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MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you. Well, greetings.

Welcome to the City Council regular meeting for Tuesday, February 20th, 2024. So we're going to start off with the pledge to the flag and we have some great students here, brothers and sister.

GROUP: 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 FRANKLIN: Well done. Thank you so much. And so we have JT Kaplan. How are you doing, JT?

JT: Doing good.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Good. Thank you for helping us out. And Johnny. Yep. Okay, terrific. And then Casey. Okay. So what's your favorite part about school? Or tell us what schools you're in and what's your favorite part?

JT: So I'm a freshman at Mari Costa and I think one of my favorite parts is definitely I think my math that I'm in. I just enjoy geometry. It's like really fun. I have a lot of friends in that class too.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, that's great. Now, what would you say if your mother wasn't standing here? Probably lunch. There we go. JT, how about you?

JOHNNY: I'm a sophomore at Mari Costa and my favorite part of Mari Costa is probably all the different pathways that you can take and all the different ways that you can explore the interests that you have.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Terrific. Let's hear from your sister.

CASEY: I'm in seventh grade at MBMS and my favorite part about MBMS is probably like meeting a bunch of kids from, like, other schools. Like there's like Pacific and Robinson and Grandview and it's like good connecting with everyone.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: You wouldn't have great kids without great parents. Madeline, do you want to say something?

MADELINE KAPLAN: Thank you for having us and thank you for supporting our schools.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, absolutely. We have pins. So we've got some accommodations and pins for you here. So this is for Casey. Thank you so much. Thank you. Appreciate it. On behalf of the City Council here. And Johnny. Thank you. Thank you so much. Appreciate it. And JT. Thank you so much. So this is a certificate of recognition where the City Council of the city of Manhattan Beach does hereby recognize all of you for leading the City Council and the community in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you very much. So, colleagues, if you could, if I could ask your indulgence, please on a couple of moments here. The memorial service for the five fallen U.S. Marines who tragically died in the February 7th CH-53 helicopter crash 50 miles east of San Diego was held this past Friday at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. All five Marines were assigned to the Flying Tigers of Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadron 361. These fallen heroes are pictured here, and they are Captain Benjamin Moulton, age 27, Captain Jack Casey, age 26, Captain Miguel Nava, age 28, Sergeant Alec Langan, age 23, and Lance Corporal Donovan Davis, age 21. Our son Jimmy was particularly close to Sergeant Alec Langan. They flew many hours together. Our city was honored in

March 2021 with a flyover by a CH-53 helicopter from the same 361-squadron with my son on board as part of the aircrew. The United States flag and our city of Manhattan Beach flag flew on that flight. And they're pictured, and they're right here. The city of Manhattan Beach extends our deep, heartfelt condolences to the families of this tragedy. We will be eternally grateful to these brave Marines for their service and sacrifice to our country, and will support and pray for them, their families, their friends, and their fellow Marine Corps comrades. Please stand and join together in a moment of silence to honor and remember them. Thank you very much.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hoorah!

MAYOR FRANKLIN: There you go, Marine. Okay. So, City Clerk, Lisa Tumaro, could we have a roll call, please?

LISA: Council Member Lesser?

Here.

LISA: Council Member Napolitano?

Here.

LISA: Council Member Montgomery?

Here.

LISA: Mayor Pro Tem Howorth?

Present.

LISA: Mayor Franklin?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Here. Great. And moving on to Ceremonial Calendar, there is none. And now we go to E, Approval of Agenda and Waiver of Full Reading of Ordinances. This is a time for the City Council to remove items from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration. Colleagues, do we have any? No. Seeing none, we have a motion to accept the approval of the agenda from Richard Montgomery and seconded by Council Member David Lesser. Thank you. Next, we're... It's 5-0. Sorry. Next, we move on to City Council and Community Organization Announcements of Upcoming Events. This is where you can speak for one minute per person.

JOSH MURRAY: Hi. Good evening, Mayor, and members of the Council. I'm Josh Murray. I'm here on behalf of Manhattan Beach Library. Tomorrow, Wednesday, February 21st at 3, we will be having a very special program in honor of African American and Black History Month. Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to story quilts inspired by Faith Ringgold. Join us as we learn about African American artist Faith Ringgold and how she created story quilts to tell about her dreams, memories, and civil rights movement. Then make your own paper story quilt. Registration is available on our website, lacountylibrary.org. And I would like to invite the adult members of the community to attend a paint and sip afternoon on Saturday, March 2nd at 2. Come join us for a relaxing afternoon of instructor-led art and hot tea. Students will take home a completed work of art on canvas. Acrylic paint will be used and registration is available on our website, lacountylibrary.org. And I thank you for your time.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, Josh.

MELLISSA MCCOLLUM: Good evening. I'm Melissa McCollum with the Parks and Recreation Department. Thank you for the opportunity to invite the community to our next Beg Pool Outreach Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, February 27th

from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants may attend in person in the city council chambers, or they will also be able to join via Zoom to learn about the community findings to date, as well as see some conceptual design options for modernizing the Beg Pool facility. We're really looking forward to the discussion and hope to see many of you there. Parks and Rec would also like to remind the community that our registration for spring activities as well as summer camps for residents does kick off on Monday, February 26th. Online registration will begin at 6 a.m. that day and in person at 8 a.m. at City Hall. Please do check out our most recent issue of the Menhappenings online for full descriptions of all of the wonderful classes and programs that are available for our kids, for our teens, for our adults, and our older adults. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you.

DAVID ARCHER: Good evening, Honorable Mayor and Council Members. David Archer, Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce. It's my pleasure to be here before you this evening to invite you to two upcoming events. We have a mixer tomorrow evening at MB Post right here in downtown Manhattan Beach at 5.30. And we also have our Unity in the Community event Thursday

afternoon from 1 to 2.30. And that's a virtual event. You can sign up on our website. Thank you, and have a wonderful evening.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, David. Maricosta, did you want to...

SOPHIA: Hi. I'm Sophia Pena. We're with Maricosta. And we recently had our formal, which we believe went really well. We have a club day upcoming, which should be within the following two weeks when we restart school. And that is just to kind of help clubs at our campus raise money for their causes. And then we also would like to thank the MB Renewal of schools. And then, Lila.

LILA: Yeah, just we would like to thank the Renewal Movement for MB teachers and just helping our teachers and our educational systems. Thank you. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you very much. Anybody else? Colleagues? So I think we have coffee with the mayor. Thank you, Richard, for showing coffee. Coffee with the council. Does iced coffee count? Absolutely. So this is coffee with the mayor. And it was conceived by Councilmember Montgomery. And he's allowed me to share it. So the second and fourth Tuesday of

every month from 3.30 to 4.30. This February 27th will be at Duncan at 1100 North Sepulveda Boulevard. And then the next one will be March 12th at Pete's Coffee downtown. Come by. Have a chat. Let's have some coffee. We can get deeper into different issues and questions that you might have. Hopefully, I'll even have some answers that I can help you with. So thank you so much for that. And then also, too, I have another announcement to make. It's with profound sadness that we announce the death of Glenn Ray Sanders of Manhattan Beach. Glenn, age 78, passed away Tuesday afternoon, January 23rd, in Malaga Cove, Palos Verdes Estates. It's with some comfort to know that he was doing what he loved the most on his final days and minutes before his untimely passing. Glenn was finishing up a bike ride with friends and heading home on his own when he went into cardiac arrest. Glenn Ray Sanders was born September 26, 1946, in Long Beach. He grew up in Manhattan Beach with his parents, Lillian and Glenn White, nicknamed Sandy, Sanders, on Gates Avenue. Glenn graduated from MiraCosta High School in 1964 and attended El Camino College. His career with the city of Manhattan Beach began in 1970. In 1975, he moved to the Water Department. As senior water plant operator, he was awarded the 1990-91 City Employee of the Year Award. Glenn was promoted to the wastewater and electrical supervisor position in 1995 and retired in 2005. A U.S. Navy veteran, longtime city of Manhattan Beach, decorated

employee, a car enthusiast, avid cyclist, surfer, dirt bike rider, gardener, clockmaker, furniture craftsman, a tinkerer, welder. Man, I feel lazy when I'm hearing about him. Furniture craftsman, a tinkerer, welder, lover of history books, the Bible, and a man of faith, words can't describe the endless attributes and talents of Glenn. He always made his family and friends a priority and he will be sorely missed by all. But a glorious heavenly reunion is to come. Glenn is survived by his wife, Sue Sanders, son, Eric Sanders, daughter-in-law, Erica Sanders, daughter, Julie Sanders, who joins us here today. And grandchildren, Andrew and Lily Sharp. Sorry, her last name is Sharp. If we could have a moment of silence for Glenn Sanders. And a veteran. Thank you very much. Okay, so we move on to public comments. Speakers may provide public comments on any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the city council, including items on the agenda. However, if you speak about an agenda item and when that comes up, you can't make a public comment when we're discussing it at that time. So please come up and speak into the microphone and give us your name, please.

JULIE JUSTICE MCGINNITY: Good evening, Mayor Franklin and council members. Thank you for the opportunity to address you this evening. I'm Julie Justice McGinnity, and I'm here with

Bonnie Schwartz and Steve Debates. We're with the Friends of the Senior and Scout Community Center. We're the nonprofit organization that is partnering with the city to build the new community center on the site of the Scout House in Live Oak Park. Since our last update to council in March of 2023, we've made significant progress on our mutual goal to create an innovative intergenerational community space. When not in use by the older adult program or scouts, this facility will provide much needed additional meeting and programming space for all community based organizations in the city. As you know, we have already transferred \$2.3 million to the city to help fund the construction of the new building. Friends continues to successfully raise dollars to fund our part of the public private partnership and deliver construction ready plans to the city. We're pleased to report that we aim to raise \$10,000 in our 2023 end of the year campaign, and thanks to the efforts of Russ Lesser and others, we brought in \$35,000. Our ongoing fundraising efforts include a \$25,000 grant application to Supervisor Holly Mitchell and work with the Sam Pipers and the city team to try to facilitate a \$50,000 contribution from Sam Pipers Community Capital Projects Fund. Tomorrow Design Group has recently received comments from the city team on the 65% design documents, and we are working hard to deliver the 95% design documents by March 29th. In the last month, we've brought

on additional designers for solar, lighting, and interior design. We continue to collaborate closely with the Department of Public Works, and we're especially grateful for the stewardship of the project from our lead, Marjana Lakowska. We'd also like to call out the extra efforts of the city's urban forester, Ernest Aria, who is helping us ensure the health of that legacy pine tree that will be in the center of the new courtyard and allow us still to move forward with building a small gas fire pit. If you're listening tonight and you haven't donated yet, please go to nbcommunitycenter.org and do so. We are a small team of volunteers, and we may not have personally asked you yet, but don't let that stop you. Please donate. This project is a true public-private partnership. With the ongoing support of this amazing council and the staff team, we look forward to finishing up the design phase and getting the project ready for construction bids in the fall. Sorry, I went over.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That's okay. Thank you, Julie.

MADELINE KAPLAN: Good evening, council. My name is Madeline Kaplan, and I want to thank each and every one of you for your support of the renewal, the simple renewal of Measure MB. Individually, you have endorsed it, as have every sitting elected official in our city and numerous, in fact, if not all,

past elected officials. Thank you. Thank you also for the consideration of the resolution of this body tonight, for the city to also pass a resolution in support of the simple renewal. And it is rather a very simple renewal. It is \$225. That is exactly what we are currently paying. It is for six years. That is exactly the term that we currently have. There is no cost-of-living increase, which is exactly what we have now. And in addition, unlike the first time, if you already have a renewal, the senior exemptions renew automatically. So I repeat, the renewals for exemptions repeat automatically, but if you are newly 65, you can reply for an exemption. And I just want to share a little bit about why I think Measure MB is a win for everyone in the city. For families like mine, my children over there, thanks for holding those signs. It is crystal clear how we benefit. Historically, Measure MB pays for over 20 teachers. These are teachers that could be in the pathways that my son mentioned was one of his favorite reasons for going to Costa. It could be a teacher at my daughter's school at MBMS, Johnny, maybe a lunch supervisor. But at every elementary school, at every school, these teachers are reducing class sizes. They are improving the quality of education for our students. But what if you don't have children in MBUSD? What if your children are at Martyrs? I love Martyrs too. It is a great school. They might want to go to Costa, and so many of them do. What if your

children are in Chadwick? Well, some of those kids came back to Costa this year for Model United Nations or one of JT's friends for orchestra. One of Johnny's friends came for volleyball. So these kids come back to our schools. So for \$2.25 a year per parcel, you can guarantee an option of quality education. Now, what if you don't have any children at all anymore in the schools? Strong schools are strong communities. This really is a win for everyone. The election is March 5th. Thank you, council, for supporting. But community, please join us in voting yes to renew Measure MB, the simple renewal of exactly what we are paying now. Thank you. Right on time.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Anybody else? Anybody else in chambers? Seeing none, Martha, how about Zoom?

MARTHA: There's no request on Zoom. Okay. So we're going to go ahead and close. Sorry, Mr. Mayor. Heather Kim raised her hand.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, okay.

HEATHER KIM: Hi. I have many reasons why I'm voting no on Measure MB, and there is a choice, you guys. You don't all have to vote yes. And right now, one of the issues that I see

with Mira Costa is their Ethnic Studies Committee. I believe they're not even calling it Ethnic Studies anymore. They have some other name for it. They're going off tangent here and using their power and position as educators to teach some really, you know, off-base things to our children. So that's just one of the reasons that I'm voting no on MB. I believe also that, you know, there's a stain from when Measure A went on a couple of years ago. Yeah, those bad feelings haven't really gone away for a lot of members of our community. And I believe that there's also an FPPC violation, investigation, government something, you know, against a bunch of us who opposed Measure A for good reason. And, you know, that hasn't been settled and dealt with. There's just a lot of bad feelings and a lot of reasons why it's okay to vote no. If this is only going to be a Band-Aid on a busted artery, we should rip that Band-Aid off right now instead of waiting six more years. What is the district doing differently to take care of the root of their problems? Because if this passes, this is only going to temporarily help. And I believe that MBUSD definitely has a - money doesn't solve money problems. You know, when you have a spending problem and there's not a lot of accountability on how the district is using it, then we all need to come together as a community and say, hey, you need to be very transparent and you need to also really listen to the parents who are concerned about the curriculum at

the school, the money and how it's being used. I mean, there's a lot of parents with lots of concerns and they're all being just kind of ignored because there is a pompous attitude that this is going to pass very easily. You know, 225 might not seem like a lot of money, but it's really - we're handing over complete power to this district who has shown irresponsibility. So we want to make sure that the district is doing the right things for the parents and the students and we have to fix this problem of declining enrollment. So let's start there. Let's really, you know, talk across, you know, the aisles and bring all of our concerns to the table and actually take care of that, you know. So anyway, that's why I oppose MBE for now at least. And maybe Madeline can change my mind. She's a lovely lady. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. Anybody else?

MARTHA: There's no additional requests.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your Honor, can I ask a question? Since Madeline happens to be here. Madeline, can I ask a question? You're up here. I want to ask - I've heard this before from somebody else. I want to make sure that we all get

the same information. Since you're here on behalf of Measure MBE, is it true that the district is seeing declining enrollment? I heard the other way around, that enrollments actually increased.

MADELINE KAPLAN: Well, at Mari Costa, the enrollment is up. And I can speak to that because I was at the meeting where Principal Gerger proudly shared that information. And I know firsthand why that is happening. Now, I can't speak to the rest of it. Unfortunately, I'm sorry I didn't bring that information. I'm a more junior member of the campaign, but an enthusiastic one. But I have to just speak to what I know. But I do know that at Mari Costa, they have seen increases in students for at least two years now.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Perfect. Thank you very much. Thank you. Any doubt I had before about my support for this just was doubled down and said it's absolutely supportive. So thank you, Your Honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. Any other comments, questions? Seeing none, we're going to close public comments. And we're going to go on to the consent calendar. And do I have a motion to accept? Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: So moved.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Council Member Lesser. And a second.
From Mayor Pro Tem Howorth. Thank you.

CITY CLERK: Motion passes 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And that, of course, includes a consideration of a resolution in support of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District quality education protection measure. Unanimously.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So moving on to items removed from the consent calendar, there are none. We'll move on to public hearings. Item number 11, conduct public hearing renewing the North Manhattan Beach Business Improvement District and approval of the annual collection of assessments. City Manager Moe.

CITY MANAGER MOE: Yes. Assistant to the city manager, George Gabriel, will take control of this item. Okay. Thank you.

GEORGE: Honorable Mayor Franklin and members of the City Council, this item comes before you on an annual basis. So many of you are not unfamiliar with this. So the assessments for the North Manhattan Beach Business Improvement District must be renewed annually. In conformance with applicable law, the City Council adopted a resolution on January 16, 2024, declaring its intention to authorize the collection of assessments to provide services in accordance with the 2024 activity plan and budget laid out. The Business Improvement District is funded through an 80% surcharge to the business license tax paid by those businesses located within the district. And this is a not to exceed \$500 annually. At the current rate, the assessments levied collects approximately \$25,000 per year. So all this being said, staff is recommending that the City Council conduct the public hearing, adopt resolution 24-0017, ratify the 2024 advisory board members, and approve the 2024 activity plan. I'm available for any questions. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Any questions, Council? No? How about public comments?

MARTHA: There's no request on Zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So we'll close public comments. Discussion? Council? Oh, okay. So we have a motion to accept. Adopt. To adopt.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: Can we do all of them? Yes, all three of them. B, C, and D.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So your motion to accept?

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: My motion is to adopt resolution number 24-0017, ratify the business improvement district advisory board members for 2024, and review and approve the proposed 2024 activity plan.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. We have a motion, and it's seconded by Councilmember Montgomery. We have a vote, please. Thank you.

CITY CLERK: Motion passes 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you. So moving on, we go to general business. Item number 12, status of long-term dining program development, consideration of recommendations from the outdoor dining task force, and amendment number 1 to the

professional services agreement with more MIG. How about that?
So we have Community Development Director, Mirzakhanian.

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: Thank you. Good evening, honorable mayor and council members. Staff's presentation to you today is the culmination of five months of extensive community outreach and a tremendous amount of collaboration amongst interdepartmental city staff, the outdoor dining task force, and community members. We are at a crucial turning point in the process, and the direction we received from the city council this evening will allow us to move on to the development of other major deliverables, and that includes understanding what the cost of this implementation of this program will be, the development of the fee structure that will be created for the businesses who participate, and securing the funding sources. The decisions tonight will also allow us to finalize parking solutions, the development guidelines, as well as being able to move forward through the regulatory process. With that, I wanted to let the city council know that I have with me this evening Eric Zanzvleet, our city traffic engineer. We have online Rick Barrett with MIG, our consultant, and Jaehee Yoon, our senior planner, who will be providing you with a staff presentation. We will all be available for questions afterwards.

JAEHEE: Thank you. Good evening, Honorable Mayor and members of the city council. I'm senior planner Jaehee Yoon, and the item before you is regarding a status update report regarding the long-term outdoor dining program development. To provide you with some background, back in August 2021, the city council directed staff to pursue a work plan item to study a long-term program for outdoor dining and business uses. Last February, the city's temporary outdoor dining program came to an end, consistent with the end of the state of emergency, and in May 2023, the city's outdoor dining task force meetings kicked off, with nine meetings conducted to date, and relevant materials from each meeting have been posted to the outdoor dining webpage, as seen in this link. In June 2023, the city council approved a PSA with outdoor dining consultant MIG to assist the city in specialized areas of the program development, and in September 2023, the city council received the first status report, at which time the city council supported the task force recommended program scope in terms of business uses and locations. They also requested that staff conduct additional targeted outreach to Walk Street residents, and that outdoor dining be defined to clarify the program objective. They also opposed revising MIG's PSA to conduct a statistically accurate survey, as well as an alternative traffic pattern analysis, and lastly, they requested staff assess current vehicle loading and

waste management issues in downtown to provide potential solutions. Since October 2023, there were several community outreach efforts that have been conducted, starting with the community workshop, which was intended to inform the public of the program development, and receive feedback on a variety of different topics. The same materials from the workshop was also made available at the 51st hometown fair during the same week, and we found that the public was largely in support of outdoor dining, including utilizing select Walk Streets for outdoor dining activities. However, we also learned a lot of the concerns from the public, which included trash, noise, traffic, parking, narrow sidewalks, and etc., some of which we are already facing today without a long-term program in place. In November 2023, staff conducted targeted outreach to Walk Street residents regarding the potential utilization of those select Walk Streets for outdoor dining. We reached out to 200 plus tenants and property owners by sending out postcards and delivering door hangers. We received 43 responses to the survey and conducted three focus group sessions. As the results showed a strong opposition to the idea, we will no longer be recommending the use of Walk Street commercial corners for outdoor dining. However, as the program will include public realm developments that cater to non-drinking and eating establishments, as well as the general public, per the task

force's recommendation, they seek to revisit some Walk Street commercial corners that are not immediately adjacent to residential uses for that purpose. In particular, we wanted to look at the Walk Street commercial corner east of Manhattan Avenue along 10th Street and have prepared three options for the City Council's consideration tonight. This is a view looking east from Manhattan Avenue along 10th Street, which is between Uncourt and Manhattan Denim. The first option is maintaining the status quo of prohibiting commercial use of Walk Streets while allowing sidewalk dining in front of the establishments per the existing code. The second option is similar to option one, but includes public realm improvements with hardscape landscape features, such as uniform street furniture, bike racks, trash bins and landscaping to beautify the area. Again, no code amendments will be required to do so as it will be serving the public and commercial activities will be prohibited. While the task force hasn't yet discussed each option in detail, staff recommends option two as the best alternative use for this particular Walk Street commercial corner and that aligns with the Coastal Commission's preferred use of public spaces that benefit the public in terms of coastal access and recreational opportunities. The last option is amending the code and related policies to allow commercial outdoor dining next to the eating and drinking establishment while prohibiting the use of sidewalk

dining in front of their business. By doing so, sidewalk widening or altering the existing landscape along this street segment wouldn't be necessary and the permittee will be required to regularly maintain and upkeep the Walk Street encroachment area. Since December 2023, the consultant team has been conducting a series of stakeholder interviews with the business community as well as residents throughout the city. The eating and drinking establishment spoke highly of the temporary program's benefits and expressed their willingness to work with the city as well as the public to create a program that is fair, desirable and an asset to the community. For non-drinking and eating establishments, they either saw the outdoor dining program as a win-win effect since they saw the increased foot traffic led to sales growth. On the other hand, some saw it negatively impacting their business due to loss of on-street parking in the vicinity that served their patrons. The input from the residents' group were similar to what we've heard during other community outreach efforts in that they welcomed outdoor dining as long as it can be done right.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Excuse me, Senior Planner Yoon. Just a moment, please. City Manager Moe, there's a lot that we're going to have to go over in this particular item. Should we divide it

up a little bit? Should we go ahead and maybe ask questions now on the previous section about the 10th Street Walk Street?

CITY MANAGER MOE: If you'd like to, you can certainly do that, yes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Council members, what do you think?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I'm saving mine for the end.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I think it depends on the public input, though. Are you going to take public input on a sectional basis?

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: I would go through the whole thing.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah, because then people will have three minutes to read. You're doing a pretty good job.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Let's let her finish her presentation.

JAEHEE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: You're welcome.

