ONES I JUST DESCRIBED.

AND I PROVIDED OUR POLICE CHIEF WITH INFORMATION CONSISTENT WITH THAT EXPERIENCE THAT I HAD BECAUSE IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, NOT FOR A COUNCILMEMBER, TO BE INVOLVED WITH THESE POTENTIAL PROSECUTIONS.

THE OTHER ISSUE I ASKED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ABOUT HAD TO DO WITH A REGIONAL HOMELESS COURT CONSISTENT WITH THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT.

THIS IS THE STATE, NOT NECESSARILY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THAT IS SHEPHERDING THIS THROUGH.

LOS ANGELES IS NOT ONE OF THE INITIAL COUNTIES WHERE THEY'RE ROLLING THIS OUT IN MASS, BUT THE DISTRICT WAS RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA OF MOVING FORWARD WITH A HOMELESS COURT IN THE MODEL OF THIS C.A.R.E.S. COURT LEGISLATION.

I'D LIKE TO SAY WITH REGARD TO THOSE TWO ISSUES I WAS A BIT OPTIMISTIC BUT THE DEVIL IS DOING TO BE IN THE DETAILS AS ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER JUST INDICATED, THERE'S BEEN A

NUMBER OF EFFORTS TO REACH OUT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN FOLLOWED THROUGH BUT LET'S SEE.

LET'S SEE TO WHAT EXTENT THERE IS WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE WITH US.

I CAN PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION BUT I DON'T WANT TO DOMINATE THIS DISCUSSION AND THEN I CAN SAVE IT FOR OUR COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: APPRECIATE THAT.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, DAVID.

I HEARD THE SAME THINGS, I JUST CAME TO SOME DIFFERENT -- I WOULDN'T SAY CONCLUSIONS, BUT THOUGHTS ABOUT IT.

BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN ENTREATING CONSTANTLY TO TRY TO GET THESE MISDEMEANORS PROSECUTED.

WE DO A GREAT JOB.

OUR POLICE DOES A GREAT JOB.

YOU KNOW, THEY FORWARD THESE COMPLAINTS FOR NONVIOLENT MISDEMEANORS, YOU KNOW, TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THEY JUST GO NOWHERE.

THEY SAY NO, WHICH IS THE REASON WHY WE WANTED TO APPROACH REDONDO BEACH BECAUSE NOT ONLY COULD THEY -- I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE A CHARTER CITY OR BECAUSE THEY HAVE A LARGER POPULATION, THEY HIRE THEIR OWN PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, THAT THEY'RE DOING THAT.

AND THEY ALSO WERE HOSTING THE FIRST HOMELESS COURT.

SO WE WANTED TO HAVE BOTH OF THOSE SERVICES TOGETHER.

AND IT SEEMED LOGICAL TO GO AHEAD AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT IT.

AGAIN, WE JUST KEPT COMING UP AGAINST THIS WALL THAT WE NEEDED THE PERMISSION OF THE L.A. COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN ORDER TO DO THAT.

AND THE ANSWER WAS CONSISTENTLY NO OR CONSISTENTLY WE'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO MEET WITH YOU.

I THINK THAT WAS -- WE COUNTED THREE TIMES THAT WE ASKED.

ANOTHER TAKEAWAY FROM THE MEETING THIS PAST WEDNESDAY WAS THAT MANY OTHER CITIES, SEVERAL OTHER CITIES THAT WERE THERE -- I DON'T THINK EVERYBODY THAT SIGNED UP ATTENDED.

BUT THERE WAS AT LEAST ANOTHER THREE OR FOUR CITIES THERE THAT TRIED THIS SAME TACT TO GET THEIR OWN PROSECUTION SERVICES FOR MISDEMEANORS.

SINCE GEORGE GASCON ON WEDNESDAY STATED FLATLY, AND I QUOTE, WE DON'T PROSECUTE MISDEMEANORS.

SO WHEN SOMEONE ASKED HOW MANY CITIES HAS HE ALLOWED TO GET THEIR OWN PROSECUTION SERVICES FOR MISDEMEANORS, THE ANSWER WAS ZERO.

SO WE HAVE A LOT OF COMPANY WITH OTHER CITIES HERE TRYING TO MAKE THEIR RESIDENTS SAFE.

THE ONE RAY OF LIGHT IS THE FACT THAT THROUGH THE HARD WORK OF OUR OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT WE BUNDLED TOGETHER MULTIPLE COMPLAINTS FOR THE SAME INDIVIDUALS DOING, YOU KNOW -- GETTING ARRESTED FOR MISDEMEANORS, WHAT WE CALL CHRONIC, CHRONIC OFFENDERS, CHRONIC

REPEATERS.

CHRONIC OFFENDERS IS THE WORD HE USED.

THAT SEEMS TO BE AN AVENUE WE COULD TAKE.

IT CONCERNS ME AND MY FELLOW COUNCILMEMBERS TO GET A CHRONIC OFFENDER, THEY HAVE TO DO THEIR CRIME MULTIPLE TIMES.

THAT SAME -- THAT NUMBER WAS NOT DISCUSSED AS FAR AS HOW MANY IT WOULD TAKE.

BUT EACH ONE OF THOSE INSTANCES IS LEAVING A VICTIM.

NOW IT MAY BE NONVIOLENT, BUT SOME OF THOSE COULD LEAD TO VIOLENCE.

IT COULD -- YOU KNOW, IT COULD DO HARM EMOTIONALLY TO THE PEOPLE IN THE FAMILY AND THE RESIDENTS THAT IT HAPPENED TO.

AND OUR ANSWER UNFORTUNATELY IS GOING TO BE, WELL, IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN, LET US KNOW AND THEN WE'LL GO AHEAD AND WE'LL PASS IT ON TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

SO FAILING ANY PERMISSION TO LEAVE THEIR SERVICES, I JUST WANT TO EXPLAIN TO THE RESIDENTS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS EVEN IF YOU DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO LEAD ANYWHERE, IS TO REPORT THOSE CRIMES AGAINST YOU.

SURE, YOU CAN PROBABLY -- WITH TRESPASS, AND THEY BREAK A WINDOW OR SOMETHING, YOU CAN CLEAN UP THE WINDOW.

THEY STEAL SOMETHING THAT'S UNDER \$950, REPORT IT ANYWAY.

WHO KNOWS IF THEY'RE DOING IT TO YOUR NEIGHBOR DOWN THE STREET OR OTHERS WITHIN THE CITY.

THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO REPORT THOSE.

REPORT THOSE INCIDENTS.

AND OUR POLICE WILL GO AHEAD AND TAKE THE REPORTS.

AND LET'S LET THEM CONNECT THE DOTS.

LET'S LET THEM BUNDLE UP A PACKAGE OF MISDEMEANOR CHARGES AGAINST
INDIVIDUAL TO TAKE AND -- GEORGE GASCON SAID WE WOULD HAVE AN
AUDIENCE WITH THEM.

THEY WOULD GO AHEAD AND CONSIDER THAT.

IS IT THE IDEAL SOLUTION?

FAR FROM IT.

BECAUSE, AGAIN, OUR -- IT'S PUTTING OUR RESIDENTS IN DANGER FROM
THESE MISDEMEANORS.

BUT IT'S THE ONLY -- IT'S THE ONLY VEHICLE WE HAVE RIGHT NOW TO
GO AHEAD AND DO IT.

WE'RE GOING TO MEET WITH THE CHIEF LATER ON, I THINK NEXT WEEK,
TO SORT OF DISCUSS THE STRATEGY TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE REPORTS,
YOU KNOW, THAT RESIDENTS ARE REPORTING THESE CRIMES AND THEN WHAT
TO DO WITH IT IN TERMS OF GETTING IT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE.

GEORGE GASCON HAS DEFINITE THEORIES.

IF YOU WANT, THERE'S A BIG EXPLANATION THAT HE DELIVERED ON
DECEMBER 7th, 2020.

HE TALKED ABOUT STUDIES.

THERE ARE STUDIES THAT SAY THAT ARRESTING AND INCARCERATING

PEOPLE OR FINING PEOPLE OR TRYING TO GET THEM INTO DIVERSION DIDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE AND IN FACT IS MORE HARMFUL FOR SOCIETY.

THAT'S ONE WAY OF LOOKING AT IT.

I SPENT SOME TIME OVER THE WEEKEND TRYING TO FIND THOSE STUDIES AND INFORMATION ABOUT THEM.

THE CLOSEST I CAME WAS THE "THE NEW YORK TIMES" AND THEY SAID AT MOST IT'S A MIXED RESPONSE.

IT'S A MIXED FINDING ABOUT MISDEMEANORS.

WE ALL HEARD OF THE BROKEN WINDOWS THEORY THAT SMALL CRIMES ESCALATE INTO LARGE CRIMES.

ESPECIALLY, I THINK, WITH YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS.

IF THERE'S NO CONSEQUENCE -- I DON'T WANT TO PUT IT OUT THERE.

BUT IF YOU CAN WALK INTO ONE OF OUR STORES AND STEAL, LITERALLY JUST STEAL, GO IN, PUT IT IN A BAG AND WALK OUT, YOU CAN'T GET ARRESTED FOR THAT.

WELL YOU CAN GET ARRESTED, BUT THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WILL NOT PRESS CHARGES.

AND WILL JUST LET THAT PERSON OUT WITH NO FINE, NO CITATION -- NOT EVEN A CITATION.

SO IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM OF A CRIME, NO MATTER HOW SMALL OR LARGE, PLEASE DON'T GET DISCOURAGED, REPORT IT.

WE GOT A FANTASTIC POLICE DEPARTMENT HERE THAT BELIEVES THAT OUR RESIDENTS SHOULD BE SAFE.

SO LET'S DO THAT AND LET'S GO AHEAD AND PRESENT OUR CASES AND TRY TO HELP MAKE MANHATTAN BEACH SAFER.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, SIR.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: ARE WE TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS?

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT FIRST.

I'LL OPEN IT UP NEXT.

JUST STARTING IT OFF.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I'LL WAIT UNTIL AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYONE ELSE?

OPEN UP PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

>> SORRY.

HI.

RITA CRABTREE.

I JUST WANT TO EXPRESS NUMBER ONE, I WAS THANKFUL TO HEAR THAT COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN, THAT YOU GOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY GO AND HAVE A MEETING WITH HIM.

I WAS VERY INTERESTED IN HEARING THAT INFORMATION THAT YOU SHARED.

SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

I APPRECIATE THAT EFFORT THAT YOU WENT OUT AND ABOVE AND BEYOND TO DO.

FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, OBVIOUSLY I DON'T HAVE EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE, IT SOUNDS LIKE WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS HOMELESS COURT, HOMELESS INITIATIVE COURT.

THE C.A.R.E.S. COURT IS A DIFFERENT COURT.

IT IS FOR THE STATE.

IT IS ALSO FOR PSYCHOSIS, SCHIZOPHRENIA, NOT SPECIFICALLY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL THAT WE'RE NECESSARILY SEEING WITH PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS OR LEWD BEHAVIOR.

I THINK IT BEHOOVES US TO GET A LITTLE MORE CREATIVE IN OUR EXPLORATION OF WHAT WE CAN DO.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD JUSTICE PROGRAM IS SOMETHING -- IT'S A PROGRAM THAT WAS DEVELOPED BY THE L.A. DA'S OFFICE ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO.

I DID HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AN ACTUAL PROCESS IN MOTION AND IT WAS VERY CONSTRUCTIVE.

IT WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

THERE'S NO PUNISHMENT PER SE.

THERE'S CONSEQUENCES, HOWEVER.

AND I THINK AS MAYOR PRO TEM THAT CONSEQUENCES ARE IMPERATIVE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE A PERSON'S BEHAVIOR POSITIVELY AS OPPOSED TO SAYING, ALL RIGHT, YOU KNOW, YOU JUST TOOK \$700 WORTH OF MERCHANDISE AND YOU CAN WALK OUT AND NOTHING FOR YOU.

BARELY EVEN A SLAP ON THE HAND.

SO I ASK YOU TO LOOK AT -- AND NEIGHBORHOOD JUSTICE PROGRAM MAY NOT BE IT.

BUT WE ALSO HAVE A PROSECUTOR IN OUR OWN CITY.

THERE IS A DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR JUVENILES.

MAYBE WE CAN EXPAND THAT.

I WOULD ASK YOU TO DO A LITTLE BIT OF RESEARCH AND HELP KEEP THE
NEIGHBORS AND BUSINESSES AND OUR VISITORS SAFE IN MANHATTAN BEACH
AND LET'S SHOW SOME GUMPTION TO DO SOMETHING PROACTIVE.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

SEEING NONE, HOW ABOUT ON ZOOM, MARTHA.

ALL RIGHT.

>> YES, I'M VERY THANKFUL ALSO THAT, YOU KNOW, TWO OF OUR
COUNCILMEMBERS WERE ABLE TO MEET DA GASCON'S OFFICE.

I'M SORRY, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

HELLO?

HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> Mayor Montgomery: IS THAT MUTED, MARTHA?

>> YES.

>> Mayor Montgomery: HEATHER?

>> I'M TALKING.

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

HELLO.

>> Mayor Montgomery: HEATHER?

>> HELLO, I'M TALKING.

>> Mayor Montgomery: GOING ONCE.

>> HELLO.

>> Mayor Montgomery: GOING TWICE.

ARE YOU THERE?

>> I'M HERE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THEY'LL CALL BACK IN.

NOT PICKING UP.

ANYONE ELSE ON THE LINE?

WE'RE GOING TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I WOULD SUGGEST A DIFFERENT TACT.

I KNOW WE LIKE TO KEEP GOING AND TALKING TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY GASCON BECAUSE IT'S SO MUCH FUN AND SO WELL RECEIVED, BUT I HAVE NO FAITH THAT HIS DIRECTIVE IS GOING TO CHANGE UNLESS THE POLLING SHOWS THAT IF SHE CHANGES THE DIRECTIVE HE'S GOT A BETTER CHANCE OF REELECTION.

BUT IN THE MEANTIME I WOULD SUGGEST A DIFFERENT TACT INSTEAD OF JUST WAITING TO BUNDLE THINGS UP.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT AND WHAT THE ISSUE HAS BEEN IS THE PROSECUTION OF STATE MISDEMEANORS.

SO WHAT I THINK WE NEED TO BE LOOKING FOR IS WHAT WE CAN PROSECUTE AS CITY MISDEMEANORS UNDER CITY ORDINANCES.

