

City Council Regular Meeting - February 20, 2024

Meeting Time: 02-20-24 18:00

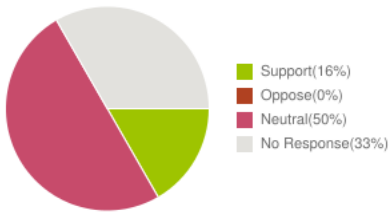
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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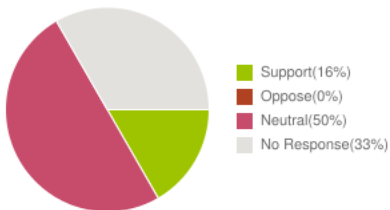
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
MANHATTAN BEACH'S CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU!	1	0	0	0
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6. 24-0088 Consideration of a Resolution in Support of the "Manhattan Beach Unified School District Quality Education Protection Measure," (Measure MB Parcel Tax Measure) on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary Election Ballot (City Manager Moe). CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 24-0011	1	1	0	0
7. 24-0099 Consideration of Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Adjusting the Storm Drain Fees as a Result of the Proposition 218 Election (Finance Director Charelian). ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 24-0003	1	0	0	1
13. 24-0083 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Mid-Year Budget Report Including Funding Appropriations and Staffing Adjustments; and Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Development Calendar (Finance Director Charelian). (Estimated Time: 45 Mins.) A) RECEIVE REPORT B) APPROPRIATE FUNDS C) APPROVE STAFFING ADJUSTMENTS	1	0	0	1
14. 24-0036 Consideration of Requests Related to the Approved and Adopted Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 Through Fiscal Year 2027-2028 Capital Improvements Program Including Requests from the Manhattan Beach Unified School District for Funding of Improvements to District Facilities (Public Works Director Lee). (Estimated Time: 30 Mins.) DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION	1	0	0	1

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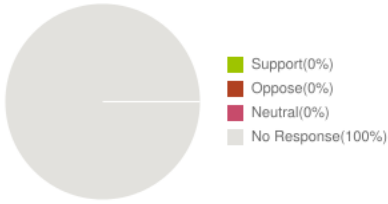
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Agenda Item: eComments for MANHATTAN BEACH'S CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES YOU!

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Elize Beth

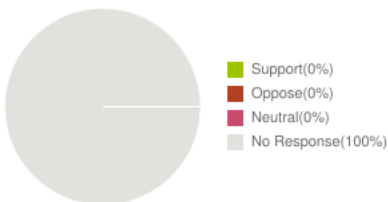
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Submitted At: 10:08pm 02-19-24

Elizabeth is a meticulous problem-solver with a knack for finding practical solutions. When she's not busy managing projects, you might find her exploring innovative ways to [how to reduce splash when peeing](https://truetoilet.com/) how to reduce splash when peeing . Efficiency is her middle name, and she's always on the lookout for ways to streamline daily tasks. Meet Elizabeth, an avid advocate for cleanliness and comfort. Beyond her professional pursuits, she's passionate about exploring the science behind minimizing splash when peeing. With her keen attention to detail and determination, she's on a mission to make bathroom experiences more pleasant for everyone.

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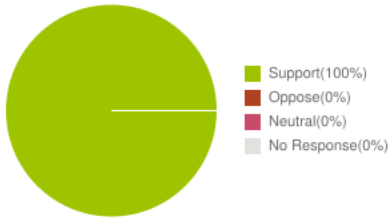
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Submitted At: 10:13pm 02-19-24

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Agenda Item: eComments for 6. 24-0088 Consideration of a Resolution in Support of the "Manhattan Beach Unified School District Quality Education Protection Measure," (Measure MB Parcel Tax Measure) on the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary Election Ballot (City Manager Moe).
CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 24-0011