JAEHEE: As part of outreach efforts, we asked the public to help define what outdoor dining means to Manhattan Beach, and based on their input, the task force is recommending the following as the definition for outdoor dining, which is open-air alfresco dining on public and private property in which the experience allows for opportunities to enjoy the pleasant weather and scenic ocean views, promotes a sense of community and interaction with others, enhances the ambiance and small-town character of Manhattan Beach, and balances community vibrancy with residential quality of life. Here I'd like to walk you through how we came about the preferred program vision. The primary goal of the long-term outdoor dining program is finding a balance between preserving residents' quality of life and providing outdoor dining opportunities where appropriate. This will be at the core of what we deliver at the end of the day, and we believe it can be achievable if we consider addressing the community's input that we received thus far. Specifically, we've repeatedly heard from the community that our sidewalks are already narrow and congested with outdoor dining, that on-street decks cause numerous issues, including visual blight, long-term maintenance issues, diverted drainage flow and flooding, remnant

visibility and access, and eliminating the much-needed on-street parking spaces. Also, with the increased occupancy from outdoor dining, parking and traffic issues will further be exasperated, and the additional trash and noise negatively impact the quality of life for the residents. Taking all this into consideration, staff initiated interdepartmental discussions to tap into each division's expertise and professional wisdom and explored potential solutions and created a vision for Manhattan Beach, which is to permanently widen sidewalks into the vehicular right-of-way where feasible, and providing a permanent flat surface for outdoor dining opportunities adjacent to the establishment itself. There are three main components of the preferred program vision that's reflected in the conceptual plans that were prepared in-house, and the first is sidewalk widening. You can see an example of what that would look like before and after, and underneath that image is a basic rendering of what we envision as a robust version of sidewalk dining immediately adjacent to the restaurant, with temporary barriers that can be removed at the end of the day along with the tables and chairs. You'll also notice that there's a clear path of travel for pedestrians that wouldn't be obstructed by servers crossing over to the other side. And on the conceptual plan, you'll find areas of sidewalk widening proposed as highlighted in blue in the right-side image. The next component is on-street

parking reconfiguration to add, remove, or change parallel to angled parking or vice versa to accommodate the sidewalk widening while also minimizing the net loss of parking spaces and also without removing existing vehicular lanes. This is an example of how the existing parallel parking close to Manhattan Beach Creamery will be converted to angled parking to increase on-street parking spaces. We want to note that based on our current version of the conceptual plan, our traffic engineer, Eric, has done his magic to reconfigure parking in such a way that there's actually no net loss of on-street parking spaces and there can actually be a net gain of two spaces depending on which option we choose for Manhattan Beach Boulevard west of Manhattan Avenue. Also, aside from the conceptual plan, staff is continuing to work with the consultant team to explore additional or new parking options that will be available to accommodate for the increased occupancy that will be generated by outdoor dining. The last component is identifying potential outdoor dining areas as well as public improvement areas which are called public flex-based areas in the conceptual plan as it's intended to serve a variety of different uses to the public depending on the location, size, and the needs. We want to emphasize that not all public flex areas in the plan will be improved. Rather, the task force will provide their input in regards to which areas to focus on from a menu of options that

they came up with which may include decorative lighting, trash bins, bike facilities, landscaping, street furniture, and so forth. There are several benefits from the preferred program vision I'd like to reiterate, which is that this vision addresses the community's input on narrow sidewalks. It allows sidewalk dining immediately adjacent to establishments so in the case where they have to connect to utilities, they don't have to go underground and can connect from the building itself. The sidewalks will be less congested. There will be a clear path of travel for pedestrians at all times and the streetscape will have a unified look and feel. It also reduces the various issues related to on-street decks that I mentioned earlier and creates more opportunities for the public to use the extra space available in the sidewalk for flexible uses when sidewalk dining is not in operation. Another added benefit is that without on-street decks, it provides curbside passenger access for parked cars and reduces the need for access ramps to and from the dining areas. This is an example of temporary on-street decks we had which people saw as visual blight and out of character with the city's aesthetic standards. This is a rendering of proposed sidewalk widening along the sloped street with raised platforms in front of the establishment that creates a flat surface for outdoor dining opportunities. This is one segment of the conceptual plan with potential public flex space identified

along the walk-street east of Manhattan Avenue along 10th Street to be determined. Overall, this conceptual plan has been supported by the task force as well as various departments in the city because we can better plan for and design permanent infrastructure better than reacting to issues that may arise from temporary expansions and structures. It's also something the Coastal Commission has applauded our effort on because it has the ability to counterbalance the privatization of public spaces in the coastal zone and they have advised that we are moving in the right direction from other conversations they've had with jurisdictions that are also seeking permanent outdoor dining programs. As the preferred program vision will take time to design, fund, and build the task force discussed potential solutions during the interim until we build this out in phases and recommends that no-stop gap measures be proposed that reintroduces on-street decks or other temporary solutions. The reason being that we already provide sidewalk dining and private property outdoor dining opportunities with our current code. In terms of the second-floor outdoor dining opportunities we will be revising and supplementing the existing guidelines we have with the task force's input as part of this program development. During the interim, the task force is recommending that we focus our attention on addressing current issues related to refuse, noise, and vehicle loading to prevent or minimize exacerbating

these issues once the vision is implemented in the future. As a first step, the task force is currently working on topics related to this such as live entertainment, amplified music, and vehicle loading hours to name a few in which no recommendations have been made as of yet. If the City Council desires to proceed with the preferred program vision the conceptual plans will need to be further developed into preliminary plans that are prepared by a civil engineer to assess the technical and financial feasibility as well as prepare for construction documentation. As part of this work scope, MIG will also be providing cost estimates and also timing and phasing of the construction itself and at that time we will be able to come back to the City Council with a funding plan as well, potentially tapping into bonds, grant funding, and other revenue generating opportunities as well as evaluating the consultant's recommended program fee to offset the costs. In order to proceed with the preliminary plans a PSA amendment will be required which is an additional amount of approximately \$91,700 and in addition, if we have to expand the preliminary plan work scope to add additional street-segments we have an option to expand that work scope with an additional service for \$15,000 per street block. Recognizing that was a lot of information I'd like to summarize the main discussion points for tonight which is to receive City Council direction on one, task force recommended preferred program

vision and goals during the interim. Two, walk street commercial corner options for east of Manhattan Avenue along 10th Street. And three, potential amendment to MIG's PSA to develop preliminary plans. This concludes staff's presentation and we're happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great, thank you. Council, questions? Council Member Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I have an initial one related to the larger preferred program vision and how it would be funded. You indicated in your remarks as did the director that to the extent council gives direction to proceed staff would then return with perhaps some funding option along with the consultant. But I guess I'm wondering to what extent is envisioned that the city would pay for the whole thing given that there's going to be improvements to very specific parcels. Has staff, has the task force given any preliminary thought to this? Has the consultant perhaps come up with other case studies where other jurisdictions have dealt with this very same issue?

JAEHEE: The consultant team has worked with other jurisdictions where they did recommend some other general funding sources whether it's from SCAG or from the federal level

or the state level. And right now because we don't know the details of our plans and some of the grant funding needs to meet eligible standards whether it's complete streets or improving accessibility, it really depends on the scope of what we deliver at the end of the day through the preliminary plans. But they do have a pool of grant funding opportunities that they can tap into and provide us so we can pick and choose which best meets our needs.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I think I'm asking a slightly different question which may be in the form of comments and direction to the consultant later. But what I'm getting at is that specific parcels would be improved. And it's different than maybe a general benefit because we could say that improving our downtown serves our entire city, serves our residents, serves visitors. But to the extent that we're expanding dining space for specific businesses, it improves those businesses. And I'm just wondering to what extent staff at this stage has given any consideration to whether there should be supplemental assessments to individual properties or is the expectation that this would be funded entirely by the city?

JAEHEE: I think it's a combination of three different things. One, it could be bonds. It can be grant-funding from

outside sources. And it can also be from the revenue-generating opportunities such as increasing parking meters. And also because EPS, which is a sub-consultant to MIG, they're doing a fiscal impact analysis on how much sales tax is generated and how it impacts parking and overall the economic development of the city. They will be proposing an appropriate program fee at the end of the day to help offset these costs.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Okay. I have one more question just as a relate. Sorry, please, Director.

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: I want to add one thing to that response. Thank you, Jaehee. And that's that up front, yes, the city will be spending the money. And part of the beauty of this vision is that you're still getting the expanded sidewalks benefit, no matter if the business chooses to participate in the program or not. At the end of the day, the businesses that select and they opt into the program, they will be charged a fee, which will be developed and presented to the council at a later date. And if the businesses choose not to, the businesses that are abutting the widened sidewalks, then the city has the benefit of the widened sidewalk for the pedestrians.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Okay. That's helpful. Obviously, we haven't yet gotten any costs, but they're likely to be a little bit more than what we're seeing here so far. The question I guess I have has to do with the public flex space. I'm not sure if I'm fully understanding the option two and who would be responsible for maintaining it to the extent it's not used for commercial dining by the adjacent business. This would be a public space with seating. Is that right?

JAEHEE: Seating could be an option. It will really depend on the location, size, and scale of those areas.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I thought we were just talking about the northeast corner of 10th Street and Manhattan Avenue.

JAEHEE: Yes, for this particular area, because it's larger than the other areas that we have identified, most likely we will be considering street furniture, including seating areas.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: There's furniture there now, so my question, again, is who would be responsible for it if we opt for this option two? Would the city take over responsibility for placing seating or benches there?

JAEHEE: Yes, it will be the city, and also all these improvements and even the use of the public spaces for outdoor dining, that will also be considered in the fiscal impact analysis by the consultant team so we can somehow offset these costs.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I'll stop there. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Council Member Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you. Just a follow-up first, because I'm hearing competing things here. Director, you started off the presentation by inferring, at least that's how I read it, that the mechanism for payment wasn't dependent on the city. It would be through fees and other things. Now I'm hearing that grants and SCAG. SCAG's not going to give us any money for this. No grants are going to be enough to cover this. So it's going to be, and when you talk about bonds, it sounds great until you put it along with other issues that we're dealing with. We just did bonds for the second fire station. We're going to have to build the senior center. We're talking about a pool. You know, priorities for the entire community as well. So putting this in the scheme of that, I think where the money's coming from is going to be important because when you say the

benefit of a widened sidewalk, no one looked for that until we started talking about outdoor dining. I've been preaching that for actual years. No one paid attention to it. Jill's shaking her head because she knows I approached her about this several years ago. But now we're talking about because of dining. And so, which is a benefit to the community, but also direct benefit to the restaurants who are going to utilize public property for private enrichment. So I guess before we go to them, we have a, I'll say, not the best history of coming up with, what was the slogan of... Dream it, plan it, build it? Something like that, whatever it was, which was a complete failure because by the time the price tag came, nobody said we're going to do anything. And that's happened several times over for different projects. So I'd like to know what that scheme is kind of before going any further with this because I don't see the point of spending another \$90,000 on consultants to come up with it. We should be able to ballpark what sidewalks will cost through public works. You know, as a per square footage, what the additional square footage is going to be, we should be able to ballpark it so we know up front, okay, we'll refine that number over time, but here's the guesstimate as to what we're talking about. Is it \$1 million or \$2 million? We talked one time about redoing all the sidewalks. Current configuration was going to cost, I don't know, what was it, a million a block or something like that. I

would like more details on that before we go and just say, yeah, let's just do this. Guys, plan away. Come back with a \$100 million price tag and we're sitting there going, okay, we're not going to bond that and do the senior center and do the... That's one thing. The next thing... Can you answer that question?

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: I just wanted to address a portion of it. The reason we wanted to spend the money for the civil engineered plans is because it is going to take into account any utility reconfiguration, which is going to give us a more appropriate and exact cost estimate. And that was part of the reason we wanted to do that exercise. Understanding the statement, though, we are happy to come back with a conceptual level estimate if that helps the city council. We can work with our public works colleagues and see if that's possible to bring back. But to answer your earlier question...

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And just to frame that further, because I get that. It would be great to have those details. But even the best civil engineers work on that. Once you crack open that ground, we're going to find things that we didn't know was there, just like we've done with undergrounding and a million other projects. It's still going to be a guesstimate at best.

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: Correct. We're trying to account for any trees that have to move, underground utilities and such to make sure we give you the best estimate possible. But I understand where you're coming from and we can work with public works to see if we can come up with a conceptual level estimate.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Just on page... We can go back and forth. On page 391 of the total... 15 of the staff report, 391 of the agenda, the rectangle... I see the angled parking. Is the rectangle there a space for the creamery? Is it a public flex space? Or is it a... What is that?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Micro cars parking spot.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, it's not put in the parking. I'm just wondering, are we taking out the tree that's there? Oh yeah, what is that? Is that a flex... What is that going to be? See the upper rectangle?

JAEHEE: Yes. Anything in light blue represents public flex space areas.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: Not light blue.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It wasn't a color that I could see.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So that's a flex space.

JAEHEE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: But that incurs the removal of a tree.

JAEHEE: Not necessarily. It will really depend on what the task force chooses to put in that location and it might not even be part of the eventual improvement at the end of the day because the task force will have to select the areas that they want to focus on. Right now we currently have approximately 30 areas identified.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So that's a maybe rectangle. All right. We were trying to understand that. Okay, then the other is my question is so this represents basically a snapshot in time because going back as people tell me I do, at one point there was the coffee cart which, before your time. Ocean View

Cafe is going from a restaurant to an office building. Coffee cart went from a restaurant to an office building. Hook and plow took the place of some therapy place and several other things. That is now a restaurant. My understanding is the gallery down there is going to be a restaurant. At least that's proposed. Things come and go. These are plans for parking and for dining spaces for what is there today. But what's the flexibility that's built in for I'm thinking where Nando is, all those places where was it Dosh Doshi was a part of the bikini shop next door but some of these things were retail and they're going to be switching back and forth. How are we going to account for those folks? I stumped the planner. That was my goal.

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: We considered that as well and we were actually going to ask to work with our consultants to figure out if there are opportunities in those areas we haven't already identified. We had an additional 15k per block or per segment to identify certain areas in the future if those spaces were to convert to restaurants and they also wanted to participate in the program, we would establish a certain fee for expansion in those areas as well. Right now the way it is, it will serve wider sidewalks for pedestrians or restaurants if those restaurants come and go so either way the city will reap the benefits of the expansion. I think the issue becomes more of

an issue for those properties where we have not identified the widening of the sidewalks and we are seeking to get some sort of a figure on what would it cost if in the future we wanted to develop those particular segments.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Because even culture brewing, right? I was a hair stylist before. Looking at that though, looking at some of these figures, how much seating is going to be created in these spaces? What's the average space? I'm looking at page 16 of the staff of the presentation page 3, Page 392 of the agenda where it is you've got 1, 2, 3, 5 dining spaces for each of the places there how much seating is that really going to create? They look smallish.

JAEHEE: So based on Eric's estimation, it will depend on the size of the existing store frontage that is available and it can range anywhere from 8 to 46 additional sidewalk seating areas.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And they're coming out how far away from the front of the building?

JAEHEE: I believe 7 or 8 feet.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, and I put my name up there so I'm going to go ahead and ask some questions here as well. First of all, my comments are we've all looked at outdoor dining and your preferred program vision was actually talked about almost immediately after the decks went up. We were faced with an emergency, members on this council were here, they addressed it, they did Yeoman's work, staff has done a great job the restaurants, the businesses, the residents have done a great job. I was very impressed with the thoroughness of this, even though we're going to be asking a lot of questions, but that's what we do. I want to thank the task force for the hard work. I saw the meeting schedule, I saw the number of hours and you're not getting paid so I really, really appreciate what you're doing and bringing your expertise and your thoughts to that. My comment, I think when I asked my initial questions was this is a really, it looks terrific. Not using decks, that's a huge thing. We're even going to save money, believe it or not. I haven't seen it in detail from our consultant that he's going to take away money because he doesn't have to design decks. Also, decks were kludgy, we know what they brought to this situation. Anyway, let me roll up my sleeves. Let's talk about 10th Street to begin with. Just so I have a good understanding. If you go to

your Walk Street option number one, maintain the status quo. I understand that you have in the lower left corner, you have the existing sidewalk dining. Do we know how many seats that is, how many tables that it's supposed to be?

JAEHEE: 12 seats in total. At Uncorked. That's currently, yeah.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Now and then there's nothing else impeding it, they're not using that deck that's coming off the south end of their building. They're not using that.

JAEHEE: No. They are not.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That's verified by code enforcement and everything like that. Currently. Anyway, they're not supposed to. Let's assume they're not. Let's go to Walk Street option number two. Basically, it's creating that flex area out of that patio that's to the south to be determined as far as what that's going to look like. Then they keep the existing sidewalk dining that they have now, the 12 seats, right?

JAEHEE: Yes, that's correct.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Alright.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Your Honor, can you ask how far up that goes, the flex space?

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: How far east?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, how far east does that go, that patio?

JAEHEE: It's unknown at this time. Okay, so So they've got a long way, right?

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: That could be, you know, just that first segment. We can use the first two segments, but the thing that distinguishes this particular block from all the other Walk Streets is that the entirety of that block is commercial. There are no residences on this street.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Right. The one behind the building isn't residential?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: We'll let her talk and we'll come back.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: You'll have a chance to turn public comments. Okay. I mean, we've all walked it. I mean, it's fairly significant. Okay. Let's just, so is the idea, and I know it's probably going to be, depends upon what we decide. So in a public flex area, could a family come and set up a birthday party? You know, could it be used for all sorts of other events? You know, we see that on the beach. People come and just come to the beach and they set up elaborate announcements of an engagement or the gender reveal or things like that. Would somebody be able to do that on that? On that area.

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: So this would be utilized just like any other public space we currently have in downtown. We have benches in areas. We have bicycle storage infrastructure, the bike racks, etc. And this space is intended to work in that exact way. It's a space that we, as a city, have not really explored before. But it particularly caught the Coastal Commission's eye because it's quite a bit of area compared to our other seating areas in downtown. And it gives us an opportunity to provide those people who can't afford to go to the restaurants an opportunity to sit on a seat and have their sandwich that they bought from Becker's, for example, over there instead of having to go eat at one of the other restaurants. And

it also gives them an opportunity to have a view of the ocean, which some of our other seating does have and some of our seating does not. But this is why it particularly caught the attention of the Coastal Commission.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And the option number three is basically moving the sidewalk dining that exists now, the 12 seats, over to that area. And again, how many seats do you think that would be?

JAEHEE: It will depend on how much walk street space we would want to allocate to the seating and drinking establishment and making sure they meet ADA requirements in terms of the placement of the seats.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, and it would only be usable by the business that's called Uncork?

JAEHEE: At this time, that's what is being proposed.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Got it. All right, so let's move on. Understand about the sidewalks. Understand about expanding. We have some questions. What is this going to do to the parking meters if you expand the sidewalk? Are you just going to move

the parking meters out closer to the street where the cars are then?

JAEHEE: I believe the parking meters are in the process of being removed entirely with kiosks and other updated tools that we use.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so something like QR codes?

JAEHEE: Yes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: A kiosk?

JAEHEE: Yes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Recognizing that we had kiosks before, but the salt there is really tough on them. Okay, I was concerned also about the cost and also concerned about just sort of a general idea of the cost to the restaurants and to the businesses that want to use that area. Because why proceed if it's going to be a program that's going to be cost prohibitive?

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: So thank you for bringing that up, Mayor Franklin, and to that point I just wanted to say that

staff didn't want to be wasteful of our resources. We have a limited amount of money that we can utilize and we didn't necessarily want to proceed with the costing and all that. If it was a vision that the Council was completely not supportive of, because then we would have spent the money to come up with all those figures and present a program to you for the fee of what we would be charging the businesses and then we'd lose that money if the Council at the end of the day did not want to move forward with that vision. So we were trying to be a little bit budget friendly in that sense, which is why we didn't do all of that work and expend all of those resources in advance. But that is the next step.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Alright, and so restaurants have sidewalk permits, right? Sidewalk permits. How are those charged right now? Are those charged per square foot or is it per fee?

JAEHEE: It's \$4 per square foot, depending on the frontage of the restaurants.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: \$4 per square foot. Okay. Okay, and going to Council Member Napolitano's question about this is on slide number 16, the potential outdoor dining seating areas. We don't have, I mean, we talked about the size, but how many seats

is that going to allow? So say typically for Bluestone Lane or Culture Brewing, how many seats is that going to allow?

JAEHEE: We have an exact amount of seating that will be added on, but the average is approximately 20% increase from their indoor dining capacity right now. For instance, Bluestone Lane, it'll be 14 additional seats. Brewco would be 16, and so forth. And we'll be happy to share this information with you. Okay, I'm sorry.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So Bluestone Lane would be?

JAEHEE: 14 additional seats.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: 14. So four people per table. So there'd be four tables then for Bluestone, for Culture Brewing. In that space, you got to allow space for the door. How does that correlate with like the seating that they have now? I mean, it just seems a little high, you know, in there for those. But if we can just, as we've already talked about, firming that up. The other concern is, did we look into the fact, if you're going to replace diagonal parking in this same slide, diagonal parking with parallel parking, that's going to, to me, I think it's going to slow down traffic quite a bit. Because that's a very

congested westbound street. And you have to actually go past the parking space and then hope that the person behind you knows that you're backing up.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's a six of one, half a dozen of the other kind of answer. When you're backing out of a diagonal parking space, it's very difficult going back into the travel lane. And so that trade-off is when you do a parallel parking space, you have to back into that parallel parking space. So it's either enter or exit, which one's harder for you. It's really not a difference as far as the safety of entering the traffic flow.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Well, we'll scare off people who don't know how to parallel park, I would imagine. Use one of our parking structures. Okay. All right, I'm going to go ahead and share the time with my colleagues. So Councilmember Montgomery.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Thank you, Your Honor. Jaehee, good job. I think you walked everybody through the first round. And that's the first part. Those of you that walked here for the first time, this is all preliminary. We haven't made one decision yet about anything. It's a very open discussion we're having. I don't want to get in the weeds about parking spaces

and how many seats yet. We're not there. We're not there yet. But to remind everybody, Steve brought the point up earlier, Councilmember Napolitano, back in 2007 and 8, before the Great Recession, we talked about dream it, plan it, build it. That's our new library. So we actually got something out of that. It wasn't a wasted exercise. But this is different. This all happened because of COVID. And those of you that were here, we saw what had happened. And we didn't realize at the time how well it would take off and how well it would be accepted. So the question became to this Council, do you want to push the idea forward? If you do, what would it entail? We haven't said yes to anything yet. All we've said is, let's look at the plan. How do we get from A to B? We haven't got to B yet. Steve, the point about utilities that we brought up the last time, Steve, we talked about paving. MBB west of Highland, or west of Manhattan now. I think Director Lee was right. There's so much underground we don't know about. And every time you dig in Manhattan Beach, you get a surprise. Everywhere you dig. You get a septic tank in my yard was not supposed to be there. There was a septic tank there. How'd that happen? So imagine what that stretch will be like west of MBB towards that pier. This is just downtown, folks. We haven't looked at north end yet. My question is, it's a good question to think about this. And we all are concerned about money. Has anybody of the consultants even looked at that

stretch and got with Public Works and said, hey, we can see from Manhattan Avenue west on MBB, we've seen all the gas lines, utility lines, what you see that we know of. Are they aware of all that yet? We haven't got to the cost on them, I understand. But have they at least seen what we know of underground?

JAEHEE: No, but they did do a walking tour before the task force meetings to get a better understanding of the layout. So I think they do have a conceptual idea of what might be underground. But if we enter into this contract amendment, we will do specific site visits to look at those utilities and hidden features that we could expect.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Great. That's my biggest concern, that we have no idea what's beneath that ground. And even if we have the best experts, consultants, tell us what's there, they won't know to actually open up the street what's there. So I'll stop there for now, Your Honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, great. Thank you. Mayor Pro Tem.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Maybe we'll find the actual proof of Dale Velvey's surfboard shop. Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The plaque will have to be removed. To look for it. Maybe Mimosa will take it.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: No! Okay. Just a couple questions. Going back to the three options for that 10th Street walk street area. You know, concern about the lack of specificity on how far back it would go. We could be specific and say we only want it to go back to X. Because I think what I'm hearing is we don't I'm hearing that that would be a problem if it went all the way up the block. That's what I'm hearing. So we could specify that. Could you also, with those walk street options, go to number three for a second. So right now Encart has a couple tables out in front. I think you said seating for 12.

JAEHEE: Yes, that's correct.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: This would give them a little bit more. Probably more than 12. But they would remove the seats from in front.

JAEHEE: Yes, that is correct.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: So in terms of impact to community or right of way, I don't see the difference really. One thing I might note though, could you also then do a flex space either just east of where those tables are? You could have a little place where people could still bring their sandwiches from Becker's. They are great sandwiches. Hashtag Becker's Bakery. So you could still have a flex space there. Now, could you not have it on the south side of the street? Is there some reason that that space is not considered for a flex space?