WHAT ORDINANCES WE HAVE OR WHAT ORDINANCES WE NEED -- AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IF THE STATE HAS A MISDEMEANOR OF A CERTAIN TYPE THAT THEN THEY OCCUPY THE FIELD, SO TO SPEAK AND WE CAN'T -- AND

THEY SUPERSEDE US AND WE CAN'T PROSECUTE OUR OWN SIMILAR EVEN IDENTICAL CITY ORDINANCE TO THAT RESPECT.

OR WE CREATE A CATCH-ALL.

WE CREATE A CATCH-ALL UNDER PUBLIC NUISANCE FOR SOME OF THESE THINGS, ESPECIALLY ALCOHOL-RELATED CRIMES, THAT YOU HAVE A CATCH-ALL FOR PUBLIC NUISANCE AND PROSECUTE THEM AS CITY VIOLATIONS.

WE NEED TO STEP BACK FROM THE DIVERSION PROGRAM THAT WE'VE SHARED WITH BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT BECAUSE THAT IS NOW MORPHING INTO SOMETHING ELSEWHERE WE'VE GOT SOME OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED AND REESTABLISH THE CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AS JUST THAT, A CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE THAT THEN ALSO HAS THE ABILITY TO HAVE DIVERSION AND TO HAVE THE STICK TO GO ALONG WITH THE CARROTS OF THE ABILITY TO PROSECUTE AGAIN UNDER A CITY MISDEMEANOR ORDINANCE.

WE NEED TO INVESTIGATE THIS, FIND OUT IF WE CAN PUT THESE THINGS UNDER CATCH-ALLS AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO AT OUR OWN LEVEL.

AND WE'VE HAD A CITY PROSECUTOR FOR YEARS.

IT MORPHED INTO A DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH.

BUT THAT WAS WHEN WE WEREN'T SEEING MANY ADULT MISDEMEANORS HAPPENING.

NOW WE'RE SEEING GREAT INCREASE IN THOSE AND WE NEED TO ABILITY TO ENFORCE OR AT LEAST HOLD THINGS OVER PEOPLE'S HEAD OF ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION IF THEY DON'T CHANGE THEIR WAYS.

AND SO FOR THAT REASON I THINK WE JUST NEED TO INVESTIGATE WHAT WE CAN DO IN TERMS OF A CITY, IN TERMS OF WHAT WE CAN PROSECUTE UNDER CITY ORDINANCES, SEE IF WE NEED NEW ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES THAT WE CAN PROSECUTE UNDER THOSE RATHER THAN WAITING OR RELYING ON THE STATE MISDEMEANORS PROSECUTION FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WHICH ISN'T GOING TO COME.

I WOULD TRY TO OCCUPY THAT FIELD, REESTABLISH OUR OWN PROSECUTION AS SOMETHING OUT OF THE CITY AND NOT SHARE IT WITH BEACH CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT AND GO FROM THERE.

THAT WOULD BE MY SUGGESTION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, I'M GOING TO GO AROUND THE HORN.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THANK YOU.

WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO, MAKES SENSE FIT'S IN FACT -- I JUST DON'T KNOW THE LAW AS YOU DO SO I DON'T KNOW IF THERE ARE CERTAIN ORDINANCES WE HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THAT WOULD MAKE -- LIKE PUBLIC NUISANCE.

ONE THING I THINK WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT SOME OF THESE CRIMES THAT HAVE BEEN REDUCED FROM FELONIES TO MISDEMEANORS UNDER PROP 47 IS, LIKE, THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM TOO.

THAT'S A DIFFERENT PROBLEM THAN GEORGE GASCON NOT PROSECUTING.

BUT IT'S ALSO SOMETHING THAT HAMPERS US ALL.

THAT'S THE WHOLE ISSUE WITH REDUCING LIKE A LOT OF LOW-LEVEL CRIMES TO MISDEMEANORS FROM FELONIES.

SO IT'S SORT OF LIKE THE CATCH AND RELEASE.
AND I'D LOVE TO SEE CHANGES TO THAT STATE LAW.
THAT HAVING BEEN SAID, I'M ALL FOR WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
BUT I ALSO -- I AM SORT OF -- YOU KNOW, I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THE
NEIGHBORHOOD JUSTICE PROGRAM AND PERHAPS THAT'S MAYBE FOR
JUVENILES OR FOR THE HOMELESS.
AND, YOU KNOW, THIS IS JUST SOMETHING WE HAVE TO RESEARCH.
AS RITA MENTIONED, C.A.R.E. COURT IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN HOMELESS
COURT.
SO I DO SORT OF WANT US TO PURSUE THAT AS WELL.
UNLESS YOU'RE SAYING INSTEAD OF HOMELESS COURT WHAT YOU CAN SEE
HAPPENING IS MAKING A CATCH-ALL CITY -- OKAY.
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT.
OKAY.
GOT YOU.
I'M ALL FOR THAT IF IT'S POSSIBLE.
IF WE CAN RESEARCH IT, I'M ALL FOR THAT.
WE DO HAVE TO HAVE SOME PEACE AND BE ABLE TO PROTECT OUR
RESIDENTS.
SO I'M ALL FOR IT.
>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.
COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.
>> Councilmember Lesser: I'VE ALREADY HAD A BITE AT THE APPLE,
MR. MAYOR.

DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING FIRST?

>> Mayor Montgomery: I'LL COME BACK IN AND SAY FOR THE RECORD WE'VE DONE THIS -- 2021 MAYOR STERN AND I WENT TO MEET WITH TWO DEPUTIES IN HIS STAFF.

THIS IS NOT NEW.

THIS IS REPEATING THE SAME THING WE HEARD THREE YEARS AGO.

PILOT PROGRAM, RICHARD, SOUNDS GOOD BUT THE DA SAID NO.

SO WE TRIED AGAIN.

AND YOU'RE SEEING COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND FRANKLIN TRY AGAIN AND TALK ONE ON ONE.

ELECTION YEAR IS NEXT YEAR.

I DON'T KNOW.

DOES IT MAKE ANY BETTER FOR US?

NO.

I'M NOT LOOKING FOR THE STATE TO JUMP IN HERE.

MAYBE THE CITY ATTORNEY BARROW CAN JUMP IN HERE, WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOLD UNBEKNOWNST TO A RESIDENT WHO SAYS HE'S AN EXPERT IN THE LAW THAT THE CITY CAN HIRE A PROSECUTOR.

MR. ATTORNEY, DOES THE CITY HAVE THE RIGHT TO HIRE ITS OWN PROSECUTOR AWAY FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AS IT STANDS TODAY?

>> THE CITY COULD ESTABLISH -- WELL, IT'S STILL THERE.

WE STILL HAVE A CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.

BUT IT'S NOT -- WE NEED THE CONSENT TO PROSECUTE STATE CRIMES. COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO HAS BROUGHT UP THE FACT WHICH WE'VE

LOOKED AT BEFORE BUT ALSO IT SOUNDS LIKE IF THAT'S THE DIRECTION WE CAN LOOK AT THAT ISSUE AGAIN.

BECAUSE SOME LAWS ARE PREEMPTED.

BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT EXAMINATION OF WHAT CAN WE INCORPORATE INTO OUR OWN CODE AND THAT COULD BE PROSECUTED BY THE CITY PROSECUTOR.

>> Mayor Montgomery: AND THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE TO IT.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN MENTIONED THE POINT ABOUT REPEAT OFFENDERS.

THERE'S ONLY ONE FLAW TO THAT BRILLIANT IDEA.

THE CHIEF HAS TO CATCH THE GUY AGAIN.

PERFECT ON PAPER.

BRING HIM TO US.

WE'LL GO AFTER HIM AGAIN.

THEY MEANS THEY HAVE TO CATCH HIM TWICE OR EIGHT TIMES IN A ROW.

IT'S A GREAT POLICY TO HAVE.

CATCH HIM AND WE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE ORGANIZED RETAIL RINGS OUT THERE DOING MAJOR THEFTS OF BRAND ITEMS.

THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE.

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE EVERYDAY THEFT THAT YOU SEE AT TARGET AND CVS AND WE'RE SEEING HAPPEN RIGHT IN FRONT OF US.

I GOES, WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

THIS GUY GRABBED A BUNCH OF STUFF AND TOOK OFF.

WE'RE TOLD NOT TO GO AFTER THEM.

DID YOU CALL THE POLICE YET?

THEY HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT IT.

WE CALLED THE POLICE BUT WE TOOK A PICTURE OF THE TARGETING AWAY
BUT THEY'RE GONE.

IT TELLS YOU WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE.

THERE IS NO REPERCUSSION.

I DON'T BELIEVE THE PIE IN THE SKY PROGRAM.

LET'S GIVE THIS PROGRAM A WORK.

BY THE TIME THESE GUYS FIGURE IT OUT, IT WILL BE MUCH WORSE THAN
IT IS TODAY.

I AGREE, STEVE, IF WE CAN DO SOMETHING OURSELVES LEGALLY AND PUT
A STICK TO THE SECOND PART OF IT, THE FIRST CREATIVE NONCHARTER
LAW CITY TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENTLY.

BUT AS THE CITY ATTORNEY TOLD US, GASCON BLOCKED EVERY ATTEMPT
WE'VE HAD.

ALL WE KEEP HEARING IS THE WORD NO.

WE'RE TRYING TO GET TO THE WORD YES.

WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO TO GET TO THE WORD YES.

SETTING UP OUR OWN PILOT THAT WE TRIED WITH GASCON'S OFFICE?

I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM IN TRYING BUT I'M NOT GOING THE GET ANY
HOPES UP THAT WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE SILVER BULLET.

BUT I'M WILLING TO TRYING ANYTHING THAT COULD GET IT THERE.

I DON'T RELY ON SACRAMENTO OR OUR OWN DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SOLVE

ANYTHING FOR US.

WE'RE WAY DOWN ON THE LIST OF CITIES THAT WE'S FOCUSED ON.

WE'RE NOT THAT CITY.

I'LL TURN THE BALL OVER THE COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I WOULD PROPOSE A BIFURCATED MOTION AND THAT WOULD BE TO EXPLORE WHAT COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO HAS INDICATED MIGHT BE WORTH EXPLAINING, NAMELY, WHAT CAN WE DO WITH OUR OWN CITIES, SUBJECT OR WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PURSUE THESE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ICE OFFICE.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN AND I ALONG WITH THE OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE ABLE TO MEET WITH THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE TEAM OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

THEY SAID IF YOU HAVE ISSUES, QUESTIONS, REACH OUT TO US.

WE GOT THEIR BUSINESS CARDS AND SPOKE WITH THEM AFTER THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WAS DONE WITH HIS PRESENTATION.

HE ENCOURAGED US TO FOLLOW UP WITH ISSUES.

THESE COMMENTS THAT WE'VE JUST ALL MADE WITH OUR FRUSTRATION ARE THOSE THAT I WOULD PROPOSE TO FOLLOW UP WITH THROUGH CITY STAFF IF THIS COUNCIL CONSENTS TO DO IT ON A DUAL TRACK.

>> Mayor Montgomery: HOW DO YOU ADDRESS THE C.A.R.E.S. COURT, HOMELESS COURT SERVICES?

>> Councilmember Lesser: AS SEVERAL COUNCILMEMBERS MENTIONED, THAT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED THROUGH A STATE AGENCY, THE STATE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH --

>> Councilmember Howorth: THEY ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I THINK IT'S WORTH PURSUING WHAT WE CAN GET THROUGH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND KEEP WORKING IT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: CARE COURSE IS ABOUT SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL FOLKS AND FAMILIES BEING ABLE TO DECIDE ON THEIR SERVICES. IT'S A DIFFERENT THING.

THAT'S A DIFFERENT THING.

I THINK WHAT COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO'S IDEA ENCOMPASSES IS THE PUBLIC NUISANCE.

WHEN HE MENTIONED THAT.

THAT'S WHEN YOU CAN PUT SOME OF THESE --

>> Councilmember Napolitano: RUN DIVERSION THROUGH THE CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: FOR WHOMEVER BUT THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL CAPTURE SOME OF THOSE THINGS.

THAT IS HOW SOME OF THE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS MAY BE DEALT WITH.

I'M ALL IN FAVOR OF BOTH WHAT YOU SAID, A PARALLEL PATH AND WHAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT.

I DO WANT TO SAY, THOUGH, I WOULD -- I HOPE, BECAUSE I REALLY DON'T KNOW, I STILL DON'T KNOW THAT THEFT, YOU KNOW, WILL BE COVERED UNDER CITY ORDINANCES.

I DON'T WANT US TO GET THESE EXPECTATIONS THAT ALL OF THE STUD

WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROSECUTE EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL BUT MAYBE WE CAN.

LET'S FIND OUT.

AND YOU MADE THE POINT AND I THINK ACTUALLY MAYBE MAYOR PRO TEM DID AS WELL, BUT MR. MAYOR, YOU SAID YOU STILL GOT TO CALL THE POLICE.

YOU KNOW, IT'S SO FRUSTRATING TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS AND THEY SAY YEAH, BUT THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING.

IT'S NOT THAT THEY WON'T DO ANYTHING.

I KNOW IT'S COUNTER INTUITIVE BUT YOU GOT TO CALL THE POLICE.

WE CAN'T SAY IT ENOUGH.

I WANTED TO AMPLIFY THAT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU FOR THAT. MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: THANK YOU.

I LIKE THE BIFURCATED APPROACH.

AND I THINK WE PROBABLY WOULD -- WE'D HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE CHIEF AND HER STAFF.

WE PROBABLY HAVE A BUNCH OF UNPROSECUTED MISDEMEANORS THAT WE WANT TO BUNDLE TOGETHER.

I DON'T WANT TO SAY THIS.

WE HAVE INVENTORY.

WE HAVE AN INVENTORY OF THESE THAT WE CAN GO AHEAD AND TEST THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE L.A. COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.

TO TEST WHAT HE TOLD US.

AND WHAT THE STAFF TOLD US THAT, YOU KNOW -- BECAUSE HE DID SAY,
YOU KNOW, WE WILL PROSECUTE CHRONIC OFFENDERS.

LET'S GO AHEAD AND TEST THAT AGAIN WITH THEM AND THEN GO AHEAD
AND EXAMINE -- GET A LIST AT LEAST OF WHAT WE CAN THROUGH OUR OWN
PROSECUTION SERVICES.

A LIST OF THE MISDEMEANORS THAT WE CAN GO AHEAD AND PURSUE AND
PROSECUTE.