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Gary Osterhout

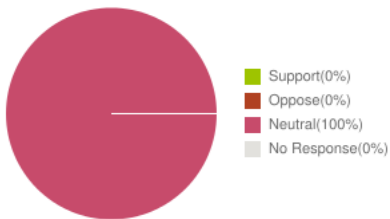
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Submitted At: 7:50am 02-20-24

I'm in favor of the proposition, but find it strange to see a letter from the "Mayor" in the 2/8/24 TBR, presumably on behalf of the City of MB prior to the council's endorsement. Further, it is strange that the letter extols the (1) limited term of the measure; (2) no inflation adjustment; (3) no funding of administrative salaries. Strange, because the City endorsed the recent Storm Drain fee that has a perpetuating term, an inflation adjustment and, as project costs were covered, was primarily to be able to get administrative fees reimbursed. And the benefit of an "audit" is pretty meaningless given the fungibility of money and that there is sufficient money that already covers the protected or proscribed spend.

Agenda Item: eComments for 7. 24-0099 Consideration of Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Adjusting the Storm Drain Fees as a Result of the Proposition 218 Election (Finance Director Charelian).
ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 24-0003

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Location:

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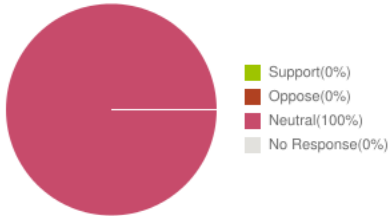
Interesting that this measure was supported by the City by saying that without the fee increase residents would jeopardize park and recreation, yet the meeting after the measure passed the council says "sorry, but if you want a decent pool, you're going to have to fundraise for it." I guess the lack of specific accountability and transparency allows you to do this sort of thing.

Agenda Item: eComments for 13. 24-0083 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Mid-Year Budget Report Including Funding Appropriations and Staffing Adjustments; and Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Development Calendar (Finance Director Charelian).

(Estimated Time: 45 Mins.)

- A) RECEIVE REPORT
- B) APPROPRIATE FUNDS
- C) APPROVE STAFFING ADJUSTMENTS

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Stefan Kampe

Location:

Submitted At: 8:18pm 02-19-24

Excellent, simple two-page summary. Please speak to the line items with major forecasted end of year variances:

Revenue:

* Short term transient occupancy task: Additional \$575K forecasted, What changed?

* Fines: \$835,989 reduction forecasted. What are the drivers for this?

General Fund Expenditures:

* Salaries and Wages: \$418,329 increase. Is this a one time event or will this carry over into following years? Can this be managed down?

* Contract & Professional Services: reduction of \$1,113,758. What was planned that is no longer going to happen or is this a cost reduction from plan? or is this being pushed out to next year (if so, what is being pushed?)

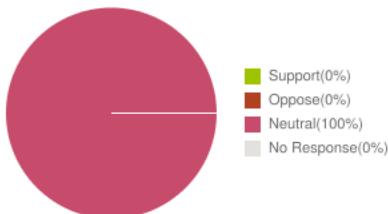
* Materials & Services: reduction of \$429,622. What is not being purchased, what is impact to what was planned to be completed this year?

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(Estimated Time: 30 Mins.)

DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION

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Gary Osterhout

Location:

Submitted At: 8:08am 02-20-24

This is the sort of agenda item that belies your budget process. In effect, these are budgetary items that should be discussed in context. The way staff has manipulated the entire calendar, the budget is practically set by the end of February or March--but that doesn't matter either as you additionally appropriate to both budgetary and non-budgetary items throughout the year (take the Valley/Tot Lot crosswalk improvements as an example). Further, I protest the use of multi-topic agenda items outside of a formal budget-session context. Also, using Gen Funds for roads is "subsidizing" our street improvement funds similar to what you protested for the storm drains--but why let logical consistencies get in your way? Further, I have said it many times, you need to group all available street/transportation funds together and then decide how to best spend the group, instead of just doing a bunch of one-offs without realizing how that spend might be maximized.