JAEHEE: That space is also a potential flex space identified, not on this rendering though.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: Okay, because you could also, I mean, because what I hear you, I also heard a couple comments, both by Director, why can't I say your last name? Talene. I can only say Director Talene. Mirzakhonian. It's so bizarre. I mean, I know it. It's just, anyway. Director Mirzakhonian mentioned the Coastal Commission a couple times. You mentioned the Coastal Commission. That's really important for us to understand because it's great and important that staff has been working and collaborating or sharing our ideas with Coastal Commission and that they are supportive because that can be a problem if they aren't. We have all seen that before. And so, you know, one

thing to consider, if you take that south side, the southeast piece of 10th Street, I guess, and make that this pretty flex space with a bench and some flowers so that people can sit and enjoy the sunset, that's going to be work to our favor for the Coastal Commission for anything we decide to do. Director Mirzakhanian?

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: I want to add one thing to that comment, and that's that the amendment that we would be seeking for the LCP would be much more minor if we didn't amend this section of the code to accommodate the commercial dining in the public right-of-way.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: Okay.

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: So, everything else.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: That's important for us to know. And that could be something that impacts people's decisions, but there's also logic there that says the Coastal Commission would favor that because it's providing more access to enjoying a sunset or whatnot.

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: I'll just note, to give that a little bit of color, that we did present this to the Coastal Commission last week, and they said that our recommendations thus far look a lot like what their Southern California Deputy Director was presenting to the Coastal Commission as their preferred approach for these types of outdoor dining programs.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you have that in writing?

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: I mean, listen, that's also well, I'll have the comments later. Okay, so A, we could specify how far back we want to go in that public right-of-way. We could have flex space behind commercial space if we wanted, and also across the way if we wanted. Let me just see.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: No, just one comment. If you could just explain the acronym LCP.

JAEHEE: It stands for Local Coastal Program.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: Okay, and in my comments, I'll touch on the Dream It, Plan It, Build It process that I was a part of as a school board member, and why it's different than

this. Why this is different. How we, this city, did I choke you up? That was a cough drop.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Between a laugh and a cough.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: Yeah. Why this is different, and I think our city staff approach is much different than that project and that concept and that process, but I'll make some further comments on that. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Council Member Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I have a follow-up. With regard to parking, just a conceptual sort of questioning now. I recognize that would be part of the reason for the contract amendment to study this issue. What was represented is that we would potentially gain two additional spaces with the current preferred vision. But I'm confused. We're talking about potentially adding 20% on average to each restaurant space in terms of the number of diners. How are we going to park it? How are we going to have enough parking for the increased visitors based on our anecdotal experience with the temporary dining decks and the number of people that we brought in?

JAEHEE: Originally, the Ferris and Pierce, which is a sub-consultant to MIG, they're traffic engineers who will be looking at transportation planning related to this long-term outdoor dining program development. What they're essentially doing is looking at parking alternatives that can be provided to accommodate the added additional occupancy that's generated by outdoor dining. Right now, we haven't really received recommendations yet because we're still in the middle of trying to figure out what our long-term vision would be. Those options might include mobility options, shuttle service, adding additional bike facilities to provide some alternative modes of transportation.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: But this will be then part of this proposed contract addendum that I saw, as well as issues that I know downtown residents are concerned about in terms of loading, unloading, noise, and other issues generated by the additional people.

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: That's already part of the contract scope. We've already been working on that. The amendment is separate from that. Essentially, now that we have somewhat of a conceptual plan, if at the end of the day, council decides to bless it, we'll be able to quantify the number of

seats this program is generating and then we'll be able to better determine how to address that increased occupancy. But quantifying it was very important for this process and for the Coastal Commission, which is why we went through the exercise of trying to figure out how many seats each one of these restaurants would gain if this were to come to fruition.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Great. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Council Member Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, to follow up on that, I guess one way to address parking, though, is to also look at our parking code and revise if we choose to revise it. Because as much as I love the Coastal Commission's input on these things, I mean, again, this is broken record stuff, but it's exactly our consultants online, they're not here, are they? Okay, so I can't give them the laser lock, but I'm glad to know they're not, but this was my lecture at the time that we engaged them to don't come back with these unrealistic things like other past programs did, because I want to make sure that whatever we do is doable. Because when someone talks to me about a shuttle service, last time we looked at it, we looked at it several times, it's a million dollars. Now, unless the Coastal

Commission is going to give us a million dollars, it's not going to happen. So, as an option to make up for the parking, a shuttle service is not realistic, it's not going to happen. So it shouldn't even really be on the table unless someone has the money bringing it forward to talk about it.

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: So the beauty of this, another, I said that again earlier, but the other beauty of this vision is that the amount of public flex space we would be introducing partially offsets the creation of the added occupancy for, not from an apples to apples perspective at all, but essentially what the Coastal Commission said is it doesn't have to be a one-for-one if you're doing a myriad of other things that are going to improve public access, such as these flex spaces, which is why we've been focusing on them, because we are going to get credit for these spaces so that they don't then say, okay, you're generating 200 seats, I'm just throwing out a number, I don't know the total, you have to show us how you're going to replace 200 parking spaces via a shuttle program. We're going to get a lot more credit for these other things the project is proposing.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I guess I always wonder why we never get credit as I was on Council at the time for doubling

the required parking at MetLogs. We went down an extra floor to create additional parking. We never get credit for that. We're just told to keep providing more and more and more. But putting that aside, I guess my other, to follow up on that though, when you say that the flex space will offset those parking needs, something that the flex space won't, do we then need to look at and revise, no one wants to hear this, the conditional use permits for each of those restaurants to account for that added occupancy as well?

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: In what sense?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Occupancy? In terms of fire code requirements, in terms of anything that has to do with outdoor music, outdoor seating, all the things that we waived during COVID that are still part of our code today and part of conditional use permits.

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: The task force has been talking about what the regulatory process would look like. They will be taking into consideration the cost of an amendment for a use permit to understand, is it a use permit that we want to require for these changes, or is it a different type of permit that's maybe a little bit more cost effective and doesn't require a

public hearing, for example, but still requires them to comply with certain conditions.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Like an encroachment permit.

DIRECTOR MIRZHAKANIAN: Exactly. Or a more robust version of our current sidewalk dining permit. It's important to note that building and safety and fire, we all still take a look at all of those permits to ensure that their code requirements are met, so we still have an opportunity as a city to make sure that proper exiting is in place and they're not creating any fire hazards.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Because we come up with this great plan and then we dive into the details and you find on individual conditional use permits that there are certain requirements that would counteract that. We need to be aware of those before we move forward on those. Okay, thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you all. I just have a couple more questions. I've heard you say there are benefits of sidewalk expansion to non-participating businesses. Is that simply that they've just got a wider sidewalk upon which pedestrians can walk?

JAEHEE: The benefit for the non-eating and drinking establishments from the stakeholder interviews, I did mention that they saw a benefit in that due to the increased traffic, they saw a sales increase to their businesses.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, so they're still coming to eat and things like that and then they go ahead and they go to the store, but they're doing that, or they did that when we did have the...

JAEHEE: Outdoor dining.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Outdoor dining on, okay, with the narrow sidewalk. Yes. Okay. Because they're not going to be paying for it, I presume. I mean, we'll have to see. Truck deliveries. That is a big pain right now. Loud, in the way, rude drivers who don't care that they're taking up all these spots and it's a danger as well. So I really didn't see that addressed and actually we gave up some parking, or we created some parking spaces where they do pull in.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: As long as you have your hazard lights on, it's a visibility claim. It doesn't matter. Whatever you do... It's a force field.

JAEHEE: It's a topic that the task force is currently looking into, so we don't have any formal recommendations tonight, but maybe at our next meeting we'll have some suggestions to try to resolve the issues we face today.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. And then a subject that's near and dear to me is bicycles. I didn't see quite as many bike racks that I would imagine.

JAEHEE: Right now we haven't really specified locations for the bicycle facilities because this is just a rendering that we wanted to show an example of.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So a technical question, we may not know the answer, but would the Coastal Commission let us take that flex space and utilize that?

JAEHEE: Yes, certainly.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so they're all right with that?

JAEHEE: Yes. Right now, a lot of the other jurisdictions that are going through this permanent outdoor dining program development are utilizing bicycle parking facilities to offset the parking that will be replaced with dining activities.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so they're going to come up with a formula?

JAEHEE: Yes. Not necessarily a formula, but the Coastal Commission is more receptive of acknowledging that bicycle parking facilities can make up for the loss of parking.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, great. And that's it for now. So any more questions, colleagues? No? Okay, so we'll open it up for public comment.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: I was going to ask...

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Almost there. Just a few seconds.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: Just a few seconds. And we can wait until after public comment, but I'm going to need a break.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, I'm so sorry.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: No, it's not. I mean, it's me asking for it.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, so I'm going to request just a ten-minute break.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: Right now, before public comment.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, and then because it's going to go on a little longer. I ask for your indulgence and patience. Thank you. So we'll be back at... We're live. Okay. Great. So, we've returned, and it is time for public comments. You have each speaker may speak for up to 2 minutes on this item.

GEORGE KAUFFMAN: Hi, George Kaufman. I'm a 100.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I'm going to make one more statement, please. And if you're ready to make a comment, if you could please come down. And there are seats lining along here, and you

can pass your yellow form onto the city clerk. Thank you so much.

GEORGE KAUFFMAN: Sure. Thank you. Hi, George Kaufman, 100 Block of 10th Street. I feel like, you know, we were told by the task force they were not going to consider commercial use of walk streets. And, then we find out that, some sort of behind-the-scenes meetings or whatever. Now, now you're talking about now they took bringing it back before your commercial use of Wall Street. And this is really disturbing to us. I mean, to hear lip service to all this pub transparency and public disclosure and all that and then to have that happen is really a 7 in the back, actually. And what we're talking about now, when you guys keep referring to, dining in terms of the, of, on 10th Street, to use that little area outside, or maybe it's a bigger area. Outside their shop. But that, that's not a restaurant. That's a wine shop. Okay. So you're, if your goal here is to have restaurants having more space. That's not that that's not going to meet that goal. This is a wine shop. It's not a rest it's not even allowed to serve food. Okay? They're not and the one the other proposal is now to put 6 flex air so-called flex areas on our block. That's going to intensify and mess up the block pretty well. And in fact, the task force anticipates the problem by saying that they're going to post good neighbor

signage, which says don't smoke. No disruptive or disorderly conduct. Don't come here after dusk. You know, no skateboarding, no littering. And I believe one task force member suggested that some, it says, to be assigned saying, don't relieve yourselves here. Okay. This is, this is not a proper use of our block. We've lived here for, for, 35 years in this location. We've relied on the, the sanctity of the Walk Street in quietness and the non-use, and we don't want end runs around the no commercial use with the flex areas. It's an end run around the no commercial use and, we're against it. I, I could talk about the whole task force in general, but I don't, you know, my time is up. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you, Mr. Kauffman.

ALEXANDRA: Do I just start speaking? Okay. Thank you. Sorry. My name's Alexandra. I live on 10th Street, as well. And I'm really disturbed by this concept of these flex areas. This is essentially Wall Street dining. We sat there saying we don't want this. We don't want commercial use of the Walk Street because of the noise, the congestion. The fact that when we did have restaurants that had, there was a restaurant up the street from us before sleigh Italian where there were children there all the time. They were running onto our block. We still have

people who come and sit on our wall as if it's a bench. I just think that this is a very deceitful way of having Walk Street dining when you don't have Walk Street. And when you say you're not having Walk Street dining. As for coming down to look at the beach and enjoy the sunset, we do have a huge area that people can do that. It's called the beach. And most people who come to see the sunset, they sit on the strand to do that. They go on the pier. I just find it really amazing that with 25 establishments in this town where you can have either open air or some kind of outdoor dining that somehow this is somehow a problem that we need to find a solution for because there really isn't a problem. I would like to point out that, and piggyback on something Mayor Franklin said earlier about, you know, in these flex spaces, you could have birthday parties, you know, how would they be kept clean someone said, I'd like to know how you're going to prevent homeless people from camping out there. I would like to know also how they're going to keep clean and during the day, not just before and after. And in this concept of outdoor music that I've heard some people say that, oh, wouldn't it be nice if we walked around just like Whole Foods and heard music, do you think the residents want to live in a food court and that we want to have, like, music? Like, we're in a mall all day, I mean, when they have the ADP tournament, I can open my window, and it's like that loudspeaker is in my room. So

I really want you to consider this and the desires of the residents and prohibit this option with the park lifts and flex spaces. Okay.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you, Alexandra.

CAROL PARENT: Hi, Karen Parent, 16th Street. I just want to say that I just think that this whole proposal, the scale of it is just, quite frankly, it's unreasonable, and it's, unrealistic. I think when we were talking about outdoor dining, and of which dining is not a problem in this city. We have, you know, pro rata. We have more restaurants, and you can't get into any. But, regardless, you know, we're talking about in this plan about balancing the quality of life for the residents versus the desire for outdoor dining. And, I think that the quality of life for the residents is actually not being considered. You know, when you look at the targeted research that was done, the residents who actually have to live with this, who are overwhelmingly against this plan. And when you look at it, even at the hometown fair, where anybody walking by, they didn't have to be a resident of Manhattan Beach, could put up a sticker even then, the laundry list of issues that they knew would arise with the outdoor dining. And these were people who weren't had any background or information, even to make a judgment call other

than they like to eat outside. As, by the way, I do. Right now, we have huge problems downtown still, and we've had them for years with garbage with trucks, with noise, with parking. We haven't solved these problems and with our current density in years. I would suggest we take this \$91,000 and see if that problem because those problems could be resolved before we even spend time looking at increased density, which we know are going to increase those issues and those problems. And just an aside regarding flex spaces, It's a big liability. I mean, you, I think that the mayor, you said something right. What is to stop people from having a reveal party? Enforcement costs money.

Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Alright. Thank you, Karen.

NICHOLAS: Hello. Thank you for having me. My name is Nicholas. I am a pretty new resident, as of about 6 months ago, to 10th Street. I think one of the things that many of us can agree upon is the uniqueness of Manhattan Beach in comparison to all of Los Angeles and many other beach towns. And that's its small-town feel. This will undoubtedly lead to increased noise levels, which will disturb many of the residents, including myself. As someone who works in construction, works off hours, I do enjoy my sleep. Had to get up at 3:30 this morning, and it

finished till about an hour ago. And the last place I want to be is here right now, but I'm here because this is very impactful and going to influence and determine my future here. So I really want to emphasize that it does impact the residents around here.

Everyone who's come and visited us here at Manhattan Beach has enjoyed that small-town feel. We just had people here from Sweden last weekend. They absolutely loved it. And one of their favorite parts is those walk streets and how they're quiet. There's gardens. You can walk around and enjoy that. How is enjoy the gardens and listen to the sound of the ocean. If there's music, if there's chatter, if there's people, drove out the window. That's gone. That's one of the things that those walk streets are truly something special, and I'm very grateful that Manhattan Beach had those and essentially created those many years ago.

One note on the parallel parking. I will have to say with parallel parking, you do have to back up into a space. As we know, those streets right there get congested, and I can't imagine people leaving enough space for somebody to back into a parallel spot. Outdoor dining would increase trash, would increase rodents, and simply it's unfair for other restaurants who might not have that opportunity to have outdoor dining. And

I'm sure once you let one have it, many others will be asking for it. These restaurants were built to host a specific amount of people. Directly correlates to the size of the staff, the kitchens, the trash bins, wash areas, the bathrooms. So by increasing the amount of capacity, you're essentially outgrowing those establishments and what they're meant to actually hold and maintain. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, Nicholas, and welcome.

DEBORAH HUDDLESTON: I'm Deborah Huddleston. I live on 10th Street. And my husband, Daryl, he's going to do the speaking. I am opposed to, but I'm not much of a public speaker. So I'm going to let him do the talk. I go on record as being opposed.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Doing great.

DARRYL HUDDLESTON: Darryl Huddleston, 125 10th Street. Some of the things that were addressed is \$4 a square foot is an example for fees for the outdoor dining. Presently, the Italian restaurant on 10th Street has 25 seating capacity outside. And I would imagine it's about 50 insights. So they're going to

increase their density by moving forward. That's one of the problems. The noise, little kids running down the sidewalk is only going to increase. How about restrooms inside the restaurants that can't handle it? We already have people that are urinating in the alleys, smoking in the alleys. Have to go out there and remind them that we have, a couple that lives upstairs that has a one-month-old child and they're smoking, oh, we didn't know that that was a law. Well, it is a law. Let's enforce some of the laws and make this a better community and a neighborhood community that we moved up here 12 years ago to have. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you.

MS. HANSON: I just moved into Manhattan Beach with Nick, about 6 months ago, and I've really, really enjoyed it. I am super concerned about the outdoor dining though. We live on 10th Street right next to Tabula Rasa. So, and diagonal from SLE Italian. So these outdoor dining places would be literally right next to our patio where we love to have dinners and hang out in the evenings and it would really affect every, every day, like, peace and quiet. And that's one of the reasons why we've fallen in love with walk straight so much and really, really don't want that to change, because it is so unique in Los Angeles, like

Manhattan Beach is such a little, unique pocket, and we love living there. I also wanted to echo that the truck on the other side in 9th place has been a problem for when I leave and come back from work. A lot of times, we'll have to go around the block the other way because they're completely blocking my way out, which has been really annoying, and it'll get even worse if outdoor dining expands. I'm also not convinced that all, like, the solutions for parking is going to work. Just because there's more places for bikes does not mean that the people who are going to be eating at these restaurants are going to be biking to and from their meal. A lot of people come from, like, out of Manhattan Beach and that's just not realistic. And then we have family visiting from outside of Los Angeles who need a place to park and it's really hard when I have friends who need to park, like, blocks away, and it's nighttime they have to walk. And, it's just it's already a problem, and I think that outdoor dining is going to compound all of these issues. That's all I had. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you.

KATHY KNOWL: Hi. Before I start, we're uncorked. And so just to have clarity and a clear delivery, I'd like to use both of our time so I can just get through, which is okay with

you. Thank you so much. Okay. Good evening, Mayor Franklin, Council Members. My name is Kathy Knowl, and my husband is Jeff Bonafetti. We're the owners of ParkLine Shop. First of all, I'd like to say thank you for allowing outdoor dining. We are very grateful, and we want you to know how important this has been to our business. With the rising costs of lease and rents here, it is really tough for the small mom-and-pops to stay. A lot of the people have just said that they like our unique small-town charm well, for it to maintain the small-town charm, you got to have the little shops and the little mom-pops. Otherwise, you're going to have the big chains and the big retailers, and it's going to lose its charm. I also am here tonight to urge you to consider option 3 and to reconsider using our walk streets since we are a very unique situation. Our corner is unique because we're the only commercial corner that all four corners have commercial properties. This city put a task force together of residents and businesses and they had decided and voted 15 to 0 that council should consider Walk Streets as a viable outdoor dining space, but this was never acknowledged. It's been also on the MIT report. On page 5, MIT had 2 outreach, Jocelyn Center And Hometown Fair. The feedback was outdoor dining was a great source of building community in commercial areas, created a family-friendly invited, promoted a walkable community, supported the city's local economy. The report also reads, I

quote, a vast majority of the participants were strongly in favor of allowing outdoor dining at the 15 identified Walk Street to commercial corners. We are one of those commercial corners. But it also said that we need to be cognizant of the residents, which I completely agree with. So the city staff had a walk street outreach and at 43 people were part of that. And the results of that outreach, I'd like to say, out of the 43 people surveyed, only 13% were around our business that incorporates that 6 people. And within the survey on page 8, when the focus group was asked if they were supportive of the amendment of the municipal code to identify Walk Street that where we are located out of that 43, 44 percent of the focus groups said, yes, they supported the change of the municipal code. So that was almost half of all that because we're not in the residential. They were vastly against the residential corners, not the commercial corner. I again request that you look if you open you're open to looking at this walk street program on an individual basis. This is not a one size fits all, and I would like to add we were never included at any of these discussions or focus groups. We would at least like a seat at the table and have a conversation with each of you because this is affecting our future. I know there's been a controversial subject, and I've spoken to some of the neighbors, and they say they don't want to start a precedent. I do not believe this to

be true. Every business should be taken into consideration individually. Just like our conditional use permits. We want to be good neighbors. We want to work along with the city and all those ideas that you have for our walk street. But it just doesn't make sense that moving a few of our tables from a bus stop and from a sidewalk to a walk street is going to cause all the concerns of more trash, more noise, more traffic. It really doesn't make sense, and it's going to cost nothing. To expand these sidewalks, you won't have to do it. If you'll just let us move 6 feet to the walk street. I think it's worth mentioning that all the residential properties on the walk streets have an encroachment for their patios from the city. So why is this exclusive just to the residents? Why can't the businesses offer this to our patrons and other residents that don't live right on the walk streets and community members? This is something they should benefit from the charm and the gorgeous ocean views that are right on that corner. So it's something for everyone. Again, it seems like this should be a case-by-case evaluation, and it would be a fair approach in taking into the unique circumstance of our location and we were advocating again for a seat at the table. Really appreciate your time. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you.

JEFF: Hi. My name is Jeff Lasage. I've lived here for 25 plus years. Sort of all over the tree section, sand section, I now live on their walk street and strongly support what they're doing for our community. We moved out of here for 2 years to go up to PV when we were a young married couple, and we came back right after we got our tax write off. Because we missed community. I grew up. My dad was a mayor, and I grew up thinking about what you guys do. And what you are supposed to do is build community. And what outdoor dining does is build community. When I heard that there were some people who came in who were local impacted residents who had challenges, a, I know 90% of the people who live in the impacted area, and I know what the majority of those people would say. So if you're listening to people, things like a survey are really important to understand what the impacted community thinks about it, And then you also serve a broader community. And there's nothing like coming downtown and having it turned into feeling like Europe. When your friends are around people you see are around, you can actually get a table at a restaurant you know, I know there's some restaurant tourist behind us, and there's no, like, locals only type of thing, but there's you we stopped. Everyone stopped coming downtown. We lost the community feel when that changed because there isn't enough room because people now know. Is a dining mecca. We have these great restaurants. And so I urge you

guys to think about the broader community And also if we're going to look at the impacted residents, really see what people think and then look at the actual impact because the bigger thing is the loud cars, 2 AM coming out of shellbacks and irks and other places, not the noise from afterwards.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you.

MICHAEL ZISLAS: Michael Zislas, a long-time resident, 34-year business owner in downtown, a couple of restaurants. I did some thinking today after hearing you speak, and Councilman Napolitano always wanted wider sidewalks. So I think that should be definitely the plan, to widen all the sidewalks in downtown Manhattan Beach. But at the end of the day, we got to figure out how we're paying for it. So I think you should focus your time and energy on how we're paying for it. Because I hate to keep going to these meetings and wasting the next year and a half of my life and your time, not knowing how we're going to pay for it. So I just think that should be probably put to the front of the agenda is how, you know, how we're going to pay for it. That would be my first thought. Some of my thoughts are, you know, increase some parking rates, rental rates. If you'll be renting these decks from the city, what those rates would look like. But I think we've got to kind of flush that all out before we keep

dreaming here. You know, of the outdoor dining. But, I wanted to represent myself tonight here because the first draft I got was 30 days ago. And guess who didn't have an outdoor dining facility, me, the Strand House. I was quite shocked. So then they have in your proposal, they have a plan B. I'm just going to say I want equity and parity. So keep me in mind for plan B because if you're going to give everybody outdoor dining, there should be some kind of parity, you know, if it's 10%, whatever that number you guys come up with of the extension, it should be parity for all the restaurants. And the last thing is, the parking plan does have to change because there's a lot of rideshare now. There's a lot of bicycling now. There are e-bikes now. Things like that, you got to put in your part. Other cities are already doing it. You guys are a little behind the curve on that. So that's all I got to say. Thank you, everybody.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you, Michael.