I JUST WANTED TO ASK ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER, GEORGE
GABRIEL, I REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE STILL UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
JANICE HAWN, THERE WAS A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT WHERE WE WERE GOING TO
HAVE A COUNTY ORGANIZED HOMELESS COURT USING REDONDO BEACH AS A
MODEL AND IT WAS GOING TO BE ACTUALLY SET UP SOMEWHERE AROUND LOS
ANGELES AIRPORT.

HAS THERE BEEN ANYTHING -- AND THAT WAS TWO YEARS AGO.

HAS THERE BEEN ANYTHING ALONG THOSE LINES?

>> IF YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SOUTH BAY
REGIONAL HOUSING INITIATIVE, A HOMELESS COURT BUT ACTUALLY A
GRANT APPLICATION WE SUBMITTED TO THE COG.

WE DIDN'T HAVE A DEFINED LOCATION, BUT THAT BEING SAID IS THAT
APPLICATION WAS NOT FUNDED BECAUSE THERE WAS UNCERTAINTY OVER THE
PROSECUTORIAL AUTHORITY PROVIDED TO MANHATTAN BEACH.

AND SO I DO KNOW THAT THERE ARE ALSO OTHER HOMELESS COURTS, I
THINK TORRANCE HAS ONE AND LONG BEACH HAS ONE AS WELL.

BUT THESE ARE HOMELESS COURTS DONE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF

AGENCIES THAT HAVE THEIR OWN PROSECUTORIAL AUTHORITY.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: THAT'S THE SAME WITH REDONDO BEACH.

>> CORRECT, YES.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: THAT'S STILL ONCE A MONTH.

>> YES.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: TWICE IN REDONDO ONCE IN HERMOSA -- I MEAN PER YEAR.

>> ONE IS HELD PER MONTH, AT LEAST SCHEDULED ON A MONTHLY BASIS AND THERE'S A MINIMUM NUMBER THAT ARE TO BE HELD IN HERMOSA BEACH IN A GIVEN YEAR BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT SPECIFIC NUMBER IS, THOUGH.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: GREAT.

THANK YOU.

NO MORE COMMENTS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: NO, I'M FINE.

I'M FINE WITH BIFURCATING FOR THE MOMENT.

BUT ASIDE FROM THE IDEA OF BUNDLING WHAT WE HAVE AND PRESENTING IT TO THE DA, I WOULD NOT WASTE MY TIME WITH THE DA'S OFFICE MUCH MORE THAN THAT.

AND THERE'S NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THINGS ARE GOING TO CHANGE THERE UNLESS THE ELECTION CHANGES THINGS.

SO I WOULD SEE WHAT WE CAN DO ON OUR OWN AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT WE CAN LOOK INTO WHAT WE CAN PROSECUTE AND WHAT WE CAN'T AND

GETTING SOMEONE TO DO THAT ON A MORE FULL-TIME BASIS.

AND LET'S SEE WHERE WE CAN GO.

I JUST -- I DON'T SEE THE DA DOING MUCH FOR US.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: DOES STAFF NEED A MOTION FOR THE DIRECTION THAT'S BEING ARTICULATED?

COULDN'T CALL IT BIFURCATED WOULDN'T CALL IT DUAL TRACKED.

>> MOTIONS ARE ALWAYS HELPFUL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WE HAVE MET, MAYOR STERN AND I WITH THE EXECUTIVE TEAM.

THEY LISTENED TO US.

GREAT IDEA, RICHARD, LET'S SEE WHAT OUR BOSS SAYS.

DIDN'T GO ANYWHERE FROM THERE.

BUT IN 2017 WE HAD 41 REPORTED HOMELESS.

THE COUNTY HAS ITS OWN MATH SYSTEM.

THE COUNTY WILL SAY HERE'S A VAN, WE'RE GOING TO MULTIPLY BY 1.25 OR 1.5.

THEY'RE GOING TO ASSUME THAT SOMEONE ELSE IS GOING TO JOIN THE VAN AT SOME POINT IN TIME.

WE HAD 41 REPORTED IN 2017.

THE NUMBER IS 9.

NINE 2023.

YES, I'M COGNIZANT OF THE HOMELESS.

THAT'S NOT THE MAIN FOCUS EVERY DAY THAT I SEE.

I HEAR MORE ABOUT THE RETAILERS AND THE IMPACT TO THE RESIDENTS,
THE FEAR OF THEFT, THE FEAR OF BURGLARY.

THEY'RE WELL AWARE THAT CHIEF JOHNSON AND THE OFFICERS HAVE
CAUGHT THE BURGLARS TWICE, SAME CREW, SAME DAY.

COULD YOU IMAGINE?

TWICE.

SAME CREW, SAME DAY.

IMAGINE WHAT YOU TELL RESIDENTS.

WELL HOW DO YOU MAKE US SAFE, RICHARD.

PUBLIC SAFETY IS NUMBER ONE.

HOW AM I SAFE?

HOW DO I NOT FEEL VIOLATED THAT MY HOUSE IS BROKEN INTO TWICE.

WHAT DO YOU TELL THEM?

I CAN'T POINT TO GASCON AND SAY THIS IS THE REASON WHY.

BUT THE FACT YOU CATCH AND RELEASE, THEY DON'T FEEL RELIEVED BY
TELLING THEM THAT.

I'M NOT TELLING COUNCILMEMBER LESSER AND MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN
NOT TO CONTINUE TALKING TO GASCON, BUT I KNOW HOW IT'S GOING TO
END.

I KNOW THAT MOVIE.

I AGREE, LET'S TRY SOMETHING ELSE THAT WE HAVEN'T DONE BEFORE TO
SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

IT CAN'T BE ANY WORSE THAN WHAT WE HAVE TODAY UNLESS THE
LEADERSHIP IN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE CHANGES IN 2024.

BUT UNTIL THEN WE -- WE'VE BEEN ON OUR OWN SINCE 2021 AND WE'RE STILL ON OUR OWN.

SO WHY NOT.

I SEE A FIRST AND A SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER, MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

BARRING ANY DISCUSSION --

>> Councilmember Lesser: CAN I JUST ARTICULATE, MR. MAYOR, I SHARE YOUR SKEPTICISM BUT I SEE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE THAT WE SHOULD AT LEAST PURSUE THROUGH CITY STAFF AND OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT ULTIMATELY IN GETTING THESE CASE TO THE RESPONSIBLE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS. SO THE MOTION WOULD BE FIRST TO PURSUE THAT TRACK, TWO PARALLEL TRACKS, WORKING WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THROUGH CITY STAFF AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

AND THEN THE SECOND IS TO BRING BACK FURTHER INFORMATION CONSISTENT WITH COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO'S PROPOSAL THAT WOULD EXPLORE WHAT WE COULD TAKE ON AS A CITY WITH REGARD TO EITHER CHANGING THE NATURE OF CERTAIN CRIMES WITHIN OUR CITY UNDER OUR MUNICIPAL CODE OR PERHAPS PURSUING CASES ON OUR OWN THROUGH A CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.

AND COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO IF YOU WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT SECOND PIECE, PLEASE DO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: WHAT NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED?

>> Councilmember Lesser: IN TERMS OF THE SECOND PART OF THE

MOTION, IN TERMS OF WHAT SHOULD BE BROUGHT BACK.

ANYTHING FURTHER.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I THOUGHT I SAID IT ALL.

>> Councilmember Lesser: OKAY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THE REASON I BROUGHT THIS UP IS
BECAUSE -- NO?

I BROUGHT THIS UP BECAUSE WE'VE HEARD SOME PEOPLE TELL US YOU
CAN'T JUST DISREGARD THE STATE.

DISREGARD THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

DO YOUR OWN THING.

DON'T YOU HAVE POLICE THERE.

DO YOUR OWN THING.

DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY, FOLKS.

OUR POLICE OFFICERS CATCH THEM.

THE DA'S JOB IS TO PROSECUTE THEM.

IF WE'RE CREATIVE AND TRY TO FIND ANOTHER AVENUE THERE.

WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN SOMEONE TO GIVE US THE WORD THAT YES, WE CAN DO
THINGS.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TRYING THINGS.

WITH THAT A ROLL CALL VOTE, PLEASE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU ALL.

GOOD COMMENTS, EVERYBODY.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

WE'RE ON NEXT ITEM H, CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVAL.

LOOKING FOR A MOTION ITEMS 4 THROUGH --

>> Councilmember Napolitano: MAYOR PRO TEM.

>> Mayor Montgomery: FOUR THROUGH 16 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 11 AND 12.

I SEE A FIRST BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH AND A COMMENT BY COUNCILMEMBER FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: YEAH.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I WOULD LIKE TO -- I'M NOT GOING TO PULL AND I DIDN'T PULL ITEM NO. 7 FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR REGARDING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE MANHATTAN BEACH FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION.

BUT I WANTED TO MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS IF I MAY.

SO I'M PLEASED AND PROUD, WELL, TO HAVE VOTED TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND THE MANHATTAN BEACH FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AND I WANT TO PUBLICLY COMMEND THOSE INVOLVED IN THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION.

I WANT TO THANK THE MANHATTAN BEACH FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AND THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS FOR WORKING TO REPRESENT THEIR NEEDS, SAFETY AND WELL-BEING.

YOU ARE TO BE COMMENDED AS WELL FOR PROFESSIONALLY SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND PLACING THE PRIORITY OF THEIR NEEDS ABOVE ALL ELSE.

IT IS APPRECIATED BY THE COUNCIL AND OUR MANHATTAN BEACH

RESIDENTS.

I'D LIKE TO COMMEND THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH STAFF FOR THEIR WORK IN REPRESENTING THE GOAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE THE BEST AND MOST SUSTAINABLE SERVICE TO THE RESIDENT OF MANHATTAN BEACH.

ACTING HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR STEPHANIE SWOFFORD AND LISA JENKINS, SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ON THE INTRICACIES OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND OTHER MATTERS. APPRECIATION GOES TO OUR CITY FIRE CHIEF FOR WORKING WITH EVERYONE ON ALL SIDES FOR THIS AGREEMENT.

HIS DEEP KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND SENSE OF FAIRNESS ARE PARTICULARLY NOTABLE.

SO THANK YOU, CHIEF.

I'D LIKE TO THANK FORMER MAYOR HILDY STERN AND FORMER MAYOR SUZANNE HADLEY OF THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THE SUCCESSFUL AGREEMENT.

FINALLY I WANT TO THANK THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY.

YOUR INPUT WAS EXTREMELY VALUABLE THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS.

YOUR FEELINGS FOR THE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, ARE NOT UNLIKE OURS AS WE TREASURE HAVING OUR OWN FIRE DEPARTMENT TO KEEP OUR LOVED ONES SAFE.

YOU STUCK WITH US AS WE ALL WORKED TO FIND A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION AGREED TO BY ALL.

THOSE OF US LUCKY ENOUGH TO CALL MANHATTAN BEACH HOME ARE

REMINDED OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SCHOOLS ARE THE CORNERSTONES OF THE REASON WE CHOSE TO LIVE HERE.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL DONE.

ALL RIGHT.

NEED A SECOND ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS.

ANYONE ELSE?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER FIRST AND SECOND.

ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ALL RIGHT.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

ITEM NO. 11, CONSIDERATION OF THE VELZY PLAQUE PROPOSED BY THE SOUTH BAY BOARDRIDERS CLUB.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

I DID PULL THIS.

ONE, BECAUSE WE RECEIVED A LOT OF INPUT.

I KNOW THAT FOLKS WANTED TO SPEAK TO IT TONIGHT.

THAT'S WHY I PULLED IT.

ALSO BECAUSE THERE IS A COMPROMISED WORDING HERE.

IT'S STILL OPEN TO FURTHER INTERPRETATION IF WE CHOOSE TO DO TO AFTER THE INPUT THAT WE RECEIVE.

IT'S TAKING AWAY THE FACT THAT IT WAS THE CLAIM THAT IT WAS THE

FIRST SURF SHOP.

WE'VE YET TO FIND ANY DOCUMENTS THAT SUPPORT THAT, MY UNDERSTANDING IS.

GIVEN THE INTEREST IN THIS I WANTED TO HEAR FROM EVERYBODY WHO WANTED TO SPEAK TO IT.

IF NO ONE SPEAK TO IT, WE CAN SIMPLY VOTE ON IT.

I WANTED TO GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY.

I KNOW WE HAVE SOME MATURE MEMBERS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED A LOT OF INTEREST IN THIS SO I WANTED TO LET THEM SPEAK TO THAT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL DONE.

ALL RIGHT, COUNCIL, ANYBODY HAVE QUESTIONS ON THIS?

THEN I'M GOING TO TAKE -- WE DON'T NEED A STAFF REPORT.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

ANYBODY WANT TO TALK TO US ABOUT THIS?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: IMMATURE ONES TOO.

[INDISCERNIBLE]

>> MY GOODNESS.

THAT TAKES THE PRESSURE OFF OF IT.

WOOD EVENING, COUNCIL, HONORABLE MAYOR.

ON BEHALF OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WE SUPPORT THE COMPROMISED LANGUAGE WITH IF EXCEPTION OF REMOVING THE CAPITALIZATION OF FAMOUS AND ALSO THE APOSTROPHES IN 1950s TO MAKE IT GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT.

THE IDEA OF THIS PLAQUE IS TO CELEBRATE DALE VELZY'S CONTRIBUTION

TO THE WORLD OF SURFING AT THE SITE WHERE HE UNDENIABLY SHAPED
BOARDS.

WE HOPE THIS CAN HAPPEN SOON.

IT'S AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE VELZY'S LEGACY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, KRISTEN.

WHO ELSE WANTS TO COME SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

>> HELLO AGAIN.

I REALIZE HOW NAIVE I WAS YEAR AGO THINKING THAT PROPOSING PUBLIC
ART THAT SEEMED LIKE A NO-BRAINER IS REALLY A LOT MORE DIFFICULT
THAN WHAT I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE.

SO I APPLAUD YOU GUYS FOR YOUR PATIENCE IN HAVING TO DEAL WITH
THIS STUFF.

I WANT TO APPLAUD JACKIE AND BEN COPELAND, ROY AND MATT AND
OTHERS WHO HAVE SPENT TEN YEARS TRYING TO GET THIS THING DONE AND
DO IT IN A WAY THAT TRULY HONORS DALE VELZY AND DONE IN AN
ACCURATE WAY.