HEATHER KIM: Hello, Heather Kim. I didn't really research this as in-depthly as everyone else who spoke before me. But I'm just speaking as a resident and someone who likes to go out to these restaurants and who supported a lot of these restaurants, especially through COVID. And I see how beautiful and how practical and lovely this can be. It works in so many

other cities, and I'm just shaking my head thinking, why can we not figure this out? And, I just hope that you guys can figure out a plan that will have the residents be happy about it and also expand for the business owners, to maintain that small-town feel. We really need to make sure that these mom and pop shops stay here and not get McDonald's and Taco Bells and things like that in our small town. So, Yeah. I just I just really loved the COVID era. The only part I liked about it was the outdoor dining, by the way. And ever since that happened, my friends and I, we went around to each and every, as many as the businesses that we could, and supported them every week. And so I want to continue doing that here. I want to continue, with not only the residents, the friends who live here, but other people, we do utilize rideshare a lot. And I hope that we can, you know, just figure out a plan. But this is going to be a net positive for Manhattan Beach. And I'm in favor of a long term solution and to have beautiful outdoor dining. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you, Heather. Anybody else in chambers? Martha how's Zoom looking?

MARTHA: We have Suzanne Lerner.

SUZANNE LERNER: Hi. Good evening, everybody. It's time in New York, so it's kind of late for me here, but you I think you know how important this is for me. Everybody should know I've been committed as a downtown resident to do my best to protect our quality of life and maintain our small-town atmosphere and to protect the jewel of the town with a so special. I've been living happily next to commercial streets, and it's one of the benefits of living downtown. I do appreciate all your concerns and questions by all the council members. Regarding widening the streets, it's going to create a shrinking of the actual space for riding the sidewalks. It's going to shrink the streets. How are people going to ride a bike? I've been thinking about that and concerned about it, and we used to talk about bike lanes. And now that's kind of off the table. And also, space for rideshare drop-off and pick-up because they kind of double park. Parking for employees, there's a lot more employees in restaurants. I have friends that don't hear parking or want parking for friends. There is no free parking anymore in Manhattan Beach. At least off the Chip Trail, I have friends that said their streets are filled with employees and its restaurant employees, as well as south of Manhattan Avenue. We have incredible trash issues, truck issues, blocking of our alley on 9th place continually. It was really good during COVID. It's gotten better. It's still bad. I can't get in and out of my

garage. I don't know why we're even considering amplified music. I mean, we're talking about dining. And then regarding the northeast corner 10th Street, the people in the block above were never asked anything, and they will be directly resulting in any noise and anything going on that encroachment. And I really wish that the task force could go and speak to them because they were aghast that they hadn't been included in that. We are going to be undergrounding. We got to prove our undergrounding in our area, which means there's going to be a lot of construction going on. I don't know how many years if we widen the sidewalks, and it's going to impact all those little small businesses. So it's just, some of the ideas that I've had from listening to all of this, and appreciate all of your time spent on this. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. Thank you, Suzanne.

MARTHA: Next is Kathleen Smith. Kathleen Smith? We'll move to Rita. Kathleen's not accepting the prompt.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Kathleen?

RITA: Yes, good evening. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin. No. Sorry. Mayor Franklin.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I've been called worse.

RITA: Alright. So I just have a couple of comments. I think, I've always thought the widening of the sidewalks would be beautiful for downtown, that was not even in regard to restaurants. I also think that, Right now, our sidewalks, a lot of those little blue squares are broken. And I know they get replaced, but a lot of the colors are different. So they, visually the aesthetics of having wired, sidewalks would be lovely, and they need updating now. So now might be a good time to think about it. I thought that Councilmember Montgomery brought up what's underground, that was a great question because that, that is when you're renovating something. Boy, there's can of worms. And then I all the concerns about the truck, if you do narrow the streets, that would be a further con concern. But I do love the idea of creating some more beautification downtown. So choice number 2 where the space beside on port is, beautified right now. That's a very ugly space. I don't I wouldn't anticipate people without birthday parties there. I don't think it's that big of a space, but who knows? So I just wanted to give a couple comments. I'm not sure where I land for or against, but I thought this was a well presented, idea for an initial project idea. And there's a lot of reasons why now is a

good time to be considering this option between the sidewalks getting updated, etcetera. And it's parking doesn't seem like a big challenge. Thank you. Appreciate it.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, Miss Smith.

MARTHA: That was Rita.

That was Rita.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, that was Rita. I'm sorry.

MARTHA: We'll try Kathleen Smith again.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, okay. Sorry, Rita. Hello?

KATHLEEN SMITH: Hello?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Hello? Yep.

MARTHA: Hi. We can hear you. You can start your oh, she muted herself again.

KATHLEEN SMITH: Hello?

MARTHA: We can hear you. You can start your comments.

KATHLEEN SMITH: Great. Thank you very much. I could spend 45 minutes talking to you about all the issues that will affect the street that I live on and where my biggest investment of my life is. And I continue to invest in it. It's one of the oldest houses in Manhattan Beach. But I want to address the concept that has been proposed with respect to Uncorked. Uncorked belongs to somebody who bought that does not allow them to serve food. It restricts their use of serving wine to the public to one ounce per glass, no more than 5. They do not conform to those restrictions. They are the successors to somebody who never conformed to their CUVs (Conditional Use Permits) restrictions and have the concept that the walk street right across the street from us would become a wine bar is absolutely unreal. It is unreal to me also that the task force has presented this to you as a feeding establishment when it is allowed to serve no more than some wafers, and oh, I have a red, red crackers, cheese, or nuts, and no other items to clear the taste buds, but it does have people going across the street to get food from the restaurant across the street. You know, you need to control what you're looking at and find out what, and I would appreciate it if you would really consider what this is

going to do to us. And have one more comment; we spent a \$1,000 after the outdoor dining came in to control bourbon and rats, and we never had that problem in more than 30 years. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you for your comment.

MARTHA: Next is Ally.

ALLY GODIN: Hi there! Good evening, Mayor Franklin and City Council members. My name is Ali Godin. I am a 20-year resident here in Manhattan Beach in downtown and a homeowner. I knew what I was signing up for when I bought my home in downtown. There is noise. You know, there's a buzz, all of which I like. I'm here tonight because I want to voice my support for the outdoor dining. Number 1, I really enjoyed it as, I think somebody else said, in particular during COVID, it was a nice silver lining there for us. And, you know, I understand it's obviously a very complex and controversial issue, and I really appreciate all the time the task force has spent on it. It's sort of a thankless job, and you're not getting paid. So I really appreciate all that effort. I really hope that the City Council and the community can come to a consensus on what works for the community best, with outdoor dining because I think there is a solution here. But specifically, I want to address

the 10th Street area in front of Encore on the side on the walk street. I've enjoyed going down there often and having a taste of wine and a little snack there. And it's, sometimes they have some live music, and I've really appreciated that. I love bringing friends there. Family, they all enjoy it. It's just a lovely way to spend an afternoon or evening, watching the sunset, and you know, I don't see why that's a negative. It doesn't seem to disrupt anybody. It's really no different than having it in front. So I just would like, you know, that's my 2¢ to be heard as a resident of the town who lives downtown. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, Ally.

MARTHA: There's no additional request on Zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So we're going to go ahead and close public comments and start our council discussion. So first up is Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just want to begin with more generalized comments, and then maybe after listening to my colleagues, have further comments, their questions. I want to talk about the process a little bit,

because to some of the comments that were made that there were backroom deals or, you know, this has been pulled, a fast one, because what were there 9, you know, public task force meetings involving at least 15, task force members at each one? There's been, you know, a survey, and it was done by our staff, correct, because council did not want to spend money to do it. And, you know, it's I know it can seem like it happens in a vacuum or in closed doors, but nothing we do does. And when you make those comments, I got to be honest. It kind of makes me not listen to the rest of what you have to say, and I know. Yeah. I'm talk and I I know No. It's fine. But I but it I did listen to the rest of what you had to say, but my gut is like, oh gosh. That's mean because I know our staff has worked hard, but I did listen to you. Maybe. So but I but I I did listen, but I want to say to our staff and to the people Not just our staff. It's their job. You know, they they get abuse all the time, but the people on the task force they do. We abused them. No. You didn't I'm saying we I'm being funny here or trying. Point being. Thank you. The point being, There's a lot of people who have given hours and hours and hours and hours of their time To try to understand the complexity of the situation, there's been people on the task force who maybe don't support the idea of outdoor dining, there's been people on the task force who came in with the preconceived notion. There's people on the task force who

didn't even understand what the Coastal Commission was or how
It's been a process. They have residents have dedicated hours.
This discussion, I don't know how it's going to go. And I'm not
exactly sure exactly where I land, but I think it's such there's
been such great groundwork laid for us to have a really,
intelligent, thoughtful. Well, I'll say thoughtful. I won't go
so far as intelligent discussion if you will. And, you know, and
I also regret, you know, again, public can make comments about
any of us up here and staff and you and they have. But, you
know, talking about different businesses, especially one who's
being affected by some of the decisions we make tonight,
aspersions are made, and they're out there in the public, and
they might be true. They might not be. And I think that's a bit
unfair. So I, I just want to try to elevate ourselves here and
just talk about yeah. There's if we let's say we decide to do
everything that somebody wants, there's going to be an impact.
Right? There's going to there's going to be an intensification.
And how are we as city council going to direct our staff to take
care of the trash, take care of the parking to protect those
residents, right? That I let's talk about those things, not
about how you know, bad somebody is for wanting it or not
wanting it. Right? Everybody should advocate for themselves
without attacked in the neighborhood. So, I live on a walk
street, not in downtown, but I definitely, have kids and drunk

people running up and down my street at all times. Sometimes they were 1 in the same. Sometimes they were related to me. So I know what it's like when you live that close to your neighbors, when you have to get your plans, verified by the planning department and you don't own all of your yard, right, because half of my yard really belongs to the city and could be taken at any time. There's a lot to consider here.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Note to self.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: Exactly. Come. Take my land, but don't run up the street drunk, Steve. Not that you would ever Alright. That I just want to start with my general comments that way because I've really been struck about it. I know it's a very impactful decision and discussion. So Thank you for your time.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Councilmember Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We've corralled from your Walk Street. I'm just, that was the intro was the end. I just I don't want to speak without you. Were you still going?

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: No. I just want to make those comments, and then I have ideas and and but I want to hear whatever, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay. Thank you, Mayor. I agree with a lot of what Mayor Pro Tem said. Not necessarily everything, You know, what it said, will businesses affect tonight? No. I don't actually think any business is going to be affected tonight because the decisions and the changes, even if we make a decision, are far into the future as I see. Because I'm going to come back to the idea that I started with which I thought was reinforced by one of the speakers and is I want to know what this is going to cost and how we're going to pay for it. Because the rest is just an academic exercise. We can draw pretty pictures and vaps and do all these things and dream big But I want to know what the cost is and then how we're going to pay it because nothing happens without funding. Funding is what makes sidewalks, wider funding is what makes space for flex, for public, for whatever else. Mhmm. Funding does that. So before we go further along, that's what I'd like to see brought back to us from stat. And, yes, that means put it on another agenda. As far as I'm concerned, I'm not I wasn't committed last time to anything in particular. I reserve judgment, even though I said yes, let's go forward. Let's do it. The same applies here

tonight because without funding and and without knowledge of who's going to pay what and how we're going to do that. All this, again, is just an act academic The 10th Street issue. I mean, the scheme of all this, it's a non issue as far as I can go. At least it's it really should just be put on the back burner right now because we're not going to answer that tonight. There's no reason to answer it tonight. Allowing the future use of that space or not allowing it either by Uncourt or the public as a flex space who could use it now if they want to, that can be done in quick measure either way. I think it pales in comparison that question with the rest of what's going on here regarding parking reconfigurations and all those things. But that parking reconfiguration, everything else, again, comes at a cost. What is that? How are we going to pay for it? Again, keep coming back and forth because that is the threshold question that we're faced with. We answered the question before, do we want to come up with a plan to address outdoor dining? The task force, the staff, have done a good job coming up with a plan. This is very similar to some other cities I've visited where it's on the inside of the side with the sidewalk room. I was glad to see that's where we're headed on it. But, again, It's not sold yet because I think we need to do, and we need to know more before making these decisions. So I'd like to see the funding aspect brought back before we depart further on this.

And the 10th Street, again, I don't think it's an issue right now. I think it can be decided later I don't see the point in deciding anything with it right now. Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you. And, Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I share the comments of council member in Napolitano, both on the aspirations of what this program could be. And I'll read from the staff for to what the preferred program vision is, which is finding a balance between outdoor dining opportunities and preserving the residents quality of life. And that includes, of course, the downtown residents, not just all of our residents, but there are fundamental unanswered questions for us Before we get too much deeper in and spend another 90 some \$1000, we have to better understand how we're going pay for massive improvements to our public, right of way. Our public right of way where certainly there'll be a model for getting some sort of revenue return from restaurants and the ideal as it's presently envisioned. To help pay for these improvements, but these improvements are going to cost quite a bit more than what would be paid. I also want to see a more fundamental addressing of what some of these residents have raised. These are not new issues. I've been

involved perhaps less time than some of my colleagues on this council, but I've been involved with the city for over 20 years as a public official one form or another. And these issues are not new, and these have been circular. What does staff need to be able to come up with some at least some preliminary answers? And maybe I'm posing this as a question. Obviously, we need to give direction to staff. This is where it gets circular, but certainly I'd like to see, obviously, how we might be...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Not just infrastructure costs, but operational costs as well?

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: Operational point.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Operational maintenance of the downtown? Right. Okay. I just didn't. Additional and clean. That's why I'm asking if that's what...

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: My colleague here, Councilor Lesser is referring to.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Absolutely. Obviously, the funding models, I have parking written down. I have loading, unloading noise. Not just parking for those that would come downtown, but for those that work downtown.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

MAYOR PRO-TEM HOWORTH: I just had a quick question.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: But I could go on and on, but I want to better understand what staff feels that they can answer without council engaging the consultant further. In other words, what can we do with the current contract, which I thought was going to answer some of these questions a little further? But that's the direction I'd like to go, but let me come here from my other colleagues.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Sure. So, I'm next. Again, a great first act of what's certainly going to be a multiple act, story as it and challenge and project as it unfolds. It was interesting the number that I heard that there are 25 establishments that provide outdoor dining now. And the ones that we're seeing, coming through, community development, they're recognizing where the future of outdoor dining is going

to be. You're seeing it in hoke and plow. You're seeing it in contained within the footprint of the existing building and being creative. You're seeing it we've seen some had preliminary discussions with restaurant on the bottom floor and then up on the top floor, a second floor, there's going to be some form of outdoor dining, maybe not completely. It's not like rooftop dining, it's going to be still enclosed, but it's going to be more open. So, people who are investing in restaurants understand that, so that they, so it's quantifiable what they're going to do, how many seats they're going to have, and, if there's any additional cost from the city to do so. We've discussed here, the financial considerations that we really need to know it. I agree with my, colleagues where it's where before we can put in more money, we've got to get some sort of handle on what this is going to look like, as far as the cost all around and our restaurant businesses seem you know, we want to know that too. So let's talk about 10th Street. I mean, we know what is the most desirable is to move the seating over into the open area because that's going to give you a full on view looking west of the ocean, which is what everybody wants to do. But, you know, I would maintain that when these businesses started, I don't know what it was offered as when it was sold, but that seating wasn't guaranteed. What was guaranteed was sidewalk immediately in front of the building. And I think

that's where it should stay. I think, 10th Street is a unique, opportunity for people to come down. I've come down and really enjoyed it and appreciate the space and the view of the ocean. And there's other walk streets that provide the same thing as well, and that's what someone who lives east of Highland or east of Manhattan Avenue, you know, looked at when they were looking at their homes, when they were making their individual investments. Visitors have plenty of opportunities. I like what, pardon me, I don't know if I heard her name correctly, but someone said, there's plenty of places to go and watch the sunset, and it's called The Strand. It's called the beach. I don't know how many feet of beach, little bit less now because of the storms, but we do have open beach. You can go to and see the sunsets and experience it, and see the ocean and feel it and everything like that. One restaurant tour once told me that I said, gosh, you know, this is, you know, people after dinner can go ahead and go down, you know, to the pier, go down the hill. And they said, not as many as you think because they don't want to have to turn around and come up the hill. But it's still they can go ahead and stand at certain spots and see the ocean even if even if it isn't down. So I would be in favor of just keeping the status quo with, with 10th Street, just to sort of, it depends on how we're going to vote on it, but to clear that up, because it's going to be a lot more things. I'm also in favor,

we've been hearing I've been on council for 3 years and all we're we hear about and what I see are those delivery trucks, now I know they have to make deliveries. Okay? But they're in red curbs, they're obstructing views, they're making it very dangerous to manage your way, you know, to get around our downtown area. I want to see enforcement. I've been asking for enforcement of those areas. Let us come up with a, a solution if they, you know, if the delivery, people and the restaurants say, hey, we need to just have other spaces. Let's look at that. But we've got the red curves there for a reason less than 4 set. That's going to take care of the crowding downtown. It's going to take care of the noise downtown. It's going to take care of the, you know, delivery trucks downtown. And yes, I understand they need a place to unload, but we've got to figure this out, now without even, going into this plan. The idea of trash, I think we're making progress, to the chagrin and, you know, some restaurants being upset because some of that is changing. Because we are enforcing the trash rules, but let's just keep working on that and make that better. Get code enforcement out there if it's not, you know, if businesses aren't following the code. We hire additional, code enforcement people just for, you know, not just for this reason, but for this reason. So let's get them working on the downtown area. Music. I don't have any idea. I mean, I have some idea with the music, restrictions are,

but let's enforce it. It shouldn't be blasting at midnight at from any of the restaurants. Let's follow the code, let's follow the c p CUP and get that under control as well. And then ride share spaces. How many of you have been driving down Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Manhattan Avenue or whatever and the Uber driver or the Lyft driver or the, you know, the limo driver just stops and helps the people out and you're just going, you're flashing your lights, whatever, maybe you beep your horn. I don't know.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I certainly don't. No.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I don't either. But you got to designate some spaces and, again, enforcement. But please don't. Let's not get into fights, you know, on the streets. But those wouldn't happen if we were taking a look at planning this, you know, a little bit better and controlling that a little bit more. Those are the things that the downtown residents are most annoyed about. Then we can go ahead and talk about widening the sidewalk, see what the kind of impact is. It's not going to be like the dining decks were there. There's not going to be as many seats, you know, on these, I'll call them decks for now, but in these spaces there's not going to be as many seats. Maybe we can go ahead and, you know, restrict, you know, provide some

restrictions that you can't eat outside unless you have a reservation. So you're not having people standing around on the sidewalk waiting for an hour to get a space to eat outside. I see that when I use, you know, you know, the online reservations. You can ask for inside or outside. It's very simple. And then then just say, I'm sorry, we don't have room on the outside. We got all these reservations, you know, you're going to have to, you know, wait maybe they can wait to eat inside or go someplace else. So, and I want to see parking instructions on the reservation system. Don't get don't try to find a parking spot in front of Esperanza. Okay? There's only 2 of them, and there's 80 people that can eat in there or whatever the number is. So on the reservations, on the on the, you know, we're getting text now. Okay? We're getting all this communication with that diner coming as far as confirming their time. Well, you want them to be there on time. Direct them towards available parking. And I'd like to see some AI app that can take the information about what spaces are available at Metlock's, at a Pacific Plaza, and on the street somehow, and feed that information so that someone that wants to come to that restaurant doesn't want, you know, to find a parking space that's non-existent in front of those restaurants. There are things that we can do to help that. So, again, I applaud the efforts. It's giving us really some good ideas to think outside

the box. Not having DEX to me is huge. That is a great start on this, but we can do better on what we have already. Thank you. Council member Montgomery.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Thank you, Your Honor. I had the, some of you may call the honor of being the mayor during COVID before it started the 1st 10 months. If there was a silver lining to COVID at all, and that's a big if, was watching the city react to how do we save the restaurants, not just Mike's Restaurants, but others. Workers, what do you do? Is it all takeout? How do you manage this? And we were shooting from the fly folks. I'll admit it, we didn't know how to do it. There was no book out there to follow. There was no city we could look at and say, what are they doing? But we had great staff. We had great people, and we had people that worked. Eric was working 10 o'clock at night. Our traffic engineer made things happen and get ABC operating, you know, get them approving. So a lot of people helped make those decks happen. I know all of you did in buying gift cards that I sell on my desk. I haven't used Apple, but it was a show of support. That's what we did it for. Right? We thought, how can we help? What can we do legally? And the governor gave us the rules that said, if you want to do this, Richard, you can do it on my emergency order, but when it comes over, you have to follow all the rules. Fine. I wasn't thinking

about that. I thought in my mind, we had done 6 months. We knew that COVID would go on for 2 years, but we did it. And now we're seeing what happens and what the rules are going forward. And the mother one of the people will tell you, this project, no matter what council decides, if it moves forward with redoing anything on Manhattan Avenue and RMBB, it's a massive, complex project. It sounds easy, I know. It is not easy. And forget I'm going to walk through for a second. I don't want to go there because it's not where I want to focus, but everybody's comments about cost, forget plans and grants and the state and supervisor Mitchell. No one's going to give us a dime. 1, they don't feel sorry for us. And number 2, they can spend your own money. So unless we can afford it, we're not going to do it. It's simple. And it all stops there. And Steve, to his credit, has been talking about sidewalk dining since 2000, probably 12. And not dining, sidewalk expansion. Dining came later. But expansion is right. But the point's about, is the street wide enough? What about bike lanes? These are all questions you get to ask after he did a good job talking about the setup. This is preliminary. There's a lot of 1,000 questions you have to go through. And Chief Lang will be here. Remember the 1st weeks of COVID, we had things going on, and we started doing decks? I won't mention names. There are some restaurant tours who did the Home Depot Plywood build construction with heating lamps with the propane

things right next to my foot, next to your leg. Chip Lange would never allow that. We did a lot of things happen that we would never allow in a normal time. Well, guess what? We're in a normal time now. You can't do state issued like that, like we did during COVID. Some restaurants, Mike and Mike Sims did it the right way. That's still the way you want it done. But if it gets to that point, if you give me a choice of items, the first thing I would look at, and I agree with our colleagues, it says, what's the cost of just doing the expanded sidewalks first? One step. That doesn't involve dying decks, doesn't involve permitting everybody else and worrying about 10th Street and one of the courts doing. What's the cost of just doing to expansion of the sidewalk stop? And how long would it take? Because we have to add on 6 more months. Whatever date you're going to think it's going to be, add 6 months to that to that time frame. Be realistic with it. And don't be shocked when things go past the date you think it's going to be finished. No matter what we find out there, and as county knows, no matter how great a plan we have, plan change and you get hit in the mouth. First time you get hit, your plans are going to change. And that's what happens to us. So I'm really careful about all of that. I've seen other councils that have spent a ton of money, and the plans are right in the trash can. So I'd rather hold off than spending anything past that point till we get past the street

widening them. There's sidewalk widening issue. Bruce comes back and says, hey, we got really good strong bids. Say, we got this done for \$800,000. We can do the sidewalks. Here, don't forget the north end. Right? They're part of the city too. Is it just downtown, or north end's going to get widened? How's he going to answer both of those questions? Then we'll know. But those are my first two issues with it. Let's see. But last thing I want to mention here. Yeah, I'm not ready to go with anything on Wall Street, Chad. And those of us who've been living in the city 30 plus years, I kind of got used to the Walk Street being the way they are. And Nicholas talked about being new here, and newer here, and just talked about what it's like. And I don't want to be that guy that changes, that disrupts that walk street. It's not going to be me, because I know what it's like to sit out there and bring your friends from my friends from Texas that want to come see it. And they go, this is awesome. You should live right here. They go, no. No. No. I'm fine. It's good. But they want to see it, and they enjoy it. And they love having Slaves Restaurants, people on the sidewalk.

It kind of brings that community building together when you have that, just the sidewalk dining. It's still there. And that's one thing that came out of that we never thought would happen, that we'd grow, and that people love sitting

outside. So I'm careful about any further direction past, can we look at sidewalks expansion first, and where everything else second? Yes. People that want dining to happen tomorrow are going to be upset. The council's going to slow grow it. We've killed many plants or folks that we wanted to do, the cost got high, we killed it. Remember the backbone plan we had to go about building high speed fiber throughout the city? And \$100,000 later, guess what, folks? We killed it, killed it. Because the cost is way down \$30,000,000 cost. What? No. But I don't want to make that mistake here. That way, slow grow it, find out what sidewalks cost, all I need to do it. They will come back. There's a kind of comeback with Com Dev and Public Works, say, look, the streets are going to widen or it's going to shrink. We can still do bike lanes or not. We can get 8 feet out of it. How much of that cost? Here's what it's going to look like. Then we have a better idea. So I'll stop there and let my colleagues continue, but you know, guys, where I'm coming from. Thank you, Your Honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you. Mayor Pro Tem.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Thank you. Yeah. So now I want a little bit of comment about actually what we're proposing, and then I have some questions trying to frame it. Questions for my

colleagues so we could possibly get to some direction or clarity because I've heard some really good ideas post. People have talked about the silver lining of COVID. And it's a kind of historical fact that nothing kind of forces cultural change more than pandemics, plagues, or wars. Hate to say that, but it did show us what was possible. Don't want to go back. Not saying that. I one thing that happened with COVID too, though, is we got really used to shopping on Amazon, right, or shopping online, which has killed brick and mortar retail and also contributed to the proliferation of delivery trucks on our streets. Because it's not just the delivery trucks delivering to the innumerable Amazon and FedEx and USPS and UPS trucks trying to deliver. To that end, there is regardless of what happens with all of this, there is they are staff and, a small task force, I believe, are working on a delivery truck issue. And if I may ask a question, Director Mirza Khanian? Thank you. Now I've used your name twice. Because I just want to be sure that, that's not part of this additional cost. And, is it outside the scope of the task force or is it being done within the task force as well?

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: It's currently being done within the task force. It is on our list to tackle.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: And I think, mister Burton, I think you're also are you in you provide information. I know you provide a lot of good information on the impact of delivery trucks on residents. Right? So it's not just businesses and task force members. Sorry. I didn't mean to, I know I'm not supposed to ask questions to the audience. You're correct. Thank you. Because that is that is we all acknowledge, like, without expanding any program, we acknowledge that that is a problem not just for residents who live down there, but it's a public safety issue for people, as you mentioned, mister mayor, driving down the street, etcetera. So that is going to be addressed, and that issue is complicated on its own without even talking about money spent. It's just such a complicated thing to figure out. So that's being addressed. The other I did have another question for you, see if I can figure it out. There was some, awfully uncommon comment about 2nd floor dining. That could be a possibility. Is that part of the task force?

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: That was already, yes, because as a part of this effort, we were directed by counsel to consider not only public property, but also any changes that would have to make be made to our current regulations for private property opportunities. And we do allow 2nd floor decks right now. We have some guidelines that are not codified that

came out of a prior effort, planning effort, and staff has been utilizing those guidelines. And if we are presented with an application for 2nd floor outdoor dining. But we are further discussing the guidelines with the with the task force, once we start having the private property do discussions, which is actually the next step on our list. Once we had, you know, this settled a little bit, private property was next on the list in addition to the noise in the vehicle loading and the trash.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. Great. Thank you.

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So I really believe that something that we haven't talked about is the fact that our restaurants, and I'm going to say this, there is an impact and there would be an intensification of use, which would add impact to residents. I'm never going to deny that when I want to fix that. But our restaurants are creating the charm of our downtown right now, okay? And they bring community out. They bring community together. They bring part of that joy and charm to our downtown. Because if we didn't have our restaurants, we would probably have a lot of empty spaces, retail spaces, because it's really expensive to rent in Manhattan Beach. And to make it, you

almost have to be a chain or you have to work 24 hours a day like Maureen from Tabula Rasa. I mean, retail am I right am I right? I'm just commenting on my friends. No. It is really hard to make it. So we I see this as a kind of a there's a reason to do this on a lot of levels. But I want to address the concerns that my colleagues have about money and about how we face it, etcetera. But I think we should I don't want this I want us to give clear direction tonight so the process keeps moving. I really I'm going to agree with council member Napolitano on setting aside 10th Street for the moment because it just seems almost in the weeds. And, I, whether I support it or not, I think it's a distraction right now, and I would like to get to the right holistic answer. So I would propose we, and I thought your idea was really good, like, how about we

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Which one?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah. I'm going to tell you. I'm going to tell you, sir. Although, I don't know what that hit in the face thing was. That was that was some Texas, you know, anyway.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Mike Tyson.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Mike Tyson. I don't know, man. Watch your ear. So, it's about okay. So how much would it cost if we just start with street widening? Now when you talk about that, you're also talking about removing parking meters. Right? You're talking about, I think Suzanne Lerner brought up, hey, if we wind up sidewalks, is it going to be safe for bicycles, etcetera? All those things would be considered in that. But he is talking about the cost. I think that's a good idea. I think, Council Member Lasser, I think you had a concern about we don't want to let the delivery truck issue, it's circular. We've been talking about it for years. But the reason I ask those questions is to assure you that is 100% going to be tackled. Like, it there's a huge, commitment to that. So I guess what I want to ask of either staff or my colleagues is if we want to proceed, but we want to understand the funding. Not the funding, the cost. There's cost, and then there's funding. Right? And I'm a little more optimistic than my colleague about getting a dime from somebody else, but he's not wrong. We shouldn't rely on that. So does that 91,000 is that what it is, 91,000?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Additional. Additional.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So that was going to give us a preliminary, a more complete preliminary plan that then we would

be able to cost out. But that costing out would cost money.
Okay, Tony I mean, director Mirza Khanian. I'm getting there.

DIRECTOR MIRZAKHANIAN: The additional 91,000 includes the consultant costing it out for us after they prepare the civil engineer drawings.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. So I guess, my colleagues and I have to figure out, do we, not believe, but are we do we think that we have to go along with the civil engineers, additional plans in order to get the right cost? Are we willing to spend that money? I think that's a question I have for my colleagues. I would like to you know, I'm taking out the tenth street right now. I want to keep moving this forward, and so I want us to figure that out. There you go. That's it. What?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That's it. Just making sure. Council member Lasser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I'd like to tee this up in a similar vein, but with more specific direction because we're kind of going round a little bit, if I might say. So I'd like to ask, if I can, director mister Canahan, under the existing MIG professional service agreement and community development, your

staff's capacity, what can staff bring back now without our entering into this amendment consistent with what you've heard loud and clear? We're concerned about costs. Council member Montgomery has noted the issue of what it would cost us with maybe even a rough order of magnitude for expansion of sidewalks. Mhmm. What can you bring back and some of the other issues we've talked about at present without our necessarily going forward with the amendment?

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: I would have to collaborate with our public works department, to bring back some cost estimates. They would be very conceptual, but I would have to team up with the other department to be able to do that.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Because I think all of us up here are grateful for the long term outdoor dining task force and their work. They've done what we've asked through your staff and the consultant coming up with the vision. But now is the time where we need to really fundamentally regroup and decide, is this feasible? And if so, what more are we really going to need to do? Sure. Particularly, as was mentioned, that we would need to spend more before we're in a position to decide we really can't afford this. So I think we need some preliminary information, and at a minimum you've heard that we would need to

have a rough order of magnitude. We would need some addressing of parking, I think, in a preliminary basis. What else have we heard? We've heard issues of noise. How can we address some of these fundamental issues without necessarily going forward with the amendment unless you believe that we really must go forward with the amendment to be able to come back with something that we can actually consider? We as a community, not just this council, but the downtown residents as well as the restaurant tours to make sure that they're included, addressing issues that were brought up about future restaurants that may want to add space.

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: I'll separate some of those concepts out. What the outdoor dining task force had recommended was that, in the interim, while the long term vision is being implemented, that time is specifically devoted to working out the issues related to vehicle loading, refuse, and noise, that that the downtown is experiencing today. And that is one of the reasons why they didn't want a stopgap measure to bring back contemporary decks, etcetera, because they understand that staff needs to devote serious amount of resources. And it's not just my department. I want to say that this is a multi-department effort. I have to collaborate with the public works department, police department on vehicle code enforcement, and loading

issues. So we would have to collaborate, and we do need some time to be able to do that. But we do recognize that those are the issues that we need to address, and once we have a vision and we're work we have some staff members working on the code amendments that have to support the direction that we take and moving that through the regulatory process, then simultaneously, we'll be able to, visit some of these other issues and tackle those problems.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Moving in a reasonable time frame, do you need this amendment to be able to add capacity, to be able to do some of the analysis that we've just talked about?

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: The noise in the traffic and vehicle is separate from the amendment, the vehicle loading. That that's all separate. Really, the amendment was specifically for the civil engineer plans and the cost estimate. I will turn to the public works department to help me with a conceptual level cost estimate at this point, given the council's direction. And we can table the \$91,000 if that's what the council wants to do for now.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: What I'd say to my colleagues is I hope we can arrive at what is some specific direction we want

to give tonight. Is it to just have staff come back as I think was preliminary discussed by, council member Napolitano, or do we feel that we staff feel that we need this amendment? I'd like to see what staff can do, but on the other hand, I do want to keep this moving. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Council member Montgomery. Thank you, your honor.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: The most important person in the room tonight is not up here. It's that guy right there, Steve Turley, can I borrow, come down for a second? Our finance director. That's the guy you really want to hear from. Nobody up here but that man right there.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I'm hurt.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: No. Yeah. So what I'm going to ask you, Steve, is that those who are talking about money, those who have wondered what happened during COVID, where that money went that we spent, protesters are going to tell you how much money we spent out of our own pocket and how much money we put in for a claim for the feds, and then how much money we actually have gotten back. Trust Australian?

STEVE TURLEY: Yeah. With, the claim we put in for the feds, we put in about \$1,600,000. We've gotten \$200,000 back, and we've been disqualified for about \$400,000 and got about another \$600,000 pending. And then are you referring to the ARPA funds?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: No. You're doing great there. You that was the only question I had for you. That was perfect.

STEVE TURLEY: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: My point was, those looking for outside funding folks, this gives you an idea. Outside funding. I don't believe and the state will help us, I don't believe a supervisor will help us, we might get lucky to find a grant part way down the road, but maybe the feds will pay us back the 1,600,000 we're missing. Who knows? Use that money to pay for all of this. To me, for Tim's question, the quote from Tyson was, all your plans aren't great till you hit in the mouth.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Oh, you said hit them now.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Sounds great. Hit in the mouth.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Hitting till you get hit in the mouth.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Right. That's the point.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Terrible sport.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So my point was World War 2. General thing. You don't know what's going to happen to get out until you.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: But the point here, folks, we don't want to plan on someone giving the same money from any section of the state, county, grants, anybody. This is going to be all on us. What they're going to tell you? It's going to be all on us. And so the first step, I agree, with Councilor Melissa that we got to find out what that cost is, then we can go from there.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I can make a suggestion. If counsel would authorize 91,000, let staff go back and figure out if we can do it on our own. And if we determine that we can't, then we at least have the authority to go and contract to get the work done.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: That's reasonable. Make that motion for us.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I'd rather have him just come back.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: He's pressed his button.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I'm sorry. Council member Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: No. That's my answer. No. This can be brought back rather quickly. We did this before. I'm looking at Jill Lamkin right now. We went over. We had a preliminary estimate as to what the cost to redo the sidewalks as is are. Well, that should be able to be extrapolated on a per square footage basis as to what a wider sidewalk would be, and then it's a matter of math after that. And that's why I went to law school so I don't have to figure that out. So I don't have to deal with math. So, yeah, it can be done. It can be done at

least in a rough enough order because we looked at changing some of the treatments and things out there because the sidewalks need to be improved regardless of what happens, wider, shorter, whatever. Sidewalks are in terrible, whatever it is, it need to be redone, and we looked at that. There is an estimate. I'd have to dig out of my email, but I've every confidence that director Lee behind me is going to be able to provide us with some, rough again, we're not asking for perfection, but I think that for the good of this effort, we need to know that before we go forward because again, nothing happens without funding and that also represents scale. It has to include the North End because they are part of this discussion as well and see where we go from there. I would hope that can be brought back fairly soon, but I don't want to approve the 90,000 and then find out later that, oh, no. We're not going to do that. I really would rather we did it before. We can do it now. So and a lot of things I mean, we talked about change or what hasn't changed. Right? A lot of these things, the noise issues, the parking issues, the delivery issues, we had them before. We had them during COVID. We have them now. We haven't addressed them in detail as perhaps we'd all like. That's going to happen in the process as well. But again, we've got to nail down the funding because we got to know if we're going to go forward. Can we afford to go forward or not? And if we can afford to go forward as this proposal

envisions things, then we have to scale down that proposal. At least then we know that, okay, we're going to have to look at options or we're going to have to phase it or we're not going to go forward at all or we're going to have to come up with something different. Whatever it is, as much as I appreciate all the work that's been done until now, again, it's an academic exercise. It's nice. They do a great job pushing around boxes and coloring things, but it doesn't matter unless we know we can afford it. Thank you, hon.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Is that your motion or question? Is that your motion?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: That's my motion.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I second.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I need to hear the motion again, but I want to hear the mayor's comment.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Motion is to direct staff to come back with what the cost of the expanded sidewalks would be. And if we can estimate any other costs along with that, I'd be

happy to hear them because there will be additional costs, with placement of different things, parking changes.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: For the amendment on timing, we need to know what that timing is. When they bring that back to us, what's the time frame of that? What it would take time frame?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Time frame to come up with the estimate or time frame for the changes?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Once you have the estimate, let's say the cost \$800,000, then how long is that time frame?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: To get it done. Get it done. Well, that I doubt that they can provide us. Right. Because, yes, because then we have to go into I mean, all those costs go out the window once we start digging and we find a, you know, Chevron, oil pipe right there that we didn't know was that. Director Lee is coming up to save himself from this task. I thoroughly understand.

ERIC LEE: Good evening. Just to clarify, I have not been as close to this as Director Mirza Khanian, but we are not

envisioning 100 of 1,000 of dollars. I would envision this as an order of 1,000,000 of dollars. And just want to make sure that that perspective is in the council's mind.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: That's why we need to know. That is exactly why we need to know.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: But per square foot.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Russ, maybe not that far, but extrapolating out as to what the full cost would be North End and downtown to do what has been proposed here, I know it's going to be in \$1,000,000. Everybody else needs to know it's in the 1,000,000 of dollars though.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Correct. Yeah. Okay. Okay. Thank you. So, for my comments, and I just made it there, let's find out the per square foot. We just did a beautiful sidewalk at Flournoy and Valley for, what was the whole action called, mobility or something like that at that corner when they're crossing? What was that?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: If you ask the residents, they might have a different description of it.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: No. No. He's very happy.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, good.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: They're very, very happy. I checked with them. They they're ecstatic. But that is per square foot replacing old doing new. I think one optimistic sidewalks. And so if we're just merely skimming that off and putting, you know, more, you know, replacing the concrete and expanding it out, we may not have the drilling and undergrounding issues, we're not going down that much. So anyway, I'm an optimist on that. But I heard a lot about bicycles, well, we're promoting bicycles, now we're going to be narrowing everything. Well, the 8 foot sidewalk is going to let people walk their bicycles. Just because we have a street there doesn't mean that the bicycles can ride on them, you're talking 2 blocks as far as the bicycles, I think they could be taught or that could be a rule or sorry for the sign, but walk your bike, So that and we have the ambassadors that could help with things like that. So you're walking your bikes in this congested area downtown. I was walking it, you know, the last couple of days looking at it. There's that grassy area in front of what is it, Union Bank now or...

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah. What the one over here?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah. Is it United Bank or Union Bank? Whatever. There's that grassy area. Okay? Turn that into a big bike, you know, a bike parking lot. We want to be like Europe? Europe has big bike parking lots. Okay? We can ask Vons if we can lease some space in those back parking lots. Right? And on the south side of, of Vons, it never seems to fill up. You know? So let's go ahead and we can put bike parking lots in there. Park your bike, we can make sure it's secure, have cameras, everything like that so the bad guys don't steal them, and then you walk through downtown. That's, you know, that's a potential solution. But I agree cost, cost, cost. Let's get an estimate first. I'm willing to support that motion, along with addressing, you know, this plan was really, I love the word bifurcated. Right? It was bifurcated. We're going to go ahead and do the planning, but we're still going to go ahead and start addressing the problems that are have been annoyances and affected our quality of life in downtown. So if we can craft a motion to include that, I think I'm good for it.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: It's been made. It's been made.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second it.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah. I mean the motion to direct staff to come back with the per square foot cost associated with Downtown and the North End. And I'll put one asterisk to that, though. It's also with the understanding that the cost that we're going to get back is going to be plain Jane cement, vanilla cement. Because if you look at Hermosa and every other city that's done upgrades to downtown areas like this, high pedestrian. They add pavers. They do this, that the other day, engrave in the cement, whatever it might be. We're all going to just have to imagine that that's going to be added cost to whatever vanilla cement's going to be.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: And no tiles.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: But to Joe, I'm sorry, mister if I may interrupt. Your question was, you want to bifurcate you want to add something to the motion about to continue to study the issues of noise, etcetera. But I don't think we have to add that to the motion because that's already being done.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: But I did have a question, and I'm going to support them. But it's just a question if you're done. Yeah.

PAUL RUDA: Go ahead.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. Yeah, please. So my question is also for director Mirza Khanian. Council member Napolitano mentioned we do need to study our parking requirements that we place on businesses, where like so many communities have done. Is that being done along a parallel on a parallel path? Or do we have to give direction on that?

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: No. No. It's separate from that is one of our, the items on our work plan, and we presented last week.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Doing that citywide. Right?

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: Parking. It's citywide.
Correct?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Because that I mean, that is an issue with the proliferation of the different customer. Okay. So that I just want to confirm that, so I'm done. I'm good.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And with ride sharing.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Right. Right.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: No need.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I'm good too with the option.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Are we good? The horse dead. Yeah. Call for the question.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Let's put a vote on it. Yeah. Okay.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Do it.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Is it clear? City manager Moe, we're clear on it? Attorney Barrow?

ATTORNEY BARROW: Clear as mud.

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: Counsel, would it be safe to say that we can pause on, spending staff resources on other designs until we come back with the cost for this one?

MIKE LANG: Yes.

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: And then we can continue to keep our focus on other things related to noise and trash so that we're not, expending resources on alternative designs in the meantime?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yes.

RACHEL JOHNSON: Oh, sure.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Can I just clarify just I should have asked it before, but just how far from existing curves are we talking about covering on average? 4 feet, 6 feet?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: The additional window.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I want to join mister Burton there and measure out...

KATIE DAUGHERTY: 4 to 8 feet.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: The streets like we've done before.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: 4 to 8 feet.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: 4 to 8 feet.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Correct.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That's okay. Alright. Great. Thank
you.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: We have a screen.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: We're good.

LISA TAMURA: Motion passes 5-0.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Job.

PAUL RUDA: Yeah. Good job, everybody. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yeah. I'm standing up.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: You doing alright?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Great. Oh, good question. Okay.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you, everybody. We love to see a full council. Oh, yeah.

MAYOR PRO TEM I can't. Sometimes I...

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I know. They'll just spill out for a second. Yeah.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: They'll spill out. Yeah.

LISA TAMURA: I'll run the action. Right. We'll be taking another. Right?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: No. No. We're just waiting. Folks, can you please take your conversations to the lobby? Hello, Kathy? Kathy? Kathy, can you take your conversations there so we can continue? That's okay. Happy to see you here.

CITY ATTORNEY: You guys have those smart watches to tell you stand?

STEVE TURLEY: We're ready to go.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Stand up for a second.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah. Good.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So let's, continue to item number 13. The fiscal year 2023, 2024 midyear budget report. And, the aforementioned Director Finance Director, Steve Cherillian.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. And actually, Mr. Mayor, before Steve comes up, I just wanted to take a minute to describe what we're doing this evening.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: This is, of course, the midyear budget report, and we typically present this this time of year. It's a look at where we are 6 months through the current fiscal year. And you take a look at the budget performance and how we're doing and what the year-end estimates look like. We're also looking at what the budget process looks like for fiscal year 'twenty four, 'twenty five, which is underway now. And then we're also looking at some staffing changes. And this is something that actually we started during the pandemic, and that was reviewing staffing levels because we found that doing it once a year during the budget process didn't really make us a very nimble organization to adapt to the changing landscape. And so we carried that forward these last couple of years and it gives us the ability to address personnel issues during the year in real time trends, so that we can, as I say, be a little more nimble. So we do have several personnel changes included in the budget this year. Most of these, I'm suggesting for fiscal year 2024, 2025 for them to be effective then. But the reason I'm bringing them to you now is because it would allow us to get started on developing the specs for the position if needed, also doing the recruitment and getting the folks here so that come July 1, 'twenty 4 for next fiscal year, we can hit the ground running with those resources. Some of these requirements or

recommendations I'm making to you are in response to community input, particularly when it comes to the Planning Department. In terms of turnaround time. Talin will spend some time talking about those particular needs. There's also been new state legislation that's requiring us to turn plans around more quickly. In some cases, I think, Talin said 3 to 5 days for solar permits, for instance. That's a new state requirement. Some of the other changes have to do with our fire department and an ambulance operator program that we think would be an enhancement to community service as well as a very low dollar figure that goes with that. And many of these things that I'm recommending to you have revenue sources available to offset those costs or there are other ways of offsetting those costs. So it's not a net impact to the general fund. So I wanted to point that out to you again. There are some of these things that Steve will describe that we're looking for adjustments or authorization for now, but many of these are for next fiscal year. And it's just us proactively planning so that we know what we have to work with this next fiscal year. So with that, I'll turn it over to Steve and the department heads that are involved with these position changes will be making presentations as well. Steve?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you.

STEVE CHERILLIAN: Good evening, honorable Mayor Franklin and members of the City Council. Steve Cherillian, here to present the mid-year budget report for fiscal year 'twenty three, 'twenty four. The adopted budget for fiscal year '23-'24 revenues over expenditures by 475,000 and the projections for year-end fiscal year '23-'24, general revenues exceed expenditures by \$1,100,000. Revenues in several, key revenue streams are trending higher and expenditures are, projected slightly below budget due to materials and contract services. General fund revenues are expected to end the year at \$927,000 higher, than adjusted budget for fiscal year 24. Some of these major revenue sources is property tax coming in at \$193,000 higher, mainly due to increase in tax values and home sales. Sales tax is coming in about a \$100,000 higher. Steady local economic activity, despite the continuance of higher interest rates and inflation. Transit occupancy tax, we're seeing it slightly, higher at \$50,000 over, budget, and the occupancy rate seems stable, after communicating with our hotels during the Q4 of 2023. We do this regularly, periodically as we get the time to check-in with our hotels and see how they're looking out 3, 6, 9 months to kind of get a good gauge at that. Good surprise has been our short term rentals, short term vacation rentals in the coastal zone. We budgeted about \$350,000 to see when we

kicked off this year. We had about 25 in that coastal zone and we're up to over 125 now we're estimating budget to come in about 900,000 on those. So it's, quite a lot of legwork on staff but it's, a lot of revenue that it's creating. And staff is closely monitoring these activities, of the short term rentals, making sure they're the coastal zone working with our partners in community development and, host compliance to make sure that, everything's on the up and up with those. So it's a good surprise there. Business license taxes about \$150,000 higher. We're seeing the revenue increase expected to come in, above the estimated budget and this is due to increased gross receipts and a higher CPI. Real estate transfer tax is about \$150,000 lower and this is based on sales price during the transfer of properties. Building plan check fees, slightly lower and this is the number of demolition permits issued slightly under this time last year and the lower construction and sales activity is evident, as I mentioned, in our real estate transfer tax revenue. Service charges is \$452,000 higher, and this is primarily due to strength in the parks and recreation programming as well as increase in other fees such as ambulance, fees. So, pending FEMA reimbursement just went over a few minutes ago. I will, go into it more detail. So starting into, September 2020, the city submitted 10, project applications to FEMA, which encompass nearly \$1,600,000 of expenditures related

to its COVID nineteen response. After a lengthy review process, which were required multiple submissions to FEMA, to provide additional information, our purchasing team was able to usher 6 of these applications through the procurement stage for a total of anticipated reimbursement to the city of \$798,000. All this with FEMA project managers wishing almost a dozen times on us, for the, from the first submittal back in September of 2020. The city has been able to secure the reimbursement of a 194,000, to date from 3 projects that have cleared the final state final repayment state, and the most recent payment was received on December 19th totaling \$101,000 There are still, 3 outstanding payments expected, which are roughly estimate to bring in a total of \$603,000 Hoping to give you some news on that when we do the proposed budget in May. General fund expenditures are expected to end the year approximately \$1,600,000,000 lower than the adjusted budget. Salaries and wages are trending above by about 418,000. This is, a lot is attributed to overtime sworn and non-sworn positions. Employee benefit expenditures are projected to be lower than the budget by \$390,000 and this is mainly due to vacancies. Contracts and professional services lower than the budget by about \$1,100,000, and this is due to encumbrances, which have not been fully expended yet this current fiscal year, and many of them will be carried forward to be expended at a subsequent fiscal year, but we won't know that

until we get closer to, the proposed budget coming to you in May. Materials and services lower by about 429,000. Savings in this category largely result resulted from unexpected, unexpected budget in departmental supplies and training and conferences. In the utility category, about 19,400 higher and this is primarily due to the combination of increased usage and higher natural gas and other utilities. One proposed budget adjustment that we have mid-year is SB 1383 compliance. The city continues its efforts to comply with SB 1383, which is CalRecycle's short lived climate pollutant reduction strategy. CalRecycle will award the city with 75-89 dollars from the SB 1383 local assistant grant to be used beginning April 1, 2024. So this display table is, city manager Moe mentioned has the staffing adjustments. The tables, proposed has about 12, net new positions, 3 upgrades and 1 downgrade. The city continues to explore opportunities for improving service delivery, insourcing core services were beneficial and aligning positions and staffing to current needs of the organization and community. Many of these positions request to provide direct service delivery enhancements to customers and will be directly tied to a revenue offset, cost recovery, or reimbursement in future fiscal years. The positions marked to be filled in fiscal year 2024 2025 were not anticipated to result in immediate cost to the current fiscal year as the intention is only to get

authorization to begin the recruitment process for these roles with the understanding that selected candidates will fill these roles at the start of fiscal year 2025. The position request and changes covers 5 different departments from the fire department, police department, community development, public works, and finance. Each department head will present the details of their staffing changes starting with Chief Lang.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Alright.