I RESPECT THE EFFORTS OF OTHERS TO RESEARCH AND TO CONFIRM WHAT'S
BEING CLAIMED THAT HIS WAS THE FIRST SURF SHOP IN THE WORLD
ESTABLISHED IN 1950.

AND I THINK WHAT I'VE COME TO REALIZE IS AS PEOPLE READ SOME OF
THE HISTORY ABOUT IT, A LOT OF WHAT WAS READ I THINK CAN BE
MISINTERPRETED OR IT CAN BE EXPLAINED AWAY.

THERE ARE A FEW POINTS BROUGHT UP THAT I WANT TO ADDRESS TO SHARE
OUR SIDE OF IT.

EARLY ON -- I BETTER GO QUICK -- IT WAS BROUGHT UP THAT PACIFIC HOMES WU MAKING BOARDS WELL BEFORE VELZY HAD A SHOP.

THAT'S TRUE.

THEY DID MAKE BOARDS BUT THEY SOLD THEM THROUGH DEPARTMENT STORES, BEACH CLUBS.

SO WE'RE NOT SAYING THAT THAT'S NOT ACCURATE BUT WE WOULDN'T CONSIDER THOSE PLACES A SURF SHOP.

IT'S LIKE SAYING COSTCO IS A SURF SHOP BECAUSE THEY SELL BOARDS. TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THINGS.

THE POINT BROUGHT UP ABOUT NO BUILDING RECORDS IN THE CITY SHOW THAT DALE VELZY OPERATED OUT OF THAT BUILDING.

THAT'S TRUE.

MATT VELZY SAID IT WAS SUBLET.

EVERYTHING WAS DONE CASH IN THE DAY AND THERE WEREN'T ANY TAX RECORDS ABOUT THAT KIND OF STUFF.

NEXT IS THAT HE WAS DRAFTED --

>> Mayor Montgomery: [INDISCERNIBLE]

>> NEXT WAS THAT HE WAS DRAFTED IN 1950 AND THAT IS ALSO ACCURATE.

BUT HE LEFT, CAME BACK AFTER BEING INJURED -- HE WAS OPERATING BEFORE THEN AND CAME BACK.

SO THERE'S -- ANY HOW, THE POINT IS WE CAN EXPLAIN AWAY ALL OF THE OPPOSITION OBJECTIONS TO THIS AND WE DID COMPROMISE ON THE LANGUAGE GIVING YOU FOLKS TWO OPTION, THE COMPROMISED VERSION AND

OUR PREFERRED VERSION WHICH I THINK YOU'VE SEEN.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU SAID YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET THIS
HEARD TEN YEARS?

WAIT.

STEP OVER HERE.

YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET THIS HEARD TEN YEARS?

YOU BROUGHT IT TO COUNCIL TEN YEARS AGO?

>> 11 YEARS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: 11 YEARS YOU BROUGHT IT UP TO THE COUNCIL.

>> I DON'T KNOW FIT WAS BROUGHT TO THE COUNCIL.

I WASN'T INVOLVED BACK THEN.

I'M THE SPEAKER.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT.

OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

ANYONE ELSE WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS?

REALLY?

ALL RIGHT.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: WELL...

>> Mayor Montgomery: GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL.

I WANTED TO READ A QUOTE FROM MY FAVORITE SURF HISTORIAN.

HE WROTE DEMYTHOLOGIZING THE SPORT WAS ANOTHER GOAL OF MINE.

I COULDN'T WAIT TO CHEER AWAY AT THE BOOSTERING.

PULLING DOWN SHODDY HISTORIC HANDICRAFT IS BY ITSELF I ADMIT
PRETTY SATISFYING.

BUT THE REAL PURPOSE AND THE REAL PLEASURE COMES FROM THE FACT THAT THE MORTAL GROUND LEVEL VERSION OF EVENTS IS ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION MORE COMPELLING THAN THE LEGEND OR THE MYTH.

NOW I AGREE WITH THAT 100%.

AND TO TOM'S POINT, THERE ARE POINTS THAT WE CAN ARGUE ABOUT.

I BELIEVE THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, THE CLEAR WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE DOESN'T SUPPORT THEIR INITIAL PLAQUE.

A CONSENSUS HAS BEEN REACHED TO USE THE PHRASE EARLY 1950s, WHICH I ABSOLUTELY CAN AGREE WITH.

AND SOMETIMES COMPROMISE JUST HAS TO BE REACHED BECAUSE THEY CAN'T PROVE THEIR SIDE.

WE CAN REASONABLY PROVE OUR SIDE ALTHOUGH THERE IS ROOM FOR QUIBBLING OVER SOME DETAILS.

I RESPECT THE FACT THAT MR. VELZY WAS A VERY INFLUENTIAL INDIVIDUAL IN THE SPORT OF SURFING AND TO PUT IT AS NICELY AS I CAN, QUITE THE CHARACTER, AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO SURFING ARE UNDENIABLE.

SO THE PLAQUE AS CURRENTLY AGREED UPON BY ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED I AGREE WITH THAT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

ANYONE ELSE?

NO LINE DOWN HERE, FOLKS.

COME DOWN HERE IF YOU WANT TO TALK.

>> GOOD EVENING, MAYOR MONTGOMERY AND CITY COUNCIL.

YES, I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR 11 YEARS.

INITIALLY I BROUGHT IT TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MR. McCALLIE TOLD ME THAT I COULD NOT EVEN PROVE THERE WAS A SURF SHOP THERE EVER.

THE WAY IT CAME ABOUT I POSTED A PHOTOGRAPH OF WHAT'S AT THE LOCATION NOW AND BEN COPELAND AND I TALKED ABOUT HOW THERE SHOULD BE A PLAQUE THERE HONORING DALE WHO PRETTY MUCH INVENTED THE MODERN SURFBOARD IN THAT SPOT.

SO I COULDN'T GET ANYONE TO LISTEN TO ME FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS.

LAST YEAR I WROTE TO MR. NAPOLITANO AND HE AGREED THAT WE SHOULD DO THIS AND WE WENT FORWARD AND WE THOUGHT WE HAD IT A WEEK BEFORE WE WERE GOING TO HAVE A CEREMONY I WAS TOLD, NO, WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS.

SO MR. McCALLIE ONCE AGAIN CAME FORWARD AND SAID YOU BETTER BE CAREFUL.

THERE'S NO RECORDS.

WELL, I WAS BORN IN 1951 BUT WE HAD A PHONE AND OUR PHONE IS NOT IN THE PHONE BOOK.

RECORD KEEPING WASN'T THAT GREAT BACK THEN.

WE HAVE NUMEROUS HIGH-PROFILE, WELL-RESPECTED PROFESSIONALS IN THE SURF INDUSTRY TESTIFYING AND WRITING LETTERS AND SIGNING THEIR NAMES, INCLUDING MATT WARSHAW, THE CONSULTANT ON SURFING FOR THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY SAYING IT WAS 1950, THE FIRST

SURF SHOP BUT THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

YOU WANT TO HAVE A HEN TALL AGREEMENT.

APPARENTLY HE SUBLET FROM JIMMY'S SHOE-A-TORIUM.

ANYWAY, IT'S JUST SAD TO ME THAT THIS CAN'T BE -- YOU KNOW, THAT IT CAN'T BE THE WORLD'S FIRST BECAUSE IT IS.

I'VE TALKED -- I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY PEOPLE.

THE PEOPLE AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY DON'T HAVE A HISTORY IN SURFING AND THEY DON'T KNOW ALL OF THE PEOPLE WE KNOW.

I, THEY HAD, I WISH THEY COULD HAVE, I WISH THEY STILL COULD BUT I GUESS THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN SO WE HAVE TO COMPROMISE AND HAVE A GENERIC FLAG.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, JACKIE.

YOUR TIME IS UP.

ANYONE ELSE HERE WHO IS NOT SPOKEN ON THE PLAQUE THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE PLAQUE?

HAS A PLAQUE?

ALL RIGHT.

SEEING NONE WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

IT SOUNDS LIKE HERE EVERYONE IS IN AGREEMENT THAT THEY DON'T ALL AGREE BUT THEY AGREE TO THE COMPROMISE.

I'M SORRY.

DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT THERE?

STEVE, IT'S YOURS.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: A COUPLE OF THINGS.

I APPRECIATE THE GRAMMAR ISSUES THAT WERE POINTED OUT, THE CAPITALIZED F AND EVERYTHING.

WE PUT THE F IN SURFING TONIGHT, BUT --

[LAUGHTER]

YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW REALLY HOW WE CAME TO THIS EVEN THOUGH BECAUSE SURFBOARD BRAND AS OPPOSED TO SHOP.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE WORD BRAND CAME FROM AND WHY, YOU KNOW, WE'RE USING THAT.

TO ME IT'S ALMOST PROMOTING THE VELZY BRAND THAT'S STILL IN EXISTENCE WHEREAS I THINK WE WANT TO BE SPECIFIC TO THE IDEA THAT THIS IS A SHOP, ONE OF THE FIRST.

AND I'M NOT OPPOSED TO SAYING THAT THIS DALE VELZY DEVELOPED OR OPENED ONE OF THE WORLD'S FIRST SURFBOARD SHOPS AT THIS SITE IN THE EARLY 1950s.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YEAH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: RECOMMENDATIONS.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I DON'T KNOW WHY DEVELOPED HIS WORLD-FAMOUS SURFBOARD BRAND.

THAT JUST DOESN'T SEEM LIKE -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT SAYS TO BE HONEST.

I THINK WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE.

IT'S BEEN SAID BEFORE.

SURFBOARD SHOP.

THAT'S WHAT THE ISSUE IS.

WHETHER THIS WAS THE WORLD'S FIRST.

IT'S CERTAINLY ONE OF THE FIRST.

I THINK WE CAN AGREE ON THAT.

I WOULD SUGGEST THAT LANGUAGE CHANGE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ALL RIGHT.

NOTED.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YOU BEAT ME TO IT.

WHEN I SAW BRAND -- AND I KNOW PEOPLE HAVE WORKED ON THIS.

I GET IT.

BUT WE'RE SITTING UP HERE AND BRAND JUST SOUNDS, IT SOUNDS
COMMERCIAL AND THE SHOP WAS ABOUT A PASSION AND IT LOCATED IN
MANHATTAN BEACH JUST UP FROM THE PIER AND PEOPLE COULD GO SURFING
THERE.

SO SHOP I THINK IS MORE TRUE TO WHAT THEY'RE TRYING TO HONOR.

AT LEAST THAT FEELS TO ME.

AND I JUST WROTE DOWN, YOU KNOW, DALE VELZY OPENED ONE OF -- I
LITERALLY WROTE THIS DOWN -- ONE OF THE WORLD'S FIRST KNOWN SURF
SHOPS AT THIS LOCATION.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I APPRECIATE YOUR PLAGIARISM.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YEP.

I WROTE IT.

BUT I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU.

I KNOW -- I REALLY APPRECIATE PEOPLE -- THIS IS GOING TO SOUND

WEIRD.

I APPRECIATE PEOPLE ARGUING ABOUT THE FACTS AND TRYING TO GET WHAT'S ACCURATE AND WHAT'S -- YOU KNOW, WHAT CAN BE PROVEN. BUT I THINK THE GROUP -- I THINK IT'S THE SOUTH BAY BOARDRIDERS CLUB -- I HOPE I GET THAT RIGHT -- I THINK THEY HAVE REASONABLE PROOF TOO.

AND I DO THINK -- WHAT I AGREED TO OR WHAT I KIND OF SAID OR MAYBE STEVE -- SORRY, COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO -- THE FIRST TIME THIS CAME TO COUNCIL WAS THERE'S ALWAYS TURF WARS ABOUT THIS STUFF.

THERE'S A TURF WAR, IF YOU WILL, BETWEEN SANTA MONICA AND MANHATTAN BEACH ABOUT WHERE BEACH VOLLEYBALL WAS INVENTED. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE TRASH CANS ON THE STRAND, THE RECYCLING CANS SAY, AND THE TRASH CANS, MANHATTAN BEACH, HOME OF BEACH VOLLEYBALL, RIGHT, WHICH WE ALL THINK IT IS.

BUT IF YOU GO TO SANTA MONICA, THEY CLAIM BEACH VOLLEYBALL WAS INVENTED HERE.

WE'RE THE HOME OF BEACH VOLLEYBALL.

I REALLY WANT TO -- I WOULD SUPPORT A MOTION THAT WOULD OPEN THE WORLD'S -- ONE OF THE WORLD'S FIRST KNOWN SURF SHOPS AT THIS LOCATION IN THE EARLY 1950s.

I THINK THAT DOES A LOT MORE TO HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: OKAY.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: SECOND.

>> Mayor Montgomery: MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I'M GOING TO GO OUT ON -- NOT ON A LIMB BUT ON A BOARD HERE AND JUST SAY THAT SOMETHING THAT I LIKED ABOUT THIS, THE WAY IT IS NOW, IT'S A BRAND THAT LIVES TODAY AND THAT'S A GREAT HONOR, YOU KNOW, IS TO SHOW TO THE YOUNGER FOLKS THAT THAT BOARD CAME FROM THAT TIME.

SO THE SHOP MIGHT COME AND GO BUT THE BRAND LIVED ON.

SO I DIDN'T FIND THAT AS BOTHERSOME ON THIS.

BUT I'M GOING TO BACK UP AND JUST LET THE MORE MANHATTAN BEACH NATIVES --

>> Councilmember Lesser: LET THE WAVES FLOW.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYBODY ELSE HAVE COMMENTS?

FOLKS, THOSE OF YOU SCORING THIS AT HOME, WE TALKED ABOUT THIS ITEM 30 MORE MINUTES THAN WE DID ABOUT OUR ANNUAL BUDGET.

I WAS CLOCKING IT TO SEE IF WE PASSED THAT TIME.

WE SPENT 30 MORE MINUTES TALKING ABOUT THIS THAN THE ANNUAL BUDGET.

CREDIT TO JACKIE AND HER TEAM FOR TAKING 11 YEARS TO BRING IT TO THIS COUNCIL TO MAKE SURE IT MOVED FORWARD.

WITH THAT, A FIRST FROM COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH, A SECOND FROM COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: CAN WE CLARIFY WHAT THE LANGUAGE WAS?

>> Councilmember Howorth: MY MOTION -- OH, GOLLY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU WROTE IT DOWN HERE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I DID BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE.

DALE VELZY OPENED ONE OF THE WORLD'S FIRST KNOWN SURF SHOPS AT THIS LOCATION IN THE EARLY 1950s.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO PUT THAT AT.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: SURFBOARD SHOPS?

>> Councilmember Howorth: YEAH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WHERE DO YOU WANT THAT TO GO.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THE SAME PLACE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: MY SECOND STAYS.

>> COULD WE CLARIFY, IS IT THIS SITE OR THIS LOCATION?
SORRY.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I HAD SITE.
WHATEVER YOU WANT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: IT'S SHORTER.
FOUR LETTERS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYBODY ELSE HAVE ANY CHANGES?
KRISTEN, YOU GOOD?
ALL RIGHT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I BETTER LEARN TO SURF NOW.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: 32 MINUTES.

>> Councilmember Howorth: 11 YEARS AND 32 MINUTES.

BUT WE HAD FIVE BUDGET MEETINGS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ITEM 12, CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING A PURCHASE ORDER TO SOUTH BAY FOUNDRY FOR TREE GRATES FOR THE DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN BEACH AND NORTH MANHATTAN BEACH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS PULLED BY COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: YES, YOUR HONOR.

SPEAKING OF SURFBOARD SHOPS, THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT. BUT HAVING BEEN THE LIAISON TO THE BUSINESS DISTRICT BEFORE AND SEEING WHAT WE'VE DONE PARTIALLY DOWNTOWN, THIS DESIGN JUST SO UNDERWHELMS ME.

AND I KNOW IT'S OFF THE SHELF FOR THE, YOU KNOW, PUTTING AROUND THE TREES THERE.

BUT WE'VE GOT MUCH BETTER DESIGNS WE'VE IMPLEMENTED DOWNTOWN.

WHY AREN'T WE IMPLEMENTING THE KIND OF RAINDROP DESIGN?

WHY AREN'T WE DOING THAT UP HERE?

WHY CAN'T WE GET THAT?

WHY DO WE HAVE TO GO WITH THE STANDARD, THIS IS A GRATE, THIS IS THE BEST GRATE OF ALL GRATES.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THE GREATEST GRATE?

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THE GREATEST GRATE OF GRATES.

>> QUESTION UNDERSTOOD.

OUR FIELD OFFICER WILL ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

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

SO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NORTH MANHATTAN BEACH AND DOWNTOWN, THE

GRATES THAT WE HAVE IN NORTH MANHATTAN BEACH, THOSE WERE INSTALLED AT A TIME WHERE TREES WERE PUT IN DIRECTLY IN THE CENTER OF THE TREE WELL.

SO WE HAD THE LUXURY OF INSTALLING THE TREE THEN INSTALLING THE GRATE.

NOW IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA WE'RE DEALING WITH AN EXISTING CONDITION TO WHERE A LOT OF THE TREES ARE OFF CENTER, EITHER LEFT, RIGHT, FORWARD OR BACK.

THIS GRATE DESIGN ALLOWS US TO MANIPULATE THE OPENING TO ACCOMMODATE THE LOCATION OF THE TRUNK CURRENTLY.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: WE CAN'T DO THAT WITH THE OTHER DESIGNS?

>> NO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: TO BE HONEST, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PLANTERS OUT THERE WHERE TREES WERE RECENTLY AND THEY'RE NOT THERE ANYMORE AND THEY ARE PLANTED RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH THOSE.

BUT OKAY.

IT'S UGLY TO ME, BUT YOU GUYS CAN LIVE WITH IT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: OTHER QUESTIONS FOR MR. ROBERTS HERE AT COUNCIL?

ALL RIGHT.

PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE.

ANYONE HERE WANT TO TALK ABOUT GRATES?

NO ONE?

ANYONE ON ZOOM?

NO ONE?

WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

COUNCIL.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: JUST TO FOLLOW UP ON THE QUESTION OF COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO AND TO VERIFY WHETHER THERE ARE ALTERNATIVE STYLES THAT ARE AVAILABLE THAT MIGHT ALSO HAVE THE CONCENTRIC DESIGN OR WAS THIS TRULY JUST IT AFTER A SEARCH? IS THIS THE PRESUMPTION OF STAFF OR DID STAFF REVIEW WHAT WAS OUT THERE?

>> SO WE TRIED TO ACQUIRE GRATES THAT WILL MEET THE NEED OF SAFEGUARDING THE SIDEWALKS FROM TRIP AND FALLS AND FOCUSING MORE ON THAT THAN THE ARTISTIC DESIGN, I WOULD ADMIT THAT. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE PRIOR GRATES WERE DEVELOPED BY A FOUNDRY THAT'S NO LONGER IN BUSINESS SO WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT VENDOR TO GO TO.

IF IT'S THE COUNCIL'S DESIRE FOR US TO EXPLORE SOMETHING THAT IS -- HAS MORE ARTISTIC VALUE, WE COULD DO THAT.

AS MANAGER ROBERTS MENTIONED, ONE OF THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE IS TREES AT VARIOUS STAGES OF THEIR MATURITY AND SOME OF THEM PROBABLY CENTER THAT WE COULD GET SOMETHING MORE ARTISTIC.

SOME OF THEM ARE OFFSET AND IT'S GOING TO BE A TRICK TO GET THE

GRATES INSTALLED IN THE FIRST PLACE AND TRYING TO MITIGATE THE TRIP AND FALL HAZARD WAS REALLY THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE PROJECT.

>> Councilmember Lesser: OKAY.

AND WHAT I DID NOT HEAR WAS A COMMENT ABOUT COSTS, THAT THESE PERHAPS ARE LESS EXPENSIVE THAN ANOTHER ONE.

THIS IS THE ONE THAT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THE NEED HERE AND THAT'S WHY THE STAFF IS SELECTING THIS TYPE OF GRATE?

>> CORRECT.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THAT'S ALL FOR NOW.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: JUST TO REITERATE, I MEAN, THIS TO ME, IT'S NOT A SMALL PURCHASE.

IT'S \$200,000.

I JUST -- YOU KNOW, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT VISION, WE TALK ABOUT A REDO AND A REFRESH OF THE DOWNTOWN AND OTHER AREAS, THIS IS NOT THE FIRST DESIGN THAT COMES TO MIND.

IT'S UTILITARIAN, I UNDERSTAND THAT.

I GUESS I WOULD LOOK TO MAKE UP FOR DESIGN OF OTHER THINGS I KEEP WANTING TO REDO THE SIDEWALKS DOWN THERE AND SET ASIDE MONEY FOR THAT.

I CAN'T SEEM TO GET TRACTION ON THAT.

BUT OUR DOWNTOWN AND SOME OF OUR COMMERCIAL AREAS ARE

FRANKLY -- WE BENEFIT FROM OUR LOCATION CERTAINLY AND WE CAN JUST

LET THINGS CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE.

BUT OUR COMMERCIAL AREAS ARE LOOKING SHABBY.

THEY NEED IMPROVEMENT.

NEED UPGRADES.

THE TILES ARE TERRIBLE, BROKEN OUT IN MANY PLACES STILL, THEY'RE FILLED IN IN SPOTS WITH JUST CEMENT OR THEY HAVE -- IT'S A WHOLE MISHMASH OF LOOK DOWN THERE.

AND WE'RE SPENDING \$400,000 FOR A CONSULTANT TO TELL US ABOUT OUTDOOR DINING AND OTHER THINGS AND YET WE'RE NOT SPENDING A PENNY SO FAR ON INFRASTRUCTURE THAT UPLIFTS AND REVITALIZES, IMPROVES OUR DOWNTOWN.

SO THESE BAND-AIDS, I GET IT, TRIP AND FALLS, WE STICK OUT DECOMPOSED GRANITE IN A LOT OF THE OPENINGS TOO AND CREATE THOSE AT SIDEWALK LEVEL.

I MEAN, I'M NOT A FAN, BUT I'LL SEE WHERE IT GOES.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: SO I WANT TO ASK, THOUGH, COULD WE DIRECT STAFF TO GO OUT AND MAKE IT MORE AESTHETICALLY PLEASING? COULD YOU, YOU KNOW -- I THINK WHAT WE'RE STRUGGLING WITH OR WHAT STAFF IS PROBABLY STRUGGLING WITH IS THEY WANT TO GET THEM INSTALLED TO REDUCE OUR RISK AND LIABILITY.

BUT IS -- COULD THERE BE -- I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WERE CHARGED WITH INITIALLY.

SO WAS IT GO FUND SOMETHING THAT IS COST EFFECTIVE AND/OR CAN BE

DONE RELATIVELY QUICKLY -- OR NOT QUICKLY BUT, YOU KNOW, IN A
TIMELY MANNER, OR -- BECAUSE MAYBE THEY WEREN'T GIVEN THE
DIRECTION, HEY, LISTEN, YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON, YOU
KNOW, WAYFINDING, WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON ALL OF THIS STUFF.
MAKE IT SIMPLE BUT NICE.

SHOULD WE GIVE THEM THIS DIRECTION, THIS IS WHAT THERE IS, THIS
IS WHAT EXISTS.

THE QUESTION IS ONE, COULD COUNCIL SEND YOU BACK ARE THERE OTHER
OPTIONS OUT THERE BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT
WOULD RISE TO AN METIC LEVEL.

IS THAT POSSIBLE IF WE SEND YOU BACK.

THE OTHER QUESTION IS ARE WE IN JEOPARDY -- ARE THERE SOME DANGER
AREAS, I'M GOING TO TRIP WHILE WALKING MY DOG --

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THROW SOME MULCH DOWN.

>> SO I THINK CERTAINLY WE WOULD LOOK FARTHER AND WIDER.

WE DO HAVE CONSTRAINTS, LIKE I MENTIONED, WITH TRUNK SIZE AND
LOCATION AND WHATNOT WHICH IS A LIMITING FACTOR IN SOME OF THESE
AREAS.

WE DO HAVE NEW KING PALM TREES THAT WE'RE LOOKING TO ACQUIRE FOR
SOME OF THE VACANT TREE WELLS.

SO THERE IS POTENTIALLY SOME OPPORTUNITY THERE.

WITH THESE TYPES OF TREE GRATES WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO
SAFEGUARD THE SIDEWALK.

I WOULD SAY HONESTLY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DOESN'T THINK

THEY'RE UGLY.

BUT CERTAINLY THAT IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER.

AND YOU'RE RIGHT, WE WEREN'T GOING OUT THERE WITH THE SPECIFIC CHARGE ON HOW DECORATIVE THEY COULD BE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: AND THAT MIGHT BE -- IF I MAY, YOU KNOW, MAYBE SOME COMMENTS LIKE WE WANT IT TO BE A CERTAIN COLOR OR A CERTAIN SHAPE OR WHATEVER MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO THEM IF WE WANT TO SEND THEM BACK OUT.

I'M OKAY APPROVING IT.

BUT IF WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE THIS AN OPPORTUNITY, THEN LET'S TAKE IT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I HAVE ONE FOLLOW-UP QUESTION WHICH COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO'S COMMENTS TRIGGERED.

TO THE EXTENT THAT WE'RE EXPLORING SOME CHANGES IN THE LANDSCAPE WITH THE OUTDOOR DINING SOLUTION, ARE THESE GRATES GOING TO BE FLEXIBLE, INTERCHANGEABLE FOR WHATEVER MIGHT BE REDESIGNED TO THE EXTENT THAT WE MIGHT BE WIDENING SIDEWALKS, FOR EXAMPLE.

>> NOT KNOWING WHAT THAT ULTIMATE DESIGN WILL BE AND WHEN THAT WILL BE, MY RECOMMENDATION FROM RISK MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVE IS LET'S GET THE GRATES IN AS SOON AS WE CAN.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I'M THE WORLD'S WORST GARDENER BUT DO

WE HAVE DECOMPOSED GRANITE AROUND THE TREES RIGHT NOW IN THE WELL?

>> WE DO.

AND ON THE TREE WELLS THAT DON'T HAVE GRATES, AND THAT IS A TEMPORARY SOLUTION, NOT THE LONG-TERM SOLUTION.

IT'S A STRUGGLE TO MAINTAIN BECAUSE WE HAVE TO CONSTANTLY REFILL AND REPACK.

A LEGITIMATE TREE GRATE IS THE SOLUTION.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: SO IF WE ARE GOING TO PUT A GRATE IN THERE, WOULD WE TREAT THE SOIL, LOOSEN IT UP SO THAT THE WATER CAN GO AHEAD AND GET DOWN?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

THE TREE GREAT IS TO PREVENT THE PUBLIC FROM FALLING INTO THE WELL AND ALSO PROPERLY IRRIGATED SO THAT THE TREE THRIVES.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM ME.

I THINK WE'RE GOOD ON THIS ONE.

WITH APOLOGIES HERE OF TALKING ABOUT GRATES OF WRATH.

I DIDN'T GET THE MEMO OF HAVING DECORATIVE.

IF THAT WAS A CHARGE, WE SHOULD HAVE TOLD PUBLIC WORKS THAT IN THE BEGINNING.

I DON'T REMEMBER THAT CONVERSATION.

MAYBE WE DID.

I DON'T THINK WE DID OR THEY WOULD HAVE TOLD ME WE CAN'T FIND

DECORATIVE PLATES.

IF THEY'RE OUT THERE, I'M ALL FOR IT.

IF SOMEONE HAS DECORATIVE PLATES, I'M COOL WITH IT.

IF NOT, I'M ALSO WORRIED ABOUT THE NEXT THING.

WHY DIDN'T YOU GUYS DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

IT'S BEEN SITTING THERE FOR SIX MONTHS.

AND WE'RE SITTING ON OUR HANDS LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GRATE

THAT'S GOING TO LOOK GOOD HERE.

YOU WANT TO MOVE IT FORWARD OR DELAY IT LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT
GREAT.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: HAS TO SECOND IT FIRST.

>> Councilmember Lesser: WAS THERE PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> Mayor Montgomery: I THOUGHT SO.

NO ONE BUZZED IN FROM THE NORTH WEDNESDAY OR DOWNTOWN.

YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE I DID IT AGAIN.

I'LL REOPEN PUBLIC COMMENT TO MAKE SURE WE DID THIS.

ANYONE HERE WANT TO TALK ABOUT GRATES?

NO ONE?

HOW ABOUT ON ZOOM.

ANYONE FROM THE NORTH END OR DOWNTOWN OR ANYWHERE ELSE?

WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE SECOND TIME.

PUBLIC COMMENT HAS BEEN HEARD TWICE.