MIKE LANG: Good evening, mayor and council. Mike Lang, your fire chief. As part of being a fire chief, I'm consistently evaluating, the needs of the city, the needs of the department and how I can better serve the city and how the department can better serve the city. And in one of those, instance we come upon our EMS and our medical transport and succession planning and notified or identified a need right away with that over the last 18 months. And one thing I do when I see a need, I look at firefighter safety, service to our community and being fiscally responsible in the decision. And what I'm presenting tonight meets all three of those standards. What we're proposing tonight is a, to in source all of our EMS transfer. So currently, we transport our ALS gals advanced life support and we outsource our BLS basic life support to a third party, a private ambulance

company that we do have been doing since slightly before COVID. Those costs have increased to the point where we're going to see some cost savings by in sourcing. And, if you can remember back in October of 22, the council authorized, me to in source or I should say, civilianize our fire prevention bureau and moved our 2 sworn personnel over to suppression, that sworn suppression personnel over to suppression and then increased, one of the firefighter positions to a captain position and also add a 3rd captain position. So we essentially have 3 captain positions and one each day of extra captain. So the proposal tonight would be to downgrade that position to a firefighter, hire 3 more firefighters, and then also add a, a deputy chief. And by in doing that, we'd be just adding 4 full time, new employees and the initial, 2023-twenty 4 fiscal year would be adding the deputy chief possibly within the next month or so, which that position would help onboard the 6 fires and increase the, new, ambulance operator slash rescue transport program. The cost to onboard that deputy position would be 86,300 out of this fiscal year. Then the recommendation would be authorized myself and human resources to, start recruiting for the 6 firefighter positions as of the 24 25 budget And how we're going to pay for those positions, well I should say go back, our initial cost for those all those positions to do this program would be 1,000,000 51,000 and, but our in sourcing and offset cost by bringing

those positions down and taking the money we're spending to pay for the private ambulance company now, we've got \$1,256,000 So initial 1st year cost would be at net zero. In ongoing years, we've got about \$200,000 savings, and that's a very conservative number because we see our billing the possibility of our billing going up as well as our opportunity to bill going up by using in sourcing all of our transport fees. In that initial net zero, our 1st year of the offset cost would be by purchasing, PPE, personal protective clothing, mandated by OSHA and F.P.A. Vehicles and so on to get our program really up and running. So with that being said, I'm here to answer any questions.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your honor.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yes. Chief, what was what are we paying to those we were here when we started that program. So you remember that just to go to McCormick and help load off? We didn't have the capability we do now or looking at what's the cost we pay McCormick now annually? Do we do you know?

MIKE LANG: Yeah. We're, when I started, probably right in the middle of COVID, we were about 250,000, and we're with the escalating fee going up and the amount of call our call

volumes also increasing. Sure. We're just shy of a half \$1,000,000.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: There we go.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: It's also because our paid leave program failed.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Right. So that's good. Appreciate that.

MIKE LANG : So, yeah, that's where we're going to see the offset costs of the savings from the deduction of the cap the 3 captains to fire positions and the half a \$1,000,000 savings. And I said very conservatively, we're going to save \$200,000 a year. I think that'll be much more due to our ability to build quicker because right now our problem is our BLS calls, information sent from our private ambulance company in. And so there's a lag time in the way we do it. We build directly to our wish. As soon as our calls done on ALS call, it goes to our billing company. It's billed directly from insurance right away. So we collect much faster. There's that gap with the BLS companies. So we think that'll increase revenue as well as some other opportunities with Medicare Medical to recoup some costs.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Well, the second question, I'll be quick. The, I know at least HR is going to find good people, but hiring time is going to be the biggest gap. So, and you, we're ready to go, what, 8 months from now?

MIKE LANG: No. That's why we're proposing for July. We're if you authorize tonight, I'll work with HR. And we're actually going to fly it as a, firefighter paramedic trainee. So we have the ability to spend later on.

MIKE LANG: So we're looking for, so we've done the last couple of years. We've flown it as a firefighter paramedic. The problem, everybody in the L. A. County is, there's a shortage on paramedics. So this is a way to expand that opportunity, get a broader net cast and really get in and we get paramedics grade. If we don't, we'll harm those firefighters, get them on, get them trained as a firefighter and then send them to paramedics' school.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: So your group is pretty excited about the opportunity to do this?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes. Perfect.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Thank you, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That's great. No other questions.

Council member Lasser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I'm going to pick up on your exchange with council member Montgomery and ask you to repeat some of what you've just said because I think all of us are reluctant to add headcount to our city staff unless we can justify it with costs, we can justify it with a need, or particularly related to public safety. So I think you've made a very good presentation, but I think it needs to be summarized a bit more to explain why we're even considering this, particularly at the mid-year budget phase. Because right now, we have contracted with an outside service to facilitate the response to emergency calls. But can you repeat why that model is one we're looking to replace and bring in house? Yeah.

MIKE LANG: I appreciate your question. Yeah. We're looking, what we've been working with the private animals company has been working. We're seeing countywide due to COVID and due to, specifically L.A. County's requirement for vaccinations. I think a lot of employees have left and in the

pre hospital care have left the county. So they're having a hard time staffing. The private companies are having a hard time staffing, which made a lot of departments look at an ambulance operator programs. So just what they're hiring is they're hiring EMTs and staffing their own ambulances. Well, we looked at that, but if the further you do the research into that, what you're seeing is they're spending 1,000 of dollars onboard this person and they're gone within a month because they're getting hired by firefighters. So we ran the numbers and for us to hire a firefighter, she should back up. When you hire just an EMT, that's all they're going to do is drive an ambulance for you. By hiring a firefighter eventually training to be a medic, then we're getting a person on scene for any type of incident, anytime emergency structure, fire, traffic accident, housing materials. Excuse me. So we're looking towards the future. We do have obviously some high risk project, other high density projects, the senior facility come up. So we're looking not only our call volume up, but it's going to increase with this other development coming in. So we're projecting out. We feel that these enhancements will protect us and enhance us well into the future.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: So to use my words, the current program is not sustainable?

MIKE LANG: It's strained.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: It's strained and what you're see, what you're proposing through this budget is to build this capacity in house.

MIKE LANG: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: It's helpful. Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: At a cost savings.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: At a cost savings.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: That's why I said it.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And so, so I just have a quick question is, I see there's something here about the additional cost for vehicle and OSHA mandated safety equipment to be included in the proposed budget.

MIKE LANG: Yes, sir. That's why if you look at the 1st year, our associated offset costs are \$1,256,000 so the first year of the program, it will be we'll have a net zero, we won't have any savings. That's years going forward after the 1st year would be the \$200,000 savings.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. And these new hires as a firefighter, then they'll still be able to fight fires, right? Yes, sir. In addition to...

MIKE LANG : Firefighter, in addition to going houses, material cars, traffic accidents and actually be a part of, just the full broad spectrum of, all hazard department versus just driving an ambulance, like hiring EMT.

LISA TAMURA: Great.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you, chief. Council member Lasser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Quick follow-up question. Are these meet and confer proposals for our labor groups?

MIKE LANG: They will be a meet and confer, but we I've already had conversations with the association and they're on board with it.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you. Any second questions?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: No. We're good. K.

MIKE LANG: I'll pass it on to Chief Johnson.

RACHEL JOHNSON: Good evening, Mayor Franklin, the members of City Council, Rachel Johnson, your police chief. And I am before you today to talk briefly about the police department's request for consideration of the addition of 3 lead community services officers. And this slide can be found in your council packet on page 408, for your reference. As the council may remember in 2020, 3 CSO positions were eliminated from the police department, with one of those positions being completely eliminated and 2 reallocated to code enforcement. We're here tonight to ask for 3 full time lead CSO positions to have those positions returned, for a couple of reasons. The first reason is our newly hired police support supervisor, much like our parking

animal control sergeant that predated that position, starting, has a really wide span of control. Depending on how many part time employees we have, it could be they could be supervising directly 23 employees. And so hiring these lead community services officers or bringing these positions back as lead community services officers affords us that opportunity not only to provide our community service officers with opportunities for growth and to, have some experience with supervisors, but also reduces that span of control for our police support, supervisor so that she cannot only, manage her employees and guide them and mentor them, but also supervise the parking and animal control unit to the level that we would prefer. Secondly, these 3 lead community services officers would be working supervisors. And so while certainly they would have some responsibilities with scheduling and things like that to assist our police, support supervisor, they would be out in the field, answering calls for service and provide us with that level of service, that we, have come to expect and that the residents and business owners deserve in our community. You know, that's for from things like being consistently present on our street sweeping roofs and doing our meter enforcement in our parking lots and, on street parking, but also, for traffic control, for our special events and for addressing those community quality of life issues that are, really very important to us. So it's with that in mind that

we ask you for these positions. And as, city manager Moe indicated, the net cost for these positions in this fiscal year is 0. This your approval tonight would just allow us to recruit. But in fiscal year 25, the estimated cost will be about 306 dollars \$306,456 with an anticipated offset about of about \$525,000 for a negative net impact, and that's just due to the anticipated revenues that these lead CSOs would be, would bring in through the issuance of parking citations. And so with that, that concludes my presentation. I'm available for any questions.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Council Member Lasser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Maybe this is a question for our finance director. I just want to confirm these offsets. Are these fully burdened compensation rates that we're talking about?

STEVE CHERILLIAN: Yeah. The salary the estimated cost includes salary and benefits. So the associated offset revenue is from parking citations. So a conservative number taken over a period of average of about 5 years as to what a CSO would generate.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: And the pry all the references within this report of added personnel, they're fully burdened rates. Right?

STEVE CHERILLIAN: That is correct. They're salary benefits. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: K. Any other questions? The only comment I'm going to make is that it looks like you and Chief Lang are having a competition here, saving the city money. We like that.

RACHEL JOHNSON: I'm just worried I'm going to get more parking tickets.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Well, you got to, you got to feed the feed the meter.

RACHEL JOHNSON: No. I'm willing.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: K. Well, thank you, chief. Thank you for your shift.

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: True. Good evening again, counsel. Tali Mirza Khanian, and you're coming to development director. If you'd like to follow along with the department's request in your agenda packet, please turn to page 408 to 410. The Community Development Department is requesting three net new full time positions, senior planner, associate planner, and plans examiner. We are seeking the three positions in order to offer service delivery levels aligned with the expectations of the community and in light of the following. 1, the volume of projects continues to increase as demonstrated by the department's projected 25% increase in planning filing fees for this fiscal year. With new housing legislation and other statutory requirements in place, the level of complexity of current planning projects has increased, necessitating a higher level of analytical skills to provide a thorough evaluation and assessment. 3rd, the planning division is very behind on advanced planning efforts. It hurts me to say that, and this is the policy related work, one of which one of the items of which came up earlier, which is a parking code update, and the list is very long. And some of these are required by statute. Some of them were directed by city council, and some of them, like the housing element, which is a direct by statute and the implementation of the programs in the housing element cannot be deferred. Shifting our existing staff's focus from the

development related applications to this advanced planning work, what ends up happening is we then cause delays in the development activity because they can't do everything at one time. They can, but both items get delayed, which is what we've been experiencing the last several years. And last but not least, as City Manager Mo mentioned, new state mandates have tremendously shortened our timelines for review of certain project types. The turnaround time for solar projects is now 24 hours to 3 days. And certain residential projects now have a 30 day turnaround time where those typically take us about 10 weeks to get through. And so that has, created a timing burden on staff as well. Additional staff would allow us to effectively review plans and ensure compliance with these new state regulations, but also allowing us to put putting us in a position to increase the efficiency and effectiveness at the public counter through the performance of simple plan reviews, and potentially some over the counter reviews, which we just don't have the capacity to do right now. And I'm sure you've seen emails, but that that is a complaint we get. We don't have the capacity to accommodate, the over the counter style, project reviews. We are currently operating with 1 senior plan check engineer. We outsource a lot of this work for the last about year and couple months. We've had a contract planner. After January, we expended all those funds. We're not able to use them

anymore. And we outsource a lot of our, building permit reviews to our consultants. So if we are able to get a plans examiner, for example, some of the reviews that we would typically send to that contract, consultant, we would be just be doing in house instead. While we are seeking authorization to open the recruitment process soon, if approved, we would fill the recruitments in the next fiscal year. The estimated cost of the 3 positions is \$434,810 Staff anticipates that the upcoming fee study will result in updated costs and updated fees commensurate with the need to achieve full cost recovery for the positions in the future, albeit the cost recovery fees for fiscal year 2024, 2025 will only be partially offset due to the timing of the user fee study. I'm available for questions.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Your Honor?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes, sir. Let me ask you. So how many outside firms are we using for a plan check today?

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: We have 4 on contract.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: 4.

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: And we pick and choose what we send to who.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Okay. You said we ran out of funds earlier to...

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: We ran out of funds for the planner. We no longer have a contract planner on board.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: So in theory, if council approves this going forward, why couldn't we do both? Why couldn't we have HR search for these hard to find planners and associate planners and examiner while we you use the new funds to use contract to back up that backlog. And if we're caught, you're still behind. Right?

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: Mhmm.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: So I'll bring it up later on, but I if you had both, you're still going to cover the whole HR recruiting. It's going to take us months to recruit. We can even find a senior planner. It takes 6 to 8 months, we can find 1. So

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: Even the contract planners are hard to come by.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: You answered my question. Thank you. Nothing further, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you. So I have a question about I don't even know if we can figure out the answer, but what impact is this going to have on our cash flow from, you know, a project is going to be approved sooner, built sooner, finished sooner, higher property taxes flowing to the, flowing to the city.

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: You'll see them earlier than you see them now.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. We have an order of magnitude. I'm going to put a lot, a lot. Sorry. Okay.

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: I can't quantify that at this time.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Alright. Thank you very much. Any other questions?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: No.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you very much.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: And the number 2 font, I have to read this stuff.

ERIC LEE: Good evening, honorable mayor, members of city council. My name is Eric Lee, your public works director. If you want to follow along with me in your agenda packet, the pages are 4 10 and 4 11. The adjustments I'm proposing for your consideration tonight, do not increase total number of full time employees in the Public Works Department. Rather, it just realigns the job descriptions and the salaries among 4 existing, authorized positions already. So, the first would be upgrading one of our senior civil engineer positions to a principal civil engineer. This is going to help us complete projects in a more timely manner and manage our engineering division better, reducing span of control for our senior I'm sorry, for our city engineer, and just having better alignment within that work group. I'll bring you to the 4th one next, which is similar, it would be a downgrade of 1 of our existing vacant senior civil engineer positions to an associate. And so, similarly, this

better aligns the human resources in our engineering division, and it would allow our senior civil engineers to have more associate level assistance, so that they don't get tied up doing lower level work unnecessarily. The other 2 adjustments we have for your consideration, one would be upgrading a senior management analyst position to a solid waste administrator. Currently, the city of solid waste program is outsourced to waste management. And that's overseen by a senior management analyst, who is actually tasked with a variety of other important work. And what we'd like to do is, considering the state regulatory environment we have with solid waste, especially as it relates to organics and recycling, and SB 1383, we want to have this position solely focused on solid waste. So, rather than approaching this from a perspective of adding additional employees, I want to have this person, solely in this lane.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes. So the net it's all being explained. Net cost is \$11,733. Can we move on to the next?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I think we can move on. That's what I was just looking at. It worked. Thank you. Is that okay?

PAUL RUDA: That's good. Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: What I did. Nice one. I know. I already lost my dad.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: He's out, he's out of the pool.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So how about 63,000? Next. Are you listening?

STEVE CHERILLIAN: Good evening again. Steve, your Finance Director. Pages 411 and 413 in your packet if you want to follow along. Finance department has 2, new positions. The first one is, offset by a 35 hour part time position, which is currently vacant. This is, this position would be filled in '23-'24 at a cost of \$48,100, and annualized that upgrade net cost would be \$29,000 for next fiscal year. Historically, the city centralized accounts payable, support has been filled by a part time position, who enters approximately 70% of the city invoices, provides accounting and financial support, reviews travel requests, and helps resolve discrepancies. Finance department suggests converting this essential position into a full time accounting technician to offer stability, provide for

clear career ladder, and reduce turnover. The second item is a grant administrator. This role will act as a primary grant resource and administrator for the city. Over the past decade, the city has experienced a 50% increase in grants with an estimated \$47,000,000 in grants in the pipeline. Right.

Necessitating an additional support, various administrative fees associated with the grant position can largely be reimbursed to the city general's fund. Currently, the city employs a decentralized approach to grant monitoring with each department managing their own grants, given the rising number of the value of grants managed annually and with the expectations of further increases coming in years, there's a recognized need to centralize grant management. The grant administrator position will centralize the grant management function, including reviewing, reporting, and policy implementation to ensure compliance with grant requirements. Responsibilities will encompass analytical review of reports, contractual documents, and grant related correspondences including grant applications. Additionally, this role will oversee the city's utilization and reporting to local return funds from Metro, serve as a primary contact for CIP budgeting, as well as support and financial audits. Terrific. Any questions?

CITY ATTORNEY: Seeing none.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: None. Thank you.

STEVE CHERILLIAN: Revised surplus, general fund projection, is \$1,100,000 with a proposed budget adjustment for the net staffing adjustments of 93,000 and, net budget adjustment of 21,000. The revised projected surplus will be almost \$1,000,000, 998,000 dollars 5 year forecast is revised, projections indicate continuing annual structural surpluses year over year. Ongoing revenues are projected to exceed expenditures. Staffing refines factors, growth factors, and updates revenue projections during the budget process, so you'll be seeing more of that, you know, coming, in May. And after fiscal year 23, 24, the general fund will no longer provide a subsidy to storm water fund. Here, here. Good morning. And, general fund will continue to subsidize the subsidy to the street lighting and landscape fund at a tune of about 300,000 dollars per year. So here's a 5 year forecast. I just I wanted to show 2 iterations of this, one being December 2023, which had our, actuals finalized in 2020 from 2023 fiscal year, last year. So kind of showing you our financial policy designation, which was first, and then economic uncertainty, and then 3rd and finally would be the unreserved fund balance. You can see budget year 2024, and this is something similar would come back to you

if we didn't do anything with the storm drain fund, and I just wanted you to see this, that we'd be, dipping into physical financial economic uncertainty in 2027 and fiscal year 20 28 would be almost, wiping that out. So looking at it now with the, inclusion of the storm drain fee, as you can see, it's additional almost \$10,000,000 looking at 2028 as far as the turnaround from where we were dipping into economic uncertainty, almost wiping it out. So it's, you know, this tells, this tells a story of, where we are as far as our reserves. Our budget outreach, we had a budget priority community meeting held on February 15th last week. We had about 40, attendees, for that, and we had had an updated budget video and overview and gave, the public an opportunity to discuss we, and we also have, we also kicked off a survey and we have, approximately 40 or so in the 1st week, of, input from the public. So we'll keep that open until March 10th and we'll include that in our proposed budget in May. Our budget timeline, so after tonight's meeting, the next budget item will be, the presentation of next year's proposed budget on May 7th. After that presentation, the city holds budget study sessions throughout the month of May for city council to review the proposed spending plan, ask questions, and of course provide opportunities more for more public input. And on June 4th, there's a tentative, the schedule to be the final public hearing and budget adoption before the fiscal year, July

1st begins. Great. Recommendations, one, receive the mid-year report for fiscal year 23, 24 and 24, 25 budget development calendar, appropriate 97,000 from the general fund and adjust revenues by 75,000 893 and approve a staffing adjustments identified in your staff report. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you. We have a motion.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We have to take public comment first.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, I'm sorry.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: But also, Council Member Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, that was to make a comment, not questions. So I'll wait until after public.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Public comments are open. Anybody here? How about on...

HEATHER: Just to say that, I love the hiring of more CSOs because, the response time to coming to our store to deal

with illegal parking in our in our lot has greatly increased in recent memory. And, basically, people just use our lot for free, go to the beach, go to eat lunch, and enjoy a nice time. And we don't want to, tow people. I think ticket will suffice. But right now, we're not, it's just not happening. So, the word is out. You can kind of park in anyone's private lot and you're not going to get cited. So I'm really, looking forward to the hiring of these CSO officers to get a much faster response time. We have a 20 minute limit for customers only, and I hope that we can, you know, have the partnership with you guys to enforce that by hiring more CSOs. Thank you.