NO ONE HAS TALKED.

I'LL MAKE A SECOND.

THERE WE GO.

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS?

ROLL CALL PLEASE.

>> MOTION PASSES 4-1.

>> Mayor Montgomery: DO YOU GUYS WANT TO TAKE A BREAK BEFORE WE GO ON TO THE NEXT ITEM?

>> Councilmember Howorth: THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

WHAT A GOOD IDEA YOU HAD.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A SEVEN-MINUTE BREAK AND BE BACK HERE AT 8:07.

WE'RE GOING TO RECESS UNTIL THEN.

[BRIEF RECESS]

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELCOME BACK.

WE'RE RECONVENING AND WE'RE BACK AT PUBLIC HEARING ITEM NO. 17.

THE HEARING IS ABOUT THE TEMPORARY USE PERMIT AND CULTURAL PERMIT FOR THE MANHATTAN BEACH OPEN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT.

PARKS DIRECTOR MARK LEYMAN.

>> GOOD MORNING.

OUR SENIOR RECREATION SUPERVISOR ARCHIE SHERMAN WILL BE GIVING THE PRESENTATION TONIGHT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ALL RIGHT.

>> I DON'T NEED MY GLASSES.

GOOD EVENING, MON RABBLE MAYOR MONTGOMERY AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY

COUNCIL.

THE 2023 MANHATTAN BEACH OPEN WILL MARK THE 62nd YEAR THAT THE CITY HOSTED THE EVENT KNOWN AS THE WIMBLEDON OF BEACH VOLLEYBALL AND THE MOST ICONIC VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT IN THE WORLD.

ALTHOUGH SOME MIGHT ARGUE THAT THE SIX-MAN BACK IN THE HEYDAY REACHED THAT SAME LEVEL.

THE EVENT BRINGS IN THE TOP PLAYERS TO COMPETE FOR THEIR CHANCE TO HAVE THE NAMES INSCRIBED ON THE BRONZE PLAQUE.

THIS IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AUGUST 17 THROUGH 20th.

THE EVENT WILL -- SETUP WILL BEGIN SIX DAYS BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF THE TOURNAMENT AND TEARDOWN CONCLUDES THREE DAYS AT THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT.

THE BEACH AND PARKING LOTS WILL BE CLOSED FOR TEN DAYS TO BE SURE IT IS SAFE BY PUBLIC WORKS.

SPECIAL THIS YEAR IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE APP.

OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AVP BRINGS IN THE TOP RATCH VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS AND TOP PRIZE MONEY AND THE CHANCE TO SHOWCASE OUR TOWN ON THE TELEVISION.

THE FULL TOURNAMENT IS AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON ESPN PLATFORMS DAILY.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES INCLUDE 75% FREE SEATING, TICKETED V.I.P.

AREA OVERLOOKING CENTER FOR 300 PEOPLE DAILY, LIMITED ALCOHOL

SERVICES, A QUALIFIER THAT BEGINS THURSDAY MORNING DOWN TO A

STREET WITH 32 TEAMS ADVANCE TO THE MAIN DRAW FOR EACH MAIN DRAW

FOR THE MENS AND WOMEN'S DIVISIONS.

THERE WILL BE INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY, FOOD AND GAME BOOTHS AND LOCAL VENDORS, THE WALK OF CHAMPIONS PIER CEREMONIES HONORING THE PRIOR WINNERS.

IN CONCLUSION, STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION 230063 APPROVING THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, APPROVE A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE USE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 230064 APPROVING A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE AVP AND ADOPT A DETERMINATION OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO CEQA.

I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS AND I ALSO HAVE AL HERE FOR QUESTION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I HAD A QUESTION WITH REGARD TO THE LAYOUT.

IT'S IN THE STAFF REPORT BUT YOU DON'T HAVE A SLIDE DECK AND MAYBE I CAN ASK THE QUESTION AND IF I NEED IT WE CAN PUT IT ON THE SLIDE.

I BELIEVE -- I'VE BEEN OFF COUNCIL FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS BUT I BELIEVE THE CONFIGURATION HAS CHANGED.

FROM THE PIER SPECTATOR CONSIST NO LONGER LOOK DOWN ON CENTER COURT.

IS THAT CORRECT?

>> I THINK MARTHA, WE HAVE A SCHEMATIC.

IT'S THE SAME AS LAST YEAR -- ACTUALLY PREVIOUS YEARS TOO WHERE WE HAVE TWO COURTS WHERE WE HOLD SOME OF THE SEMIFINALS ON THE -- IN BETWEEN THE PIER AND CENTER COURT AND CENTER COURT WHERE THE GRANDSTAND IS YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE FROM THE V.I.P. DECK BOTH OF THOSE COURTS.

>> Councilmember Lesser: WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE LAYOUT.

BUT TO WHAT EXTENT WAS STAFF CONCERNED ABOUT THE LAYOUT, DID STAFF RECEIVE COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE LAYOUT IN TERMS OF NOT BEING ABLE TO VIEW CENTER COURT TO THE EXTENT IT'S OBSTRUCTED FROM THE PIER?

>> I DON'T RECALL -- IT WAS VERY MINIMUM.

TO TRY TO PROVIDE WE HAD A JUMBOTRON INSTALLED SO FANS FROM THE PIER AND THE TWO OUTER COURT COULD SEE THE ISSUE.

>> Councilmember Lesser: AND THE OTHER IS THE AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED TO SHUT DOWN THE LOTS FOR SETUP AND THEN TAKEDOWN.

WE WANT TO DO THIS SAFELY AND MAKE SURE IT'S ADEQUATE TIME BUT IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S LONGER.

>> TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, WHEN THEY LOAD IN ON THAT THURSDAY BEFORE OR FRIDAY BEFORE IT WILL BE ONLY IN THE LOWER SOUTH LOT THE FIRST FEW DAYS.

THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE BRING IN ALL OF THE LARGE EQUIPMENT.

AND THEN AS WE EXPAND, DURING THAT MONDAY MORNING, THE WEEK OF THE TOURNAMENT, IT WILL TAKE THE LOWER NORTH LOT OVER AS WELL AND

THEN COME THAT -- USUALLY ABOUT THURSDAY WE'LL CLOSE THE UPPER LOTS AS WELL.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Lesser: FOLLOWING UP ON THAT I GOT AN E-MAIL FROM SOMEONE LAMENTING THE FACT THAT PEOPLE COULD NO LONGER WATCH FROM THE PIER.

IT FELT LIKE A VERY LOCAL THING TO DO.

I'M JUST WONDERING WAS IT THE AVP WHO PROPOSED THE CHANGE OF THE DESIGN OR DID WE PROPOSE IT AND WHAT IS THE REASONING FOR HAVING, YOU KNOW, THE CENTER COURT IN THE LOCATION IT'S IN NOW?

>> IT'S BEEN -- I THINK WE STARTED, CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, A COUPLE OF YEARS BEFORE COVID.

IN 2020 WE DIDN'T HOLD THE EVENT.

WE'VE HAD THIS CONCEPT AND IT DOES SERVE A GREATER NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I JUST NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHY.

YOU CAN'T FLIP IT, BUT -- OKAY.

>> AVP HAS ADDED MORE GAMES ON THAT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: GOT IT.

>> IT'S MORE SPREAD OUT FOR VIEWERSHIP AS OPPOSED TO JUST HAVING THE CENTER COURT AND NOT BEING TOO --

>> Councilmember Howorth: THAT'S HELPFUL.

>> IT SERVES FOR PEOPLE, VIEWERS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

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

HI.

I JUST WANTED TO CONFIRM, SO WHEN WE'RE ON THE PIER LOOKING OTHER THE TWO COURTS, THE SEMIFINAL COURTS AND YOU'RE LOOKING NOW AT THE SKYBOX STRUCTURE, THERE ARE TELEVISIONS ON THOSE SKY THAT ARE PROJECTING THE CENTER COURT ACTIVITY.

>> CORRECT.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: SO PEOPLE DO SEE IT IN PERSON SO TO SPEAK BUT VIA THOSE TELEVISION SCREENS.

>> I'M NOT SURE IF YOU RECALL LAST YEAR, IT WAS PRETTY FASCINATING BECAUSE IT DID GATHER A LARGE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE.

IT WAS ALMOST LIKE A PICNIC BY THE WAY OF PREPPING AND PUTTING THEIR BLANKET DOWN SECURING THEIR SPOT IN FRONT OF THE JUMBOTRON.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I WANTED TO CONFIRM, THE LANGUAGE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT PUBLIC VIEW OF THE CENTER COURT.

>> THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS WE WANTED TO EXPAND ON TOO BECAUSE -- FOR GIVE ME.

BUT THEY ALSO DID THAT AS WELL ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CENTER COURT.

AND THAT HAD THE SAME ATTRACTION AS IT DID ON THE KNOT SIDE WITH PEOPLE.

YOU KNOW, IT SERVES A LARGER FAN BASE.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: AND THEN MY ONLY OTHER QUESTION WAS

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SERVING BEER AND WINE.

IN ONE AREA IT SAYS THE TWO V.I.P. SKY DECKS ON THE NORTH AND EAST END OF SIDES OF CENTER COURT OFFERING BEER AND WINE SERVICES AND THEN ON THE NEXT PAGE THE AVP HAS PROPOSED SERVING ALCOHOL.

IS IT JUST BEER AND WINE OR IS ALCOHOL GOING TO BE --

>> FOR SPECIFICS COULD WE --

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I JUST WANT TO GET SOME CLARITY.

>> HI.

IT'S A FULL-SERVICE BAR IN THE V.I.P. AREAS BUT PRIMARILY WE SERVE BEER AND WINE.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: BUT THERE ARE THE SPIRITS, SO TO SPEAK?

>> THERE WILL BE SPIRITS, SIR.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYTHING ELSE FOR HIM?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: NO.

WE'VE BEEN FULLY ALLOWED TO SERVE ALL THESE DIFFERENT DRINKS?

>> YES.

GET THE ABC PERMITS THROUGH L.A. COUNTY BEACHES AND PERMITS.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: GREAT.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ARE YOU GOOD, JOE?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: ALL GOOD.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: SOMETHING DIFFERENT BUT WHAT ABOUT JUMBOTRON IN POLLIWOG PARK.

>> Mayor Montgomery: I LOVE IT.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: SO FOLKS WHO DON'T WANT TO -- OR WE COULD PUT IT WHERE WE'RE PUTTING UP THE LIBRARY.

>> Councilmember Howorth: TOO MANY TREES.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WITH GRATES AROUND IT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THAT'S A GREAT IDEA.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: LASERS SHOOTING OUT OF IT.

>> WE DO HAVE AN INFLATABLE MOVIE SCREEN WE COULD PROVIDE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I THINK IT'S AN ALTERNATIVE FOR FOLKS WHO DON'T WANT THE HASSLE OF CROWDS WHO MAYBE LIVE ON THAT SIDE TO WATCH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THEY PUT UP A JUMBOTRON AND PEOPLE CAN WATCH IT REMOTELY.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THEY DO THAT FOR LOTS OF WORLD CUP EVENTS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: I'M SURE IT'S IN DIRECTOR LEYMAN'S BUDGET.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: WOULD WE GET THE FEEDS FROM ESPN.

>> ESPN 2 AND THE BALLY'S STREAMING.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THE OCHO.

>> Councilmember Howorth: YOU COULDN'T GET A DIRECT FEED FROM THERE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NO FURTHER QUESTIONS?

ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

I'LL OPEN UP PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE OPEN.

ANY QUESTIONS?

OUR TIMER IS OFF SO THEY'LL RAISE THEIR HAND AND TELL YOU YOUR TIME IS UP TO SPEAK AT THAT TIME.

ANYONE ON ZOOM ON THIS ITEM?

>> Councilmember Lesser: HIGH-TECH.

>> Mayor Montgomery: CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

COUNCIL.

WHO WANTS TO MAKE THE MOTION TO START US OFF.

ANYONE?

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I WILL, YOUR HONOR.

I'M GOOD WITH THE PROPOSAL.

IT WAS GOOD LAST YEAR.

I KNOW WE HAD SOME ISSUES WITH A FEW FOLKS WHO TRADITION WANTED TO WATCH MORE FROM THE PIER AND YOU CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT IN OTHER EVENTS.

BUT WITH THE ABILITY TO HAVE TWO COURTS OUT THERE TO WATCH DURING THE DAY IN THE FINALS AND THE TV, I THINK THE BASES ARE COVERED THERE.

AND I DO -- WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE LOOK AT -- I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE MONEY WOULD COME FROM.

MAYBE IT COMES FROM THE AVP.

BUT TO PUT UP A SCREEN IN POLLIWOG PARK AND SEE WHAT WE CAN GET.

WE WOULD HAVE TO ADVERTISE IT.

NO ONE IS GOING TO SHOW UP IF WE DON'T LET THEM KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE THERE.

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THAT AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR FOLK TO VIEW AS WELL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: GOOD IDEA.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THAT.

IT IS ON A SUNDAY AND I WONDER IF THERE IS A CONCERT IN THE PARK. OTHERWISE WE WOULDN'T DO IT.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THE FINALS ARE DONE BY 2:00, I THINK.

2 OR 3:00 THEY'RE DONE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THAT, ASKING STAFF TO FIGURE OUT IF IT'S POSSIBLE.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: DIRECT STAFF TO REPORT BACK IF IT'S VIEWABLE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: I'LL WHAT THIS UP HERE.

THIS IS MY 14th YEAR WITH YOU, THE TWO LONGEST, MARK AND ARCHIE. IT'S 14th YEAR.

AND DIFFERENT FORMATS FROM '05 ON AND OFF UNTIL LAST YEAR.

IT ADJUSTS BASED ON CROWD AND WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE ECONOMICS.

I THINK IT'S ONE ITEMS -- LIKE THE ROSE BOWL, THIS IS OUR ROSE BOWL.

THE WHOLE COUNTRY GETS TO WATCH FROM NEW YORK OR LONDON AND YOU SEE THE BEAUTIFUL MANHATTAN BEACH BACKDROP.

AS TIME GOES ON I'VE HEARD LESS AND LESS COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS.

IT'S PART OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL BACKGROUND TO HAVE IT HERE. WE'RE NOT BLOCKING ACCESS TO THE BEACH.

YOU WANT TO WALK TO THE BEACH.

NO ONE IS BLOCKING YOU.

YES, IT IS MORE CROWDED AND THERE ARE CERTAIN AREAS YOU CAN'T WALK THROUGH.

BUT NOT ONE RESIDENT HAS CALLED ME SAYING I DON'T LIKE IT.

IT HASN'T HAPPENED.

EITHER YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB OR WE'RE DOING ALTOGETHER A GREAT JOB.

IT'S BECOME SUCH AN AUTOMATIC FIXTURE AND IT'S RUN SO WELL FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THAT WE'RE NOT GETTING E-MAILS AND CALLS ABOUT IT.

THAT'S THE BEST THING.

WE GET TO ENJOY IT.

IT SETS UP WHEN IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE SET UP AND GONE WHEN IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE GONE.

WE WISH YOU SUCCESS.

A FIRST FROM COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO AND A SECOND FROM MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN AND VOTING SCREEN, PLEASE.

>> JUST TO CLARIFY, THAT'S ITEMS B THROUGH E ON THE AGENDA PLUS THE DIRECTION TO STAFF ABOUT THE JUMBOTRON AT POLLIWOG.

>> Mayor Montgomery: AS NOTED.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: GREAT.

THANK YOU.

GOOD LUCK.

THOSE OF YOU WONDERING, ALL OF OUR COSTS TO THE CITY FOR THE MB OPEN ARE PAID FOR BY THE AVP.

POLICE, FIRE, PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND REC, ALL REIMBURSED COSTS.

CITY IS NOT PAYING ANY MONEY OUT TO BE THE HOST.

NEXT ITEM UP, ITEM 18, PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL LEVY AND ELECTION OF STREET LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING DISTRICT MAINTENANCE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

FINANCE DIRECTOR CHARELIAN.

>> I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO LIBBY.

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

I APOLOGIZE.

THIS ITEM ISN'T AS FUN AS ARCHIE'S WAS.

BUT THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT RESOLUTION NO. 2380 PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF STREET LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING DISTRICT MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR

2023-2024.

ON APRIL 4th THIS STARTED THE PROCESS WITH THE ORDERING OF THE ENGINEER'S REPORT INCLUDING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT IN 23-24.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE ADOPTION OF TWO RESOLUTIONS ON MAY 16th INCLUDING RESOLUTION 2346 WHICH APPROVED THE ENGINEER'S REPORT AND RESOLUTION 2347 WHICH DECLARED THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE AND SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR TONIGHT ON JUNE 20th.

SO WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION IN FRONT OF YOU TONIGHT, ASSESSMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE LEVIED IN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1st.

ASSESSMENTS ON BASED SOLELY ON LAND USE AND NOT CHANGED SINCE 1996 RESULTING IN A DEFICIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 20 '2-24.

ANY INCREASE WOULD REQUIRE A PROPOSITION 218 VOTE.

NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE BEACH REPORTER AND THIS IS THE LAST CITY COUNCIL ACTION BEFORE THE ASSESSMENTS ARE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY FOR INCLUSION ON THE PROPERTY TAX BILLS.

WE HAVE CAROL HILL FROM HARRIS AND ASSOCIATES TO NIGHT.

AND WE'RE BOTH HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU, LIBBY.

COUNCIL, ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM?

SEEING NONE, I'LL OPEN UP PUBLIC COMMENT.

LIBBY, STAND BY FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

ANYBODY HERE WANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS ITEM, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF STREET LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE.

SEEING NO ONE IN THE AUDIENCE.

HOW ABOUT ZOOM.

NO ONE ON ZOOM.

WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

COUNCIL.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LESSER, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Lesser: MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 20 '2-0080 PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL 23-24.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

VOTING SCREENING.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: MY OBSERVATION OF THIS BEFORE I VOTE IS THIS IS ANOTHER PRIORITY FUND THOUGH THAT WE RUN A DEFICIT IN AND THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME POINT WHERE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO TO THE VOTERS TO INCREASE THE LEVY.

I DON'T THINK IT'S BEEN INCREASED SINCE THE '90s.

WE'RE DOING THIS BUT IT'S SUBSIDIZED BY THE GENERAL FUND WHICH MEANS AT SOME POINT THERE WON'T BE AS MUCH MONEY FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES, ADDITIONAL POLICE.

SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND.

>> Mayor Montgomery: I AGREE.

THANK YOU.

>> MOTION PASSES 5-0.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

OUR NEXT ITEM UP I'LL ANNOUNCE IT FIRST AND THEN -- CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION RELATED TO THE MARINE FIELD TURF REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I HAVE TO RECUSE MYSELF FROM THIS ITEM.

MY WIFE SERVES ON THE BOARD OF VISTAMAR SCHOOL.

EVEN THOUGH IT'S A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, SHE RECEIVES NO COMPENSATION FROM IT.

BUT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF PERCEPTION, BECAUSE THE SCHOOL HAS A ROLE IN THIS ITEM, THE BEST CHOICE IS TO RECUSE MYSELF.

I'LL BE STEPPING AWAY FROM THE DAIS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THIS ITEM IS LED BY PARK DIRECTOR MARK LEYMAN.

>> MELISSA, OUR SENIOR RECREATION MANAGER WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM.

>> AND AGAIN THE ITEM BEFORE YOU TONIGHT IS CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING OPTIONS FOR THE MARINE FIELD TURF REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

AS YOU RECALL CITY COUNCIL DID AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SOLICIT BIDS AT YOUR APRIL MEETING.

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF PLANS TO RETURN ON JULY 5th, 2023, TO

RECOMMEND A CONTRACT AWARD AS WELL AS REALLOCATION OF \$200,000 FROM THE DEFERRED PARK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM TO HELP FUND THE \$600,000 PROJECT.

AT THE SAME MEETING CITY COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF TO LOOK INTO ALTERNATIVE FUNDING MODELS FOR THE MARINE FIELD TURF REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN PART DUE TO A RECOMMENDATION FROM A COMMUNITY MEMBER. STAFF WILL PRESENT TWO OPTION THIS EVENING.

OPTION ONE, PREFERRED OPTION, IS UTILIZING ACCUMULATED MEASURE A GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000.

THE MEASURE A GRANT PROGRAM PROVIDES FORMULA BRACED ALLOCATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.

THE CURRENT BALANCE IN MANHATTAN BEACH'S CAPITAL ACCOUNT IS OVER \$700,000 WITH AN ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF 150,000 ANTICIPATED FOR 2023, LEAVING AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR OTHER PRIORITY PARKS PROJECTS AS WELL.

THE PRIMARY ADVANTAGE OF THE STRATEGY IS AVAILABILITY WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS FORWARD.

THE USE POLICY PROVIDES PRIORITY FOR THE MANHATTAN BEACH COMMUNITY USER GROUPS BUT THERE WOULD BE FLEXIBILITY AND WHEN AND WHERE USER GROUPS ARE ALLOCATED TIMES FOR PRACTICE AND GAMES.

STAFF PROPOSES RETURNING TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THE PER PLAYER FEES FOR SPORTS ORGANIZATION, THE FIELD FEES AND THE TURF REPLACEMENT FUND FOR REPLACING BOTH MARINE FIELD AND MANHATTAN BEACH VILLAGE EVERY TEN YEARS AND THOSE WOULD BE STAGGERED EVERY FIVE YEAR.

WE'RE NOT PROPOSING ADDITIONAL FEES TONIGHT.

HOWEVER, FEES WILL BE SET WITH THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING SUFFICIENT REVENUE TO FULLY FUND FUTURE TURF REPLACEMENT PROJECTS.

OPTION TWO FOR THE ADDITIONAL \$400,000 OF FUNDING FOR THE MARINE TURF REPLACEMENT PROJECT IS ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM USER GROUPS IN EXCHANGE FOR DEDICATED FIELD USE FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

THIS IS THE METHOD USED FOR THE ORIGINAL PROJECT IN 2013 AS WELL AS THE TURF PROJECT.

STAFF WAS APPROACHED WITH A PROPOSAL TO PARTNER AGAIN TO PAY FOR SYNTHETIC TURF AT MARINE AND THE SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS AGREED TO PAY \$300,000 FOR THE PROJECT.

STAFF APPROACHED VISTAMAR SCHOOL ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000 CONTRIBUTION AS THE SCHOOL HELPED PAY FOR THE PREVIOUS PROJECT IN 2013 AND DOES NOT UTILIZE FIELD HOURS IN DEMAND BY OTHER SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS.

PER THE DRAFT AGREEMENTS, IF APPROVED THE CITY WOULD GRANT DEDICATED AND EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE FIELD WITH NO ADDITIONAL CHARGES EXCEPT FOR LIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER OF 2023 TO AUGUST OF 2033 FOR A TOTAL OF 2100 HOURS ANNUALLY OR 21,000 HOURS OF THE COURSE OF THE AGREEMENTS IN EXCHANGE FOR \$400,000 OF PROJECT FUNDING.

SO IT IS CLEAR THAT THE SYNTHETIC TURF AT MARINE FIELD IS

DEFINITELY IN NEED OF REPLACEMENT THIS YEAR.

STAFF RECOMMENDS APPLYING MEASURE A GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 IN LIEU OF DEDICATED FUNDING.

THAT CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATION BUT WE'RE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: WELL DONE, MELISSA.

STAND BY FOR QUESTIONS I'M SURE.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I DID WANT TO COMMENT, WOW.

YOU GAVE A VERY EFFICIENT STAFF REPORT.

I APPRECIATE THAT.

REALLY THOROUGH AND QUICKLY DONE.

NOT THAT YOU HAD TO RUSH, BUT THANK YOU.

THAT'S ALL.

IT WAS IMPRESSIVE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: CONCISE.

I LIKE THAT, TOO.

ANYONE ELSE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

I HAVE ONE.

I'M GLAD YOU COULD GET CERTAIN SEN ON THE SAME PAGE.

ALL OF US KNOW IT'S NOT EASY TO DO, TO BALANCE BOTH OF THE GROUPS.

THE ONLY QUESTION I COULDN'T ANSWER FROM THE E-MAILS ABOUT IT IS

I DON'T KNOW WHAT FIELD TURF NUMBER IS IT.

WHAT ARE WE ON SEVEN OR EIGHT?

I KNOW MARTYRS PUT IN SEVEN AND IF YOU WALKED ONTO THE FIELD AT REDONDO'S FIELD, THEY HAVE LONGER BLADES OF GRASS AND IT'S A LITTLE MORE CUSHION.

DO WE KNOW WHAT FIELD TURF WE'RE GOING TO REPLACE IT WITH?

>> THAT'S WHEN WE'RE RETURNING ON JULY 5th.

WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT NOW OR COME BACK ON JULY 5th AND GIVE YOU THE DETAILS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: I WAS CURIOUS IN YOU KNEW.

>> WE THINK YOU'LL BE PLEASED.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: IS THERE GOING TO BE THE A LOGO IN THE MIDDLE AGAIN?

>> YES.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: IS IT GOING TO BE THE SEAL OR THE LOGO?

>> THE NEW CITY BRAND.

WE HAVE THE DESIGN.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THERE'S YOUR VISION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THAT WAS GREAT, MELISSA.

STAND BY FOR ANY COMMENTS WE HAVE.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

WHO WANTS TO TALK ABOUT THE NEW TURF FIELD AT MARINE PARK.

ANYONE?

NO.

HOW ABOUT ON ZOOM, MARTHA.

NO RAISED HANDS FOR THE FIELD.

THAT'S GOING TO COMPROMISE EVERYBODY.

WE'LL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH YOU'RE UP AGAIN.

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

I AM IN SUPPORT OF OPTION ONE.

I THINK IT IS THRILLING ACTUALLY THAT WE ARE ABLE TO IDENTIFY MEASURE A FUNDING TO REPLACE THE TURF AND NOT GO OUT TO THE USER GROUPS -- I MEAN THEY'LL PAY USER FEES.

I THINK THIS IS THE WAY -- THE OPTIMAL WAY TO DO IT BECAUSE THIS WAY WE CAN ALLOCATE THE TIME AS WE NEED, YOU KNOW.

IF WE WANT IT FOR OTHER GROUPS THAT AREN'T SOCCER TEAMS OR WHATEVER, WE CAN DO THAT.

I WANT TO SAY THOUGH TO THE GROUPS THAT ARE CONTRIBUTED HUGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY IN THE PAST, WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD THE GREAT SOCCER FIELDS WE HAVE WITHOUT IT.

IT WAS TRULY -- YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN SO WONDERFUL IN THIS COMMUNITY TO SEE THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS THAT HAVE EVOLVED AND BEEN SO FRUITFUL.

BUT THIS IS THE WAY TO FUND CITY INFRASTRUCTURE.

I'M THRILLED WE CAN DO THIS AND THAT WILL BE MY MOTION TO APPROVE

OPTION ONE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

I AGREE WITH OPTION ONE.

I CAN'T SAY I'M AS THRILLED.

IN FACT I'M RATHER CONFLICTED BECAUSE I'M NOT A FAN OF ARTIFICIAL
TURF FIELDS.

AND I GET THAT THE USERS LIKE THEM.

THEY'RE USER FRIENDLY FOR THE MOST PART.

IN A LOT OF WAYS VERY LOW MAINTENANCE FOR THEM.

STILL SOME MAINTENANCE FOR US.

I FIND A LITTLE HYPOCRISY WITH OUR ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS AND THEN
NOT ONLY JUST THE SYNTHETIC NATURE OF IT AND I WOULD QUESTION
WHETHER THE DRAINAGE IS THE SAME AS NATURAL TURF.

BUT IT'S ALSO JUST THE HEAT GENERATION.

IF YOU'VE BEEN DOWN THERE, I'M SURE YOU HAVE, BUT IT IS DEGREES
DIFFERENCE WHEN YOU'RE ON THERE.

IT TAKES A TOLL ON THE PLAYERS.

WE TALK ABOUT THE HARD SURFACES CONTRIBUTING TO HEAT IN CITIES
AND YOU CREATE HEAT DESERTS IN CITIES.

THIS SOMEONE OF THOSE CONTRIBUTING THINGS.

I'M NOT THRILLED ABOUT REPLACING ARTIFICIAL TURF WITH ARTIFICIAL
TURF.

I GET THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GOING.

I HOPE IN THE FUTURE WE HAVE A BETTER SOLUTION, A COOLER SOLUTION IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE IT IS FIVE TO TEN DEGREES HOTTER IN THOSE THINGS.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ABSOLUTELY.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN.

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

SO I'VE SEEN THE DIFFERENCE FROM BETWEEN NOT HAVING TURF AND HAVING TURF.