JOHN BOWE: Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, how about online?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: There's no request on zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, we're going to close public comments. We have a motion from council member Richard Montgomery.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yes, your honor. I want to preface that by saying that I don't think chief Johnson, chief

Lang are come in here hat in hand for no reason. I think you were talking about we can get rid of McCormick, an outside servicer, and cut our costs, and increase our own strength, why would we do that? Like you said, we're not using people just to do the service, they have online for normal fire duties. So to me, it's a win-win for that one. And she Johnson would be asking me for 3 CSOs unless that budget neutral. And Heather talked about the fact that we can't get there now. Why wouldn't I? If I can do that with enforcement. And even if they take it to mayor pro tem, it's fine with me. And as far as, and director Schrodinger wouldn't be asking me either. He's the guy that pinches pennies, I think, as hard as our former finance director did. So if I can get there if I can get there by cutting costs and increase our service levels that is an obvious decision for us to make going forward. I don't take the decision to add head count, as Lester says earlier, easy. That's a much difficult spot. But if I can offset costs, I get better service too. I didn't offer to do a 2 product approach with director of investor Kenny, and I'd say that if I could think of a way to add funds to restart your 3rd party contract person, I would. While director Jenkins of HR tried to find the non-existent planner, associate planner, and the plan examiner. We're it's a long time to get there, so rather than wait, I'd offer the suggestion of if we could restart. I'm not sure what that

contract number is, but we look at that as another option to hold that gap. If you're using 5 service companies now to try to get rid of the backlog and we still can't get there, waiting 8 months to hire new people is not going to help us. So I'll stop there and let my colleagues catch up, but I think it's something that we need to consider.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Apologies to council member Napolitano. You have a, another statement.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: No question. Just, was going to speak on it. And, you know, it is an election year, and every time there's an election here, you hear, you know, the same lines about that the city is no bigger than it was 20 years ago, 30 years ago, that the, resident count is no bigger than it was 20, 30, 40 years ago. And so why do we have so many employees? And it's not for the sake of spending money. It's for the sake of providing services. That's what we're in the business of doing is providing services. And the adjustments and the addition of employees is to meet the needs of our residents as well as our regulatory requirements that we have to meet that we have found have only increased over time and increased the cost over time. And we also have found, and this goes back and forth, sometimes contracting for services makes sense, sometimes it

doesn't. Know, we had a hard time when our for the same reasons that they can't find EMTs to demand the or to staff the ambulances anymore. There was a time when we didn't have the pay call firefighters. They were constantly leaving, so we had high turnover. We couldn't staff our own ambulances for us. So if we're coming back full circle on that on a better plan, so we'll have full time employees doing these things. And it makes sense because not only are we going to save money, we're going to have more staff to provide more services. Same thing that public works has done with, bringing in house the street sweeping and power washing. You know, the CSOs, obviously, we need those. We've heard from a number of folks. We want enforcement on dogs on the beach. We want parking enforcement. We're down on parking revenue because we've lacked enforcement and all these needs. And so, and the, issues we've received from numerous people, who have, you know, why is it taking so long to check my plans? Why is it inspections? Why this? Why that? It's because we haven't had the folks in community do that, and it's been hard to recruit them. So we need those additions as well. So we're not, you know, we're not adding headcount when you're answering these questions come the debates, your honor, because councilor Montgomery and I won't be. But when you do, it's about services. It's not about headcount. You don't measure you don't measure a city by how many employees work. You measure by how those people

that you do have are meeting the needs of the community. The idea that we can just dispense with employees and cut administration, do this and that, and still provide the services to our residents is nonsense. We need people to do that. People provide services, and that's why we're doing this. And that was a much longer lecture than I was planning for, but I'm on NyQuil and cough drops. So, thank you, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. I agree with that. The pandemic, you know, just did a topsy-turvy with the employment situation. And so contractors who were able to somehow eke out a profit from hiring people and contracting them out to cities and the like are being squeezed with, issues that the cities themselves have been faced with. And so, we're able to take advantage of that by hiring the talent directly and managing them. And I would just only add to what, Council Member Napolitano said, it's service to residents, but also to visitors. You know, we have an obligation to them, and as council member Montgomery pointed out a couple of meetings ago, they stop at McDonald's, they're a taxpayer. They're paying taxes, and part of that sales tax revenue is going into all these calculations. You heard me ask the question about getting homes finished quicker. You know, they a developer buys a lot for \$2,000,000 now, and then the, you know, so the, property

taxes get reassessed, and then when they sell that finished product, it gets reassessed again to a much higher number. And that produces cash flow, needed cash flow and added benefit to the city. So I agree with that and I look forward to debates.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Just kidding about the night. Well, I don't want the mayor protonement thing. I'm going to be running drunk down our street later.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I've got a video camera.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I have a follow-up question.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah. Council Member.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Hey, Chief Lang, can I ask you one more question, please, sir? Because then as soon as I say this, the papers will report a different what I just said. I'm going to make sure I say it again. So when counsel if counsel when the council approves this, and you fly the positions, that will happen when? As far as flying it, the public will get notified when they're going to fly these open positions.

MIKE LANG: Our plan on working with HR is as soon as tomorrow and getting it out as soon as possible. And our target goal is July 1st to have 91. Employees hired and starting. We do a like an 8 week training academy, but we would get them on the floor as soon as possible.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I want you to think it's behind you nod her head to say, do you want to add to that? I want to make sure the papers get this right. They won't say call tomorrow.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Thank you, City Council. Lisa Jenkins, your Human Resources Director. And there are a few more steps, between now and flying the positions. Then we have a hiring process as well as background, which we're all familiar with. We want to make sure that we vet all of our candidates. With this one in particular, because the city has historically only hired firefighter paramedics, and we are potentially looking at firefighter only or paramedic trainee or a firefighter recruit type position. There are some details that we do want to work out collaboratively with our association, but what we can certainly do is give counsel periodic updates as part of the budget process to let you know where we're at.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Please do. Perfect. Thank you both very much. I appreciate it. With that, no. I'm good, your honor. That was all I wanted to hear.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I'll just try to get more parking tickets and help the budget as much as I can.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So noted and approved. Motion. So, we have a motion by council member Montgomery. Thank you, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yes. My motion is to should report appropriate the funds and approve staffing adjustments.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Right. And we have a second by mayor Pro Tem Howarth. Vote, please.

LISA TAMURA: Thank you. Motion passed through file up here.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Before I ask for maybe just a 3 minute break, council member Montgomery, did you want to make a request related to community development contracting? Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I'll do it separately. Thank you. Thank you though. Yep.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: We take 3 minutes. Yeah. So we can return at, we'll make it 5 minutes, 10:10.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Sure. 5 minute break?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great, thank you. We return. And we're up to item number 14. Right. Yeah.

Consideration requests related to the approved and adopted fiscal year 2023 2024. And that would be, public works director Lee, who is right there.

ERIC LEE: Good evening again. Presentation tonight is going to be given by city engineer Katie Daugherty.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Good evening, Mayor Franklin and honorable city council members. I have a brief presentation on 6 items related to the, the 5 year CIP program. They are a combination of city council requests and staff requests, that all relate to the 5 year CIP. So, we grouped them together for this presentation. A quick recap on the 5 year CIP as it was

presented in June, if it will advance. Thank you. Oh, too far. The 5 year CIP, encompasses 84 projects valuing over \$160,000,000 previously, it was about \$50,000,000 that was previously appropriated. We appropriated another about \$50,000,000 \$49,000,000, for this current fiscal year, and 61,900,000 are programmed in years 2 through 5, in the 5 year CIP. So diving into the, the 6 items that we're going to be covering tonight. The first was a council request to accelerate the resurfacing of Manhattan Beach Boulevard between Sepulveda and Dianthus. This is just west of, Sepulveda Boulevard. The current, PCI Pavement Condition Index, which is a scale, from 0 to 100, 100 meaning it's a newly paved street, It's currently in the thirties or very poor condition or excuse me, poor condition. Not very poor. Poor condition. The, it is currently programmed to be resurfaced in the 5 year CIP beginning in design in fiscal year 'twenty 6 and construction in 'twenty 7. If we wanted to accelerate this project to be included in our current, or our next cycle of street resurfacing projects, which will be cycle 3, we would need to encumber an additional \$1,000,000 for that project for this current fiscal year I'm sorry, for next fiscal year. So moving on to the next one. The next was also a council request to examine replacing the exercise equipment on Veterans Parkway. It's also called the Mariposa fitness station. It was previously identified for the

National Fitness Campaign fitness court that will now be placed at Polliwog Park. There were some challenging site conditions there. The fitness court is very flat, and the site wasn't quite conducive to that. In addition to that, there were a number of ADA, Americans with Disabilities Act, upgrades that would need to be done related to that project. So the project was ultimate or the fitness court was ultimately moved to Polliwog Park. Replacement of the fitness equipment is scheduled right now to begin design in fiscal year 'twenty eight and then construction in 'twenty nine. If we wanted to accelerate this project, it would be approximately 300 \$50,000 in general fund money this year. The third item is also a council request to explore expanding the recycled water system to the medians in Manhattan Beach Boulevard. They're currently watered with potable water. The turf on the medians is currently brown and not being watered, because of drought regulations. The trees are being watered. But there is recycled water or purple pipe available in the adjacent Polliwog Park. So the request was for us to do a feasibility study in expanding that recycled water system from Polliwog Park into the median. And we're estimating about \$20,000 just for the feasibility study. And that could be paid through the water fund. The next one is a staff request. We had previously received fundings to switch out the light controllers at Village Fields. However, it's come to our attention that the

electrical infrastructure and the lights themselves are also aged and would likely need to be replaced if we started touching the system. So, there is some money in the CIP currently allocated for BEG field improvements, primarily to replace the backstops. And staff is recommending that we reallocate 280,000 from that, I guess, pocket of money over to Village Field to be able to replace all of the lighting. The next is a request from, the school district. It's \$400,000 in this current fiscal year, and this is to install safety netting, at Mira Costa High School between the tennis courts and softball courts. If this request is approved, a funding source would need to be identified, and we would return with that. And then the last request is also from the school district. This is for next fiscal year, \$500,000 to continue that safety netting down Meadows Avenue. And again, this would we would need to come back and identify a funding source if this request were to be approved tonight. So very quickly, here's our list of recommendations. We've got the 6 items I just went through, so we are recommending that you discuss and provide us with direction on each of those 6 items. That is my presentation. I'm here for questions.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Council member Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you, your honor. Questions, I'm trying to remember when the last time we did Manhattan Beach Boulevard, but I remember when it was done. It didn't seem that long ago. Why this stretch? Why is it so bad? And then if it is so bad, and it's happened deteriorated so much quicker than the rest of the roadway, you know, should we be looking at alternative surfaces like concrete that can take a beating better than the asphalt?

KATIE DAUGHERTY: I do have that here. The last time it was resurfaced was in 2009. Oh, the useful life of a new resurfaced tree is usually between 10 15 years. This is a very highly used road. You can tell there are potentially some other issues going on here with, you can actually see where one of the conduits, and the road is sort of breaking away from that. So there may have been a compaction issue that we're dealing with on this stretch of the street. But that is the typical useful life. I wouldn't necessarily recommend concrete. It does last longer. It is very hard for us to do any utility work in concrete streets.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Good. If you've got the streets, we won't have that problem.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Well, and, usually, concrete streets are they've you usually have to do with an extreme slope on a street, and this one's not at as steep as that. So I really think this is just wear and tear.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: There's a reason why we put concrete at all the bus stops now though. Right?

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Well, that's true.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So I guess my point here too is I don't want I mean, this is a very quick flyover for these approvals, which I'm not exactly in favor of.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Mhmm.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'd rather look at these individually at a lengthier pace than this. For this one, you know, I see the need, but at the same time, I want to make sure that there's nothing like we discovered with the resurfacing of Manhattan Beach Boulevard between Pacific and Ardmore that we're looking to reduce lanes and add bike paths and things that we are not aware of.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: That's not the case here. We're this is just proposing a straight resurface, and we would put it back the way it is.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Alright. The exercise equipment on Veterans Parkway, you know, a lot of the cost involved there was the, I don't know what you call it, the bouncy surface, not just the ADA because of whatever is there now but the rubberized surface. But, you know, I don't know and we've talked about this. Why we can't adjust it so we have the decomposed granite there? I don't you know, we don't have it on any other parkours, the, rubberized, surface. I don't know why we need or that was a huge cost last time. Doctor Layman, presented this to us and that was one of the reasons why we didn't go forward with it. Besides the fact that we have that other project that now is over at Poly Log. So I would look at alternative surfaces there. Recycled water to medians, we talked about exploring, the feasibility of the recycled water. So I think that is important and we can put off, any other redesign until we find out what that is. Lights at the village, or is this being accelerated? I can't tell.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Not accelerated. Additional funding request.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay. I'd like to see this in in the context of all the other competing needs, though. That goes with, you know, I won't ask if the school requests have a statistically valid survey to support them. But if we're talking about, you know, 4,000 for season eight. I mean, we did have a program that we were supposed to do on a rotational basis, which was the resurfacing of the play areas on the, at the different schools, different elementary schools throughout the district. And now we're switching gears to a higher cost, and I would say less of a public serving use. I mean, we don't want balls hitting them, but I don't know that that's the greatest use for city dollars to go towards netting as opposed to playground, equipment and playground refurbishment. So, and then, like I said, I mean, looking at these things on their own apart from whatever other needs we have, including senior centers and, pools and things like that. You know, I'll leave it at that for now and see what my colleagues say.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: K. Mayor Pro Tem Hulbert?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah. Thank you. I just, I think I was most concerned about number 2, the exercise equipment. That's a lot of money for wooden balance beam and I

mean, it's going to be more. I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Mark. I mean, I just, I walk my dog down there all the time and she really likes the water fountain. But I, you know, and I see some people there, but 300,000 for basically, you know, I just I don't support I mean, that's a lot of money.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Question? Oh, sir. Question. Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: You must have a lot of experience doing this. You're just so...

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: 15 and a half years.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Thank you for guiding me so ably. So I guess Steve was asking, would decompose granite cut down on the cost a lot? Do we are there any other plans for this space? Are there any other ideas for this space? Why is this, you know, is this just because we've given direction to discuss it that it's on here? It's not like a need that you guys see has to be done, like, for any other reason?

KATIE DAUGHERTY: The reason we're bringing it back is related to a council request.

RACHEL JOHNSON: Thank you.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Yeah. And I would say that the majority of this cost, does have to do with the ADA compliance with the site itself. So

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah. The site itself. Alright. Ignore my comments. Focus on the question. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So you're going to ask rhetorical questions like I do.

RACHEL JOHNSON: I suppose so. Council member Lasser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I have questions as well. So with regard to project number 1 on Manheim Beach Boulevard and its resurfacing, I'm wondering if we can accelerate it without utilizing this \$1,000,000 of our general fund, perhaps by switching the order with some of the other projects. As I read the staff report, it's the streets surrounding the Peck reservoir. Could they be deferred by a year, particularly if they're what is the metric that's used for gauging the roadway?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: The neighbors there...

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: But I'm just curious if those roadways are of the same caliber of diminishment as Manhattan Beach Boulevard is.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: The streets around Peck Reservoir generally have a PCI of 20 to 50. I'd say Peck Avenue right now is probably the worst condition because it was used as a whole route for the reservoir project. I would say this if this is approved, we can look into the funding sources more closely, but there's potential that some of our street resurfacing money could be reallocated to this, and so it's not using general fund money.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Great. So it might not be the full million?

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Of general fund it will be the full million, in cost for the project, but not general fund. Right.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you. Next, with regard to project 2, I do recall this is a council request, and I wanted to follow-up of how we can bring that cost down because I do see

this, park horse equipment utilized and so dilapidated. And I can recall we were close to getting a project we thought, in 2019. Now we're looking at a construction date 10 years later. I'm just wondering beyond just decomposed granite, DG, would the cost come down if it was a simpler type of parkour, so replacement of what's there, not the full sort of exercise station that's being repurposed in Polliwog Park?

KATIE DAUGHERTY: The answer generally is yes. I I'm not sure how much because it's still going to require engineered drawings, so we need an engineering designer on board. It would need to be permitted and constructed. So this number is generally based on the construction bids that we that we got when we bid the last project.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: If it was the will of counsel, perhaps staff could come back with some more narrowed projections as to what the cost would be. Right? Okay. With regard to the extension of the recycled water to the purple pipe, I was one who very much supported this, but I also wanted to confirm with what West Basin Municipal Water District is currently doing with regard to extensions to their infrastructure. Are they even allowing extensions? Could this

all be moot at present? So maybe we want to check that out before we authorize more expenditure.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Well, my understanding is that they are very supportive of expanding the system. They just currently don't have grants to assist with that. So they they'll help us in whatever approvals are needed to expand it. They just they're not offering any grant programs at the moment.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Okay. Finally, with regard to the netting, I'm wondering if there's any data, to the extent that there's a proposal to extend the netting around the tennis court on the tennis courts on Meadows. Do we have any data about number of balls that have gone over the net, damaged property, anybody injured? I mean, is there anything to back this up beyond a general sort of anecdotal thought that we want to extend the nets?

KATIE DAUGHERTY: I'm going to defer that to the school district. Do you have a response?

PAUL RUDA: Sure. Yeah. We've

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I can hear you, but they can't.

PAUL RUDA: Hi. Good evening, everybody. Thank you for having us. My name is Paul Ruda, director of Facilities and Maintenance. And I can speak on that. We've had multiple tennis students and parents hit with softballs on that side, that that's on the south side of the softball and the Pony League, I guess, it's called on the other side. And on the Meadows side, mister McWill, he's got, probably 2 boxes of baseballs that have landed on his house, broken his windows, broken his roof. We're being repaired on that. Broken windshields on Meadows Avenue. So there's been quite a bit of damage that the potential of somebody really getting hurt, kind of scares us.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Is, if I may ask, is whose liability is that? I mean, do those people come to the school district and ask for repair of their windshields? Or

PAUL RUDA: We've repaired the roof and the windows on mister McWill's house several times. I haven't received a bill for any windshield. I don't know if the sports pay for it directly, but normally, we have a, what is it called?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: What does Carol do? Sorry.

JOHN BOWE: Insurance coverage binder. Hi, John Bowe, superintendent and our risk manager, Carol Gerken, would have to provide more detail on the broken windshield question.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you. Thank you very much. Okay. And, so I have some questions, please.

LISA TAMURA: Before you proceed.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes. The motion to go beyond 10:30. Yes.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Richard made the motion. Correct?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah. So we have a motion to go beyond. Is this the motion for the 10:30?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Sure. I'll make the motion.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: 10:30? We got a motion from council member Montgomery and seconded by mayor Pro Tem Haworth.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: That's right.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: He's going to vote now.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: 30 minutes only.

LISA TAMURA: Motion passed.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So, I'll put a very quick. What is it about on number 1, what is it about Manhattan Beach Boulevard to Dianthus? I mean, I know it's a hill, when it goes down, does that create any more issues? I mean, if we're going to do this and then 2,009 as quickly as 15 years, you know, we're going to face it again. I mean, what's the average lifetime of a

KATIE DAUGHERTY: QA repair? Useful life is usually 10 to 15 years, less so on a street that's this busy. Yeah. So I would say that the hill is likely contributing to some of it, but I think it really is just wear and tear.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. And is it both sides, eastbound and westbound?

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Yes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Great. Thank you. And the exercise equipment, so there were are there repairs to it a requirement? I mean, I know we got to do the ADA, but are there repairs to it a requirement by any some sort of state requirement? You provide this kind of equipment, you got to keep it in good repair or risk management. Risk management or liability.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Yeah. Right.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That's okay.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Yeah. Parks and Rec is saying, yes, that there is some kind there's a requirement.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So do we have any idea how much it gets used? Because like mayor Pro Tem, how worth I go by there, with my version of running on the chips, and, I really don't see anybody doing it. It's, you know, any kind of exercise you can do with that equipment, you could do on your own on a flat, you know, piece of grass.

MARK LEHMAN: Good evening, honorable mayor, member of the city council, Mark Lehman, your parks and recreation director. And it is used heavily, and it has been piecemealed over the years. And unfortunately, if we try to replace it even in kind, it triggers ADA and then you have to regrade the entire area. So that's the challenge.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: All right. Thank you. And have we done things like approach, the Manhattan Beach hometown Fair 10 k folks who refurbished the ones on the on the strand?

KATIE DAUGHERTY: I have not yet, but oh, we have. I just got a thumbs up.

MARK LEHMAN: Yes. Yes. Yes. Over the years. Yes.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Over the years.

MARK LEHMAN: And I'm willing to..

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So I just called Russ Lesser before the meeting, and he said he's going to look into it. So it's not going to be to this magnitude though of \$350,000 Okay.

As far as the purple pipe, so there was a recommendation, staff recommends to laying the planned replacement of the landscaping with these medians with drought resistant tolerant landscaping till after the recycled water feasibility studies findings. Is that so you're implying that if we put in drought resistant plants, they still need some degree of irrigation?

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Yes. And the medians are currently watered with potable, which is why we're not able to water the turf. If they're watered with recycling with recycled water, perhaps you would want to revisit the type of landscaping that you're specifying for those medians.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. And will there be savings Since I mean, are we paying for this water for this

KATIE DAUGHERTY: We're paying for the potable water.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I didn't know the other water.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: We would pay for recycled water. Yes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: A lot less.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: We would pay less.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: A lot more?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Less. Less. A lot less.

Yeah.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: A lot less. Okay. And, okay, Village Field, that makes sense. So the so looking at close to \$900,000 to mitigate fencing to install fencing to mitigate balls going over on both Artesia and Meadows at that corner because that's where the softball field is. And then and I'm sorry, was the other one was the retaining wall? Okay. Got you. All right, great. No more questions. Council Member Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you, your honor. Just to directly or okay, the to provide context for the street funding and shifting from other places, for instance, Pecor Myers Squire, my understanding there was a commitment made to the residents around there that we would be addressing the damage to the streets from the construction of the Peck reservoir sooner rather than later Because we heard from them a number of times. That's a repeated commitment that we have made.

Yes. So I just wanted before we start moving money around. Thank you.

ERIC LEE: And as it relates to that, I mean, our recommendation would be if you want to accelerate that project, let us look at the street funds we have available and come back with a good recommendation that minimizes the general fund as much as possible. And if the council will allow, I just want to clarify as it relates to the cost of portable water versus recycled water. My understanding is years ago, that recycled water was a lot cheaper. West Basin was incentivizing that. Those costs are much closer now than they used to be. And so the savings is not necessarily there, but the environmental benefits are there, the resiliency is there. And so there's still high benefit for us to use that type of water.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Great. And Director Lee, can I just I'm sorry? So the backstop, going back to item 4 with the Village Field and taking money from the big field improvements, the thing that's left there is the backstop. Is that something our public works can do to rebuild or is that with public works rebuilding the backstop?

ERIC LEE: Yes, the major cost associated with backstops is buying new backstops and so, and installing them. So in talking with parks and recreation and user groups, the priority from a community perspective is really to get the lights at Village Field done. And so while the backstops at Beggs are important, they're not as high priority as the lights.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Right. Okay. Got you. Thank you.

ERIC LEE: And so, just to be clear, we're recommending shifting those funds, and so we've identified the bucket of funds to shift in that regard.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Right. Okay. Thank you. Council member Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: My understanding, and maybe ask the city managers, there was some potential funding available, not large, for the parkour's equipment rehabilitation project. Am I right about that?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There were some, but it was very minimal. Very minimal. Right. BC's health district had offered a small amount.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Right. And perhaps one of the reasons why it's not used as much as it used to be is it looks terrible. It's it looks it's totally dilapidated. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. All right. So, public comments.

JOHN BOWE: Good evening, Mayor Franklin, mayor Pro Tem Howarth, council members, city manager Moe, and city staff members. I'm John Bowe, superintendent of the Manhattan Beach Unified School District, and I'm here tonight firstly to thank the city for its ongoing partnership with the district. The partnership takes many forms, including recent collaborative work related to the installation of pickleball courts at the middle school, the tree replacement project at Polliwog Park, the bag pool replacement study, as well as through the shared use, agreement that allows the city use of district facilities when school is not in session, and which in turn provides the district with critical funding, field and blacktop maintenance, and a number of other mutually beneficial programs. For the past several years, the city of Manhattan Beach has also supported mutually beneficial, improvements to school campuses through the capital improvement program. Such projects have included the installation of security fencing around school campuses,

upgrading district radio communications to a digital system to facilitate communication both within the district and with emergency services and the installation also of new protective play services beneath elementary playground structures. At this time, the district plans to install safety netting between the tennis courts and the adjacent softball fields that we have in mind, we have a lot of work to do with the other side of the equation. And so, we have a lot of work to do with the or playing area for both the school and community tennis court users. In addition, the district intends to renovate and repair the retaining walls, the border of the tennis courts. These have eroded, over time and need much attention. Preliminary estimates reflect an anticipated cost of approximately \$400,000 for the full scope of this project. If actual costs exceed the available budget, the netting system will be prioritized with any remaining available funds utilized to begin to rehabilitate the tennis court retaining walls and fences. Next year, the district intends to explore the possibility of continuing the implementation of the safety netting by extending it down Meadows Avenue to prevent the balls from the Mira Costa fields from landing on sidewalk streets and homes to the west of campus. Preliminary estimates reflect an anticipated cost of approximately 500,000 for that scope of work. In the past, the city has contributed an annual amount of 200 and 50,000 per year

to support such projects, and the district appreciates the city's consideration of continuing the support, for the current year as well as the next year. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah. Thank you, doctor Bowe. Anybody else? How about on Zoom? Oh, I'm sorry. We got a hand here.

HEATHER: I just had a couple of questions about this. I know maybe you guys cannot answer it, but, is there a proposal for vendors for this work? Not that the lowest bid is always the best option, but do we know if they are required to get a certain number of bids? And are they actually going to do that? The example that comes to mind of fiscal irresponsibility is when the district purchased a butt load of COVID tests for a premium, and I don't remember the exact cost of each test, but it was around double the cost of me walking into Target or CVS to purchase them on my own. So the district never looked into bulk purchasing power and just made somebody really rich, and I'm assuming they did, and also I did a little bit of digging, and the address came back to some shady looking place in Southern California. So basically, I have no idea if \$900,000 is the actual going rate, if any, you know, research has been done, if we're getting more than 3 bids, etcetera. These are just questions that I have. We should absolutely talk about each of

these in-depth and not just throw them into this, one presentation and rubber stamp it. I would like more information, especially on this, MBUSD project. I'm just a concerned resident who believes in fiscal responsibility, transparency, and accountability. And also the pandemic is over. You should remove this Plexiglas before somebody gets hurt on it.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Not a chance. Thank you, Heather.

Anybody else? About on Zoom?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: There's no request on Zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. We're closing public comments.

Colleagues, council member Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I do have a question, doctor Bose, if you can come back up. Because I don't think this was covered in our ad hoc. But so if we move forward, is this is this a reimbursement of money that the school districts is going to put out or you're looking how are we going to do this financially? And then the base question, though, is this going to cover the district's ask for the next 4 years then at 250 turn?

JOHN BOWE: Are the requests for, first, any amount that the city is able to provide the district is greatly appreciative, for. The capital improvement project request is, \$250,000 per year for 2 years. If there's any amount over that would be of tremendous, assistance. But in either event, it is a project that needs to be completed, and, the district, you know, intends to move forward, as expeditiously as we can with the funding we have, on the netting part and then the retaining wall, aspect of the program. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And it's done on a reimbursement basis.

JOHN BOWE: Okay. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So then the request though is reimbursement, 400,000 for which year? There's no there's FY. There's no number next to it. So that's why I asked. Is this what we're talking about? Even if we say yes to the 400,000, that's going to be cover the district's request for the next 2 years and the 500,000 would be 2 years after that. Just saying even if we front load it, in 1 year, then we're not expecting that request for the next 4 years because we've done the, we've satisfied the 250,000 for a year.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Correct.

JOHN BOWE: I think the other option we've envisioned is 200 and \$50,000 a year for 2 years. And, you know, the district will, you know, make do with the project as best we can, first with the netting, then with the retaining walls. The netting is the primary focus. If the city is able to grant more than the \$250,000 per year, you know, that would be greatly appreciated.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, you're not here asking for more than \$250,000 for the next 2 years?

JOHN BOWE: The request was \$400,000, for the project, for this year.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Right. So more. Yeah. But I don't know where that 250,000 over 2 years comes in. I'm saying that we're not going to get a request for 4 years because we're satisfying with 250,000 ask Times 4. If we front load this. Right?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We're front loading it.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Times 4. Right.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The school district submitted their request irrespective of the \$250,000 that we've traditionally given them. This is what the, ask is. It's up to counsel what level you want to fund it at.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Doctor Bowe, why, are you still there, please? So in the past, we've seen like with turf replacement and some other athletic projects and the like. Have you gone or considered or have you even formulated a plan to do fundraising for like via MBX and the like to raise the funds that might be needed, the extra funds that might be needed?

JOHN BOWE: Not for this particular project. MBX, and PTAs do help fund a variety of projects. MBX just recently funded, the new scoreboard at, you know, Costa, and PTAs have regularly done donation in kind, especially for smaller turf projects, at the schools. But this is not a project that, we have sought out assistance from, MBX.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Is there a possibility of asking them so that we can maybe narrow the gap between the \$250,000 obligation that we have and your total need?

JOHN BOWE: I think it would be more likely that we would identify other, funding, earmarked further projects, and then perhaps work with MBX for some of those smaller projects. But this is a priority project for us because of the safety aspect involved with it.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Right. Okay. Thank you. Council member Montgomery?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Thank you, Your Honor. I was trying to bring this all home in one shot instead of going back and forth. The first one is the roadway, if you can put the picture back up please Martha, the roadway back on MBB. Generally knows and counts on those, it's a bomb track. And look at the date of the last the market. We're going to see a lot of growth in the market. We're going to see a lot of growth in the market. We're going to see a lot of growth in the market. We're going to see a lot of growth in the market. We're going to see a lot of growth in the market. And you're right, part of the slope, KD goes down, makes that dip, you hit a sewer line, command hole cover, and you're sliding. So, it needs to be

done, and yes, we need to accelerate this baby, because every time my car hits that roadway, I got to remember to call director Lynn, can we move this thing up? Definitely did patch it. We patched the potholes that we had back then, but it doesn't stop the pavement splitting. And I hear about it every time I go by there, and I had to remember to do this. So definitely yes on the on the acceleration. I'm with Steve on this one. We're not we promised the people dear PEC, we would not divert funds, and PAC is also in bad shape because of trucks for the reservoir project. Beat that thing up to no end. So I think we can do both. We're not taking money away from PAC to do MBB. We can still do both and keep both on a priority schedule, but accelerate, item number 1. Number 2, I'm okay with delaying the parkour thing, I know it's not a priority issue for me. Mean, no one's called me and emailed me, but hey, let's finish the Veterans Parkway Park horse. They're probably bothering director, Lehman instead, but not calling me. Yeah, part number 3, the purple pipe, absolutely, persist to be doing the right thing. Number 3, it's easy to say you're doing the right thing, the Purple Line project. Number 4, the Bagfield, I think, Director Lee is right. We can ship the funds from 1 field to the other. It's their call, I agree with this one, I agree yes on number 4, the bag lighting from Marine Field, I mean Manhattan Village Field. And then number 5, whether we see we front load

them, the 400,000 or not, 250 from us now and the difference for next year, or that's a priority either. They're getting baseballs. I wonder what school board member approved that baseball field hitting balls over Meadows. I wonder who did that. But...

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Years before me.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: We can approve we, can approve number 4, and we'll worry about, we skip a year and a half later for funding for that one. It'd be cheaper to point the field in the opposite direction. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Turn it around.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: That's number 5.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: But number 4, yes. Bruce Lee, that's a priority. I don't want to hear any more about baseballs coming over.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Number 5.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Number 4, sorry. I'm talking about first. 5.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: It's okay.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The school district is number 5. Is that the one you're referring to?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Sorry, number 5, yes. And number 6, the facilities, I'm not sure. I put a question mark on that one. If that's the priority. I know the baseball field is number 5, but the funding improvements to district facilities, if it's a consideration and they want to put it right behind the baseball fields, we can always do the front loading portion for number 6 as well. I'm neutral on that one way or the other.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: That's also netting. Right?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Right.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So and that was it's another it's in fiscal year 2025. But I think what you're saying, can I clarify, is that, you see front loading both number 5 and number 6, the amount sort of equals 4 years at 250 k?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: That's where Steve was going.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Right. Well, that's this is, I'm referring to what you're saying. So you're saying, we're doing this, but then don't come back to us in year 3 and 4.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: 4 and number 6.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Well, don't come back to us later on for 200 50,000 for something else because we're giving you a \$1,000,000 with these two projects. Mhmm. Okay. That was your motion. I seconded it.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yeah. Thank you. Your Honor. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes. Just to clarify, it's the consideration of \$250,000,000. It's a consideration of project. It's not a promise, it's not an obligation on a yearly basis to provide to everyone. We're, you know, we try to find mutually beneficial projects that benefits the community and the district at the same time. You know, again, I don't see this as

a huge benefit to the community as much as it is to the school's liability. I'm fine with that. With the understanding though that this is going to satisfy 4 years of that request, the consideration, it's going to satisfy 4 years of it. Yeah. Don't ask for anything else over the next 4 years. They'll come to, Council Member Lesser and Howarth after 2025.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: All finished. Yes. Council Member Lasser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: So now that there's been the heavy lifting on these other matters, I'd like to return to the parkour's with a proposed friendly amendment, because I see you've made a motion. That is, you heard from the mayor. There may be some prospective funds available for this, and I just would wonder if you'd be receptive to if we can accelerate it with there being monies. My recollection is there was a whole survey that was done that residents engaged with the city. I had asked the city manager some months ago if that data was still available as to what residents wanted at that location. There was a great deal of engagement, and there was the expectation that this was going to be built when I was on council before so that this is so many years delayed. I'd love to see it expedited, but only if there's some money that...

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So you're saying you don't keep your promise? Sorry. Sorry. That was a joke.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yes. To your question, I'm going to amend, want to amend that part. If you find outside funding, bring it back.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. And I would accept that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is that helpful?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We have a grants administrator. I hope you can...

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I see our city manager may want to say something?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I was just going to say I was going to say it seems like there's something through you that the superintendent wanted to add to

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, let him.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: That's what I was going to ask, if he wanted to.

JOHN BOWE: And thank you for the reconsideration. The district's interest is to secure 2 years' worth of funding for \$250,000, per year and then to have flexibility in years, you know, 34 to, you know, come back with requests for, other projects of mutual, you know, interest. The district will find a way to prioritize, you know, other funding, to, complete the difference between the 250,000 and the 400,000. I'm very grateful for the 2 years of request, but it is a 2 year request for 250,000 per year.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: For each year.

JOHN BOWE: Yes.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So it's not a total of \$900,000 over the 2 years. It's a total of 500,000 over the 2 years.

JOHN BOWE: \$500,000 over 2 years. Okay. If more funding is available Great. You know, wonderful. But we fully understand the 250,000 is the..

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Basically using our terminology, it's preloading, just 2 years for a total of 500,000.

JOHN BOWE: Yep. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Mayor Por Tem Howarth, did you have a comment?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No. I just wanted to I could tell there was some desire to speak to that. So I want to make that happen.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. I'm going to try to fast track, just like Council Member Montgomery. So on number 1...

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We have a motion.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Comment?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: You can comment. I mean, I just you said I want to fast track.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So that is your motion then going to be for yes, no, yes, yes? Yes.

LISA TAMURA: Yes. Yes.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No. Yes. Unless there's funding for number 2, then yes, yes, yes, yes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: And for 500,000...

MAYOR FRANKLIN: No. That's close enough. Okay. Great. So we have a motion from council member Montgomery.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Sir, as council member Napolitano mentioned, as per the joint use agreement, the City is obligated to consider \$250,000,000 each year. So by giving them \$500,000,000 this year, we don't have to consider \$250,000,000 next year?

MARK LEHMAN: That is correct. We're going to give \$250,000,000 now, and that you're front loading the 2nd year?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yes.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: It's dispersed in the 2nd year though, whatever. I mean, it's yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yes. I'm just saying that if you're going to give them \$500,000,000 now next year, you won't have to consider \$250,000, correct?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yes. That's our understanding.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Yes. And it was concurred. Yeah. Right.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: We're good to go?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We're good to go? Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Okay.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: K. Motion passes 5 0. Okay. Alright.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And do we need another vote for 11?

CITY ATTORNEY: Actually, Mayor, the vote needs to be taken by 10:30 to extend beyond 11 even though occasionally, it's that's the motion. So you've already got the motion to go beyond 11. Council member Montgomery says he's leaving in 4 minutes.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I'm sorry? Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Have a plane to catch.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Bills to pay. Okay. That's number 15.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I'm sorry. I don't want to talk about the shield. The reason why I want to be sneezing on our staff and coming on our staff, that's why the plastic shields are in place. They will remain in place at the dais. The plastic cover shields at the dais...

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, I see. Okay.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: On staff.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I know our city manager and our city clerks appreciate that.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Mhmm. Okay. So, number 15, consideration of options to fill the parking and public improvements commission seat number 4, vacancy. And that will be, city clerk Lisa Tamura. Honorable mayor. In 3 minutes.

LISA TAMURA: Yep. Honorable mayor, member of city council, Lisa Tamura, city clerk. The PPIC business community seat has been vacant since November last year. Staff is seeking city council direction on how to proceed with filling this vacancy. Assistant City Clerk Alvarez will be providing the staff presentation outlining options for city council to consider.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Is this, we got a motion? Is this...

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I don't know if council Montgomery is going to go along with this or not, but I'm going to go with option 2. I was going with option 2. I think this is ridiculous that we can't get a business community member, and I think it's just to be a member at large. I think all our commissions are able to make decisions for the benefit of the greater community and the business community without having a

designated one. No one stepped up to do it. Go with option 2.
100%. So public comment?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Public comment.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We'll put for public comment.

Nobody on Zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Nobody on Zoom. Nobody in here. It's
already a motion. So we have a motion to accept.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: No further question.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: By council member Napolitano and
seconded by council member Montgomery. And now we can move.

LISA TAMURA: Motion passes, 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Look at this. So this is, number
16, consideration of resolutions awarding a construction
agreement to Clark Contract Incorporation.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Move approval.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. We are there any questions? No questions. Seeing none.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I would just go ahead. I do have one question and that is this is a huge project. This is one of our larger ones. It's appropriately on the agenda. I just wanted to confirm how you're going to be publicizing this project, and let's confirm what it is briefly.

ERIC LEE: Thank you for your support in that regard. Yes, this is a massive construction project and that is why it's on your general business calendar because we want to make sure that it's amply noticed to the community. So senior civil engineer, Tim Berthaso, will very quickly summarize the outreach up to this point and the outreach that will, is envisioned going forward. Thank you.

TIM BERTHASO: To parking and public improvement commission on October 26, 2023. We held a community meeting here in council chambers on January 30, 2024 and we're bringing it to council today on February 20th. And then we'll also send out construction notices as we approach the construction date, and hold meetings with residents as needed.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I just simply ask, if I could. Yes. You can the issue the city could issue a press release as well, perhaps. There's no real cost incurred in doing that. I'm just trying to think of other ways we can really get the message out because I think when people realize the scale of this project

ERIC LEE: Absolutely. And then one of the things we struggle with this project is it's, it's going to provide great benefits that, people just assume that the city is going to do anyways. We noticed literally thousands of people that come to the community meeting and didn't have a great turnout. And so, press releases, yes. We'll be doing notices to impacted residents in the area when construction is actually coming their way. We just really wanted the council and the community to know that we are coming, and, we don't want it to be a surprise when we get there. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And one, I'm sorry. Council member Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Not a question. Comment on the motion.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So a question for me, please, is how long is this going to take for the construction? I was looking in the report. I didn't see.

TIM BERTHASO: Good evening. The anticipated construction schedule is spring 2024 to spring 2025.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: 2024. So when in 2024?

TIM BERTHASO: This spring. This coming spring.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Spring to when in 2025?

TIM BERTHASO: To spring 2025.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So 1 year.

TIM BERTHASO: Yes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Okay. Thank you. Council member Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah. I made the motion to approve this. It wasn't done lightly. I read the staff report.

It's this is goes just hand in glove with all our other environmental efforts. We've done this before, actually, put in these things to treat and to remove the trash and other elements before they get into the ocean. So this is just another way we're going to improve the water quality off our coast, and it's a much needed and essential project for us. So there's no doubt in my mind that we should move forward in this. This is why we do things for the with the storm drain money. I second the motion.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So we have a motion by, council member Napolitano. And public comments? Oh, I'm sorry. Public comments. Here. Any? No. Anybody on zoom?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No request on zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Going to close public comments. We've got a motion from council member Steven Napolitano, seconded by council member Lasser.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Motion passes, 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Any AB1234 reports?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: None, Your Honor. No.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Future agenda items?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: None, your honor.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No. Not even from me.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: City manager report?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just two quick ones. One from Tali Mirza Khanian and one from George Gabriel. Just brief updates.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: Good evening again, counsel. On February 12th, Monday, February 12th, the environmental sustainability division of our department hosted a sustainability forum. The goal of which was to update the attendees on our former achievements in environmental sustainability, inform them of the policies that are underway, but most importantly, to seek their input on environmental priorities moving forward. We had about 40 attendees. We used

the Mentimeter app, to, one, ask them to enter, what they think the city should include in their environmental action plan moving forward. And so people entered all sorts of things, some of which are on the screen. And then the second part of that was that we asked them to vote from the options that were submitted in step 1 so that we could understand where people's priorities were. As you can see on this screen, the number one priority from the attendees came in as solar on all buildings when asked to describe what that meant. Essentially, people said that they wanted to see solar on municipal facilities, but they also wanted to incentivize solar on residential buildings. And then another interesting comment that came in was that they wanted to see the city taking action on repealing NEM 3 point o, which is a tariff enacted by in April by the California Public Utilities Commission. Which reduces the compensation to homeowners for excess power sent to the electric grid, thereby reducing the incentive to the homeowner. What came in as number 2, it was actually tied between native plants and public and commercial spaces, which have inherent benefits for, wildlife and water conservation, and that was tied with better bicycle infrastructure. People were supporting, bicycle lanes and particularly safer bicycle routes for children going to school. And the 3rd, we talked about number 3, was leaf blower education and enforcement. They want wanted to see a revival of leaf

blower education, and corresponding enforcement. This is available online. It's on our sustainability website as is the presentation from that evening if the, council wanted to just peruse through the results that came in. But we are already taking on some of these actions, particularly the leaf blower education will collaborate with our other departments to, take some actions there. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your honor. Question on this.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: This comment is just, you know, nice, but good beginning, but, you know, it's hard to take a sampling of 40 people and extrapolate that to the community, especially when, for instance, the native plants requirements we already have those requirements, actually. So I don't even know why it's an option on there because we already have a regulation requiring that. Seems to me like maybe we should expand this like we've expanded some of our other surveys, put it online, let people comment on them. I'm sure that maybe some doctor Bose left. But, you know, the schools would be interested in in students participating in it as they have in other ones. You

know, let's try and expand upon this. I'm not going to take this as gospel for anything.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We can absolutely do that.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay. Thank you.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Great idea.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And if I make a make a point as well, because I attended the meeting. Right? Yes. Just the one I

KATIE DAUGHERTY: attended. Yes. You did. Okay. We were there.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I was there.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Right. Is that you know, there were a lot of, industry representatives in that room. I don't know if we told them not to vote Oh, yeah. On these things, so there was there was a lot of nonresidents there as well.

KATIE DAUGHERTY: Correct.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, you know, that might have skewed it, so I agree with the little bit more valid survey among residents because it is important information to get.

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: Absolutely.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Well, and if we do a survey, it we might want to give some suggestions.

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: Yes. That's what we would have to do. Right. I mean, if we do like, these were ideas that were generated by the people in attendance. So I think that I think a survey is a great idea, but I would like to see a little more thought from Daniel and yourself to, like, here's I you know, to guide a little bit.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah. Because right here, reducing use of disposables in restaurants downtown, state law now that, you know, you have to do it on requests.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Right. Right. That's exactly..

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Why is that even on there?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: It is because it was there. It someone just said it, so that's why it was on there. So

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. One more update?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Well, no. Richard had something. Oh.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I pushed the Oh, I'm sorry, Richard. Richard, but I

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I was going to ask a question. I'm going to ask a question. Did you include street sweeping on there?

DIRECTOR MIRZA KHANIAN: We didn't include anything as staff. It was it was left to the attendees to type in the responses.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Anybody put 1 street sweeping in there? No. He's going through it.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I can't read it all.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Probably one.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Is it I don't think...

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Probably got Meadows or Raul.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Literally got it. Alright. Never mind. It's okay. I'm good. Alright. I'm good. Thank you. Next update.

GEORGE GABRIEL: Council member, our mayor Franklin and members of the city council, George Gabriel, assistant to the city manager. So council recall July 18, 2023. Council directed staff to basically advocate with the state legislature for a bill to remove the, request to get consent from the DA to prosecute state misdemeanors. We have positive development on this front. Assembly member Al Marisucci has introduced legislation to this effect. That bill is AB 2309. And in essence, it removes the consent requirement and instead authorizes the city attorney, of any general law city or charter

city to prosecute any misdemeanor committed within the city arising out of a violation of state law.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Let's track that though.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We should, we should press that on that.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And give credit to somebody in the room.

MARK LEHMAN: Correct.

GEORGE GABRIEL: And, they, you know, they've definitely, we had a lot of conversations with them in the past couple of months, and they've been more than willing to take up this cause. And, we'll be working with other state other cities that, are, agree with this legislation.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you. Well done. City attorney report?

CITY ATTORNEY: Nothing tonight.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. Good man.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Let's see. So adjournment? Yep.

Alright.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Tim goes first.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So we're going to adjourn. We have 2 adjournments.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We have 2 adjournments.

CITY ATTORNEY: Yes. We'll adjourn to 5 just in case. Just like, last 2 weeks ago, we adjourned to 5 and no closed session was necessary. So you'll be adjourning this to 5 o'clock 2 weeks from now. Okay.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. So should I begin, mister mayor?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes, please.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So as the mayor mentioned, we have 2 adjournments tonight. Really 2 local legends. And the first, person that we are adjourning our meeting in honor of tonight is real estate giant, Arnold Gold Steen, an icon in Manhattan Beach and beyond in the real estate industry. He passed away at the age of 90 on January 23rd. He was, being a real estate broker was far a far cry from his original life goal. He was born in Detroit and he grew up with a talent for drawing and he studied fashion design in college, but he discovered real estate in the 19 sixties selling 60 homes in 1 year, a record to this day. He founded Shorewood Realtors in 1969. With Larry Wolf, who became his partner in 1979, Shorewood grew to 7 offices and 300 or offices, I'm sorry, and 350 realtors. And when they sold the company in 2014, it was the 8th largest real estate company by dollar volume in Los Angeles County right here in Little Manhattan Beach. Beyond these professional achievements, he had a passion for fashion, notorious for his decadent outfits. He loved horses. And along with his wife, Homer Goldstein, he was a founding member of the American Institute of Wine and Food, and the couple became passionate about collecting art together, which we know. He was also a diehard fan of his son, Joshua, never missed one of his games. Omera really wants people to know her husband's love and his relentless unyielding drive for excellence. He was a legend,

she said, an icon, a mentor, and had a love for people and success. Arnold Goldstein left an incredible impact on Manhattan Beach and is survived by his wife, Homera, their son, Joshua and grandson, Silas, as well as his son, Mark, from his first marriage and his granddaughters, Jordan and Mia. So let's have a moment of silence and appreciation for our Uncle Steve. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I have an adjournment too as well. Regarding a passing of Redondo Beach mayor Bill Brand, the family members of the city council Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach and how it's a great sadness and heavy heart to death of Mayor Bill Brand. Mayor Brand, 65, passed away at home on the evening on Friday, February 9th, with his loving wife, family, and friends by his side. His family and friends surrounded him in the last few days during his sudden turn of health. He valiantly fought stage 4 lung cancer over the past four and a half years as only he could. He survived a specific cancer longer than any other diagnosed in United States.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Wow.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: A testament to his will to live, his will to move forward, and his will to lead the

community he loved so much. Mayor Brim was born in Dallas, Texas, that explains why we probably got along so well, and moved to the South Bay 1966. Finding the seaside lagoon, he told everyone he'd found heaven. His service to the community began in 2000. First as a concerned resident, then as a champion for open space, we created a nonprofit organization, the South Bay Parkland Conservancy, and finally, he's a member of local elected office. He co-authored a winning ballot measure in 1,008, amending the city charter, and was a fierce advocate for many environmental and coastal priorities, including being the mayor major driver and the final decision for the shutdown of the AES power plant. Being able to see that event through was an accomplishment of which he was extremely proud. Mayor Brand was elected twice to the city council over Donner Beach starting in 2009, and then twice to the office of mayor. He continued to serve admirably and extensively while undergoing cancer treatments. His work as mayor of Donner Beach, while hospitalized several times and often in pain, continued. He remained dedicated to his vision of a waterfront park to the very end. Service announcements for private and public ceremonies will be forthcoming, And Lou Flowers, his wife and family, are asking that all donations be sent to the nonprofit he started, the South Bay Public Conservancy or the Cancer

Support Committee South Bay in Bill's memory. Ask a moment of your time in memory of Mayor Bill Brand.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Thank you, Your Honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. And we will adjourn until 5 pm on March 5.