AND I THINK THERE'S FAR FEWER INJURIES ON HAVING TURF.

THAT PARTICULAR FIELD, I REMEMBER BROOKS COMING UP FROM BEFORE.

THAT IS NOT TO SAY IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN TREATED BETTER BUT IN THE REALITY TOWARDS THE END OF THE SEASON, ESPECIALLY WITH THE

WEAR AND TEAR, A NATURAL TURF FIELD JUST DOESN'T MAINTAIN -- YOU KNOW, IT CAN'T BE MAINTAINED EXCEPT AT GREAT EXPENSE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FACTOR IS BUT I'M SURE IT'S PROBABLY HIGHER TO MAINTAIN THAT.

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TRUST THAT THE TECHNOLOGY IS BETTER AND BETTER WITH AN EYE TOWARDS THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN THAT ARE PLAYING AND EVEN THE ADULTS WHEN THEY PLAY.

AND YOU KNOW, THE ENVIRONMENTAL, YOU KNOW, ISSUES, THAT COME.

SO I'M GOING TO SUPPORT OPTION NUMBER ONE.

I THINK, OH, BOY.

I MEAN YOU TALK ABOUT TURF WARS, I REMEMBER COACHING AND JUST FIELD TIME IS SUCH A -- YOU KNOW, IT'S SUCH A BIG ISSUE.

AND I THINK RETURNING IT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION, THEY'RE GOING TO BE THE BEST ARBITERS OF WHO PLAYS WHEN AND ALSO FOR -- LIKE AS COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH MENTIONED, THE SPONTANEOUS EVENTS THAT MIGHT HAPPEN AS WELL.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYONE HAVE ANY COMMENTS ABOUT THE FIELD USE SIDE LETTERS AND IN THE [INDISCERNIBLE]?

ANY ISSUES WITH THAT?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I THINK WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CHANGE IT TO RICHMOND, WHATEVER, TED LASSO.

>> Mayor Montgomery: I'LL WRAP UP HERE.

THOSE OF WHO PLAYING ON ASTROTURF ONE, ASTRODOME TEXAS, IT WAS A THIN LAYER OF ASTROTURF WITH NO PELLETS IN BETWEEN, NO OVERLAYER OF UPPER CONCRETE.

I STILL HAVE TURF BURNS FROM FOOTBALL TO REMEMBER THAT.

THERE WAS NO CUSHION BACK THERE.

YOU HIT THE GROUND AND BOUNCED BACK UP.

THE GENERATION NOW, I THINK YOU'RE ON SEVEN, IT'S A LOT MORE FORGIVING.

THERE'S A SPONGE PUSH-OFF WHEN YOU PUSH OFF OF IT.

AND TO STEVE'S POINT, I THINK IT'S A WARMER CLIMATE.

I CAN TELL YOU IN THE SUMMERTIME OR SPRING TRAINING, I CAN TELL YOU THE HEAT IS IMMENSE WHEN YOU'RE OUTSIDE.

BUT THERE IS A HEAT DIFFERENTIAL, THE PLASTIC WILL HEALTH.

HERE HOPEFULLY WE WON'T SEE THAT.

STILL IT'S A CONCERN GOING FORWARD VERSUS THE OPTION THAT MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN MENTIONED, THE BEST OPTION GOING FORWARD.

SOMEBODY INVENTS A BETTER TEMPERATURE USE OR COOL, HOW TO GET THAT DONE, IT'S A BETTER OPTION GOING FORWARD.

AND THE COUNTY GIVES US BACK \$400,000 OF OUR OWN MONEY TO PAY FOR A \$600,000 PROJECT.

THAT'S ANOTHER MAJOR DECISION OF WHY WE'RE MOVING IT FORWARD, VERSUS FERTILIZER AND GRASS AND WEAR AND TEAR, BROKEN ANKLES THAT WE'RE SEEING FROM REGULAR GRASS.

I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY'S COMMENTS TONIGHT.

A FIRST FROM COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH AND A SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN ON BOTH ITEMS A AND B.

ON RESOLUTION NO. -- WHAT'S THE RESOLUTION NUMBER, COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH.

>> Councilmember Howorth: THE ONE IT IS.
23-0015.

>> NO ACTION ON THE SIDE LETTERS.

>> Councilmember Howorth: RIGHT.

>> IT'S JUST WE'LL GET THE FUND, RIGHT.

THAT WAS OPTION B.

YOU'RE GOING WITH OPTION A.

>> Councilmember Howorth: OPTION A.

>> Mayor Montgomery: VOTING SCREEN.

>> Councilmember Howorth: DO WE NEED TO GO TO DAVIDS AND PRESS
ABSTAIN OR IS THAT OKAY?

>> WE'LL DO IT.

>> MOTION PASSES 4-0-1 WITH COUNCILMEMBER LESSER ABSTAINING.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK YOU ALL.

WELL DONE.

>> Councilmember Howorth: SHHH.

HERE HE COMES.

>> Mayor Montgomery: OKAY.

LET'S SEE.

ITEM L, CITY COUNCIL REQUESTS AND REPORTS INCLUDING AB1234.

ANYONE GO ANYWHERE SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING?

ANY MEETINGS OUTSIDE WITH ANY OTHER DAs ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY?

YOU REPORTED THAT.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH DID YOU GO ANYWHERE?

>> Councilmember Howorth: MIRRA CO-THAT GRADUATION.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU WERE THERE REPRESENTING.

CONGRATS ALSO TO -- I KNOW SHE'S NOT WATCHING BUT HILLARY AND ALL
OF THE REST OF THE PEOPLE MB SUCCESSFUL WINE ACTION.

I DON'T KNOW THE TOTAL NUMBER THEY RAISED.

>> Councilmember Howorth: 1.3, I THINK.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THANK PD FOR BEING THERE, CHIEF.

THEY BLOCKED THE TRAFFIC BEHIND THE MALL TO BLOCK THE DISTRACTED
VIEWERS AND FORCED ALL ACCESS TO COME OFF OF ROSECRANS.

IT FORCED THE RIDESHARE -- IT WAS REALLY WELL ORGANIZED.
ALL OF THE OFFICERS WHO WORKED IT, IT WAS SUCH A SIMPLE PROGRAM.
WHEN THEY MAN IT THAT WAY, IT'S NO HEADACHES, NO CONFUSED DRIVERS
AND NO ACCIDENTS.

THAT WAS THE KEY HERE.

PROPS EVERYONE INVOLVED FOR DOING THAT.

NEXT ITEM UP IS ITEM 21, CONSIDER REQUEST BY MYSELF, MAYOR PRO
TEM FRANKLIN AND DISCUSS REVISITING THE APPOINTMENT TO THE LOS
ANGELES COUNTY WEST VECTOR CONTROL BOARD.

CITY MANAGER MOE, DO YOU WANT TO START AND I'LL FOLLOW BEHIND
YOU?

>> THIS IS SOMETHING YOURSELF AND MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN BROUGHT
UP AT THE LAST MEETING.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A THIRD VOTE TO MOVE THIS FORWARD IF YOU SO
CHOOSE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: CAN I TALK ABOUT IT OR ARE WE JUST LOOKING
FOR A THIRD VOTE.

>> IT'S ON THE AGENDA BUT WE'RE LOOKING FOR A THIRD VOTE TONIGHT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NO DISCUSSION PAST THAT POINT.

>> CORRECT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NO MENTION HOW THIS ITEM CAME ON THE AGENDA?

>> YEAH, YOU CAN EXPLAIN WHY YOU'RE THINKING A THIRD VOTE.

>> Mayor Montgomery: THOSE OF YOU NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS ITEM,
COMMENTS MADE TO ME, SOME ANONYMOUS, SOME NOT SO ANONYMOUS,

CONCERNED WITH THE PROCESS OF APPOINTMENT HERE.

THEY DON'T BELIEVE -- THEY DID NOT BELIEVE BY WATCHING THE ACTUAL COUNCIL MEETING WHERE THIS APPOINTMENT WAS MADE THAT THIS ITEM RESERVED THE SAME AMOUNT OF REVIEW THAT THE OTHER IN-DEPTH APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE AND THAT CONCERNED THEM.

AND ALSO LOOKING AT THE OUTSIDE COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE.

THAT'S WHY MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN AND I PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA TO DISCUSS THE REVIEW PROCESS AND LEGITIMATE CONCERNS THAT SOME RESIDENTS BELIEVE THAT WERE OVERLOOKED DESERVE A SECOND CHANCE. THAT'S AS FAR AS I'LL GO WITH IT WITHOUT GETTING INTO THE DETAILS.

SO COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: QUESTION THE CITY ATTORNEY.

CAN COUNCIL WE MOVE A COMMISSIONER OR APPOINTEE TO VECTOR CONTROL JUST LIKE ANY OTHER COMMISSION AT ANY TIME IT DESIRES?

>> YES, UP TO A POINT.

IF VECTOR CONTROL APPOINTS THE MEMBER YOU'VE LOST THAT JURISDICTION.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: RIGHT.

BUT IF WE APPOINT THEM TO VECTOR CONTROL WE RETAIN?

>> NO.

SO THE CITY APPOINTS A REPRESENTATIVE TO VECTOR CONTROL AND THEN IF THE VECTOR CONTROL TAKES -- IF THEY GET SWORN IN AT VECTOR CONTROL, YOU'VE LOST -- THE CITY'S LOST JURISDICTION.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: OKAY.

>> Mayor Montgomery: YOU WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT, JOE?

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: NO.

>> Mayor Montgomery: LOOKING FOR A THIRD VOTE TO HAVE THIS REVIEW PROCESS LOOKED AT ON THIS ONE APPOINTMENT.

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

COUNCIL COLLEAGUES, BESIDES MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN BELIEVES IT DESERVES REVIEW.

SEEING NONE, SEEING NONE, EVERYBODY SITTING TIGHT?

ALL RIGHT.

SO THE ITEM FAILS BY THE LACK OF A THIRD VOTE.

NEXT ITEM UP FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, ITEM M.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN, YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE UP AND THEN COUNCILMEMBER LESSER.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: YES.

AYE GOTTEN A LOT OF COMMENTS FROM CONCERNED RESIDENTS ABOUT THE NEW LOGO ON THE POLICE VEHICLES IN TERMS OF ITS SIZE.

IT'S DIFFICULT TO READ.

THEY DIDN'T KNOW -- IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO SEE THE MANHATTAN BEACH LOGO.

AND JUST WOULD LIKE TO BRING IT TO COUNCIL TO DISCUSS WHAT WENT INTO THIS AND TO GET PEOPLE'S OPINIONS OF IT.

>> Councilmember Lesser: I'LL BE YOUR SECOND IF YOU WANT ONE.

>> Mayor Pro Tem Franklin: I KNOW IT'S TRIVIAL.

>> Mayor Montgomery: CITY MANAGER, DO YOU NEED A THIRD?

>> JUST TWO AT THIS POINT.

SINCE IT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA.

SO NEXT MEETING A THIRD.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ALL RIGHT.

FIRST BY MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN, A SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER
LESSER.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER YOU'RE UP.

>> Councilmember Lesser: IT'S BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THERE
MIGHT BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRADEMARK OUR PIER.

I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER THAT'S EVEN POSSIBLE BECAUSE
OF LIMITS ON GETTING A MARK FOR AN ARCHITECTURAL WORK BUILT
BEFORE 1990.

BUT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY HE INDICATED THAT AT A
MINIMUM HE NEEDED COUNCIL DIRECTION TO EXPLORE THE ISSUE AND THEN
REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I'LL SUPPORT THAT.

IT'S SOMETHING --

>> Councilmember Napolitano: I MEAN THAT INCLUDES INVESTIGATION,
SINCE IT'S A STATE-OWNED PIER.

>> Councilmember Lesser: THAT IS ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WOULD
NEED TO BE REVIEWED AND IN FACT MAY HAVE BEEN REVIEWED IN THE
PAST.

BUT TO THE EXTENT STAFF WAS GOING TO SPEND TIME ON WHAT THE ISSUE

MAY BE, WHAT THE OPTIONS MAY BE, THE CITY ATTORNEY WANTED
DIRECTION AND APPROVAL WITH TWO VOTES.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THAT WOULD GO TO ANY IMAGES OF IT WE
WOULD GET SOME PERCENTAGE OR CREDIT.

>> Councilmember Lesser: AND POTENTIALLY HAVE RIGHT TO LIMIT HOW
IT COULD BE UTILIZED, YEAH.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: THEN ALL THOSE POSTS ON FACEBOOK...
OKAY.

>> Councilmember Lesser: YEAH, I DON'T KNOW.
AT LEAST IT'S WORTH EXPLORING.

>> WAS THAT A SECOND VOTE?

>> Councilmember Howorth: TO BRING IT BACK FOR DISCUSSION.
I'M NOT SURE, YOU KNOW...

>> Mayor Montgomery: FIRST AND A SECOND.

>> WE MAY COME BACK WITH A STAFF REPORT THAT SAYS IT'S STATE
OWNED --

>> Mayor Montgomery: NO FURTHER COMMENT.

WE GET IT.

UNDERSTAND.

>> Councilmember Howorth: COULD I MAKE JUST A SEND COMMENT?

>> Mayor Montgomery: GO AHEAD.

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>> Councilmember Howorth: IT'S JUST A GENERAL COMMENT.

FOR INSTANCE, ME SAYING YEAH, SURE, LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT ONLY

MEANS LET'S TALK ABOUT IT.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: OH, NO.

YOU SUPPORT IT.

>> Councilmember Howorth: I'M JUST LETTING THE PUBLIC KNOW THE
PROCESS.

THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: ANYONE ELSE HAVE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS?

NO ONE.

CITY MANAGER REPORT.

>> NOTHING TONIGHT, THANK YOU.

>> Mayor Montgomery: CITY ATTORNEY REPORT.

>> NOTHING TONIGHT.

>> Mayor Montgomery: NOTHING INFORMATIONAL.

NO CLOSED SESSION.

WITH THAT WE'RE GOING TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION ON WEDNESDAY,
JULY 5th.

REMINDE EVERYBODY WE'RE NOT HAVING A COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY,
JULY 4th.

IT IS WEDNESDAY JULY 5th AT 5 P.M. IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

>> Councilmember Napolitano: IT'S A FULL MEETING.

>> Mayor Montgomery: CLOSED SAYS AT 5:00.

THANK YOU ALL.

HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.