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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: We are live, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Thank you. Well, welcome. We are now going to reconvene in open session from the closed session, with statement from City Attorney, Quinn Barrow.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Thank you, Mayor Pro Tem. Earlier this evening, the city council went into closed session to have labor negotiations with the groups and employees identified on the agenda. The city council gave direction. There was no other reportable action taken.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you. With that, we will adjourn that meeting, and go right into our regular city council for this evening, Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Welcome, everybody. So, we'll start with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Parker Sibe from Meadows Elementary School. There you go. And there's your flag, and you can just stand right there.

MR. SIBE: Put your right hand over your heart. Ready, begin.

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.

MR. SIBE: You may be seated.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: I think we've got a preacher on our hands here, right. Well, Parker, thank you so much for doing that. We're very proud of you. And you've got a great fan club; not only your family, we know they love you, but you've got a whole bunch of friends here as well. Do you want to recognize your parents and teachers?

MR. SIBE: The principal is right there. My teacher, a bunch of friends and family have come to come and watch me. It's very cool.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Well, that's great. So, we're going to go ahead and have your teacher and— Ms. Blumberg Okay. Go ahead and say some words about Parker.

Ms. Blumberg: Hi, everyone. Okay. I have the honor of introducing Parker Sibe. I was Parker's fourth grade teacher; and I'm also now his fifth grade teacher. It's been such a pleasure to get to know him. Parker is thoughtful, compassionate, and a stellar student. Parker always gives 100% to everything he does. I asked his Meadows teachers to describe him. We all share the same sentiments. Parker is kind-hearted, an avid learner, and a born leader. He comes to class every day with a positive attitude and a smile on his face. Parker shows score; safe, kind, on task, responsible, and respectful behavior around both peers and adults by lending a helping hand at all times. He often helps manage our Chromebook cart by keeping things nice and organized. Parker loves to learn. He excels in

all of his academics. He puts great effort into his work and always participates in class discussions. Parker's classmates are drawn to his calm and caring demeanor, during group work inside and outside of the classroom. Our Meadows principal, Mrs. Krzmarzick, also grades and shares that Parker is kind-hearted, displays excellent sportsmanship, and steps up into leadership roles at every opportunity. He is a wonderful role model for his peers. Speaking of his peers, some of whom are here tonight, they describe Parker as being caring, kind, smart, polite, helpful, thoughtful, funny, and athletic. Outside of the classroom, Parker enjoys playing for his club basketball and football leagues. He also comes from a family of Broadway performers, and recently had the opportunity to perform alongside his dad and younger brother, Finley. If you've ever met Parker's parents, Thela and Chad, you can easily see where he gets his friendly and all-in attitude from. Parker, they wanted to share this with you. Parker, we are grateful to be your parents and our world is better and brighter with you in it. We love you forever. With that, Parker, Meadows Elementary is so proud to honor you today. Congratulations.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: So, my recommendation is to hold on to that for college applications, because it will really come in handy. I also want to present you with a city pin, so you can ahead and put it—and I like that blazer. We're about the same color here; and we'll go ahead

we'll put you right in the middle and we'll have the city council surround you. We have David Lesser up there, right over your shoulder. And one more thing, we have a certificate of appreciation. Here we go.

MR. SIBE: Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: For helping us this evening and for all of the good work you do in the city. Keep it up.

MR. SIBE: Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: And you, friends, can learn from him. You're all great kids. Thank you so much. All right. So, we move on to the approval of the agenda and waiver of full reading of ordinance.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: I'm sorry. Can we do the roll call first?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Stay for the five hour meeting too.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Approval of the agenda, yes. So, roll call vote?

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Thank you. Roll call. Councilmember Howorth?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Here.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Present.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember

Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Here.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Pro Tem Franklin?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Here.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: And Mayor Montgomery is absent.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. So, next is the ceremonial calendar.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mr. Mayor, I'm sorry. Can I make a statement first?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yes. I'm sorry.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: We received a request from Councilmember Lesser to attend the meeting remotely for due cause; and Councilmember Lesser has an additional statement to make.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Sure. I just wanted to vouch for the public, that I am making a request to participate remotely under AB2449 for just cause, because I have under, the statues definition, a contagious illness. I also am required, by the staff, to disclose that there is nobody 18 years of age or older present in the room at the remote location. Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Tamura. Mr. Mayor Pro Tem?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: All right. Thank you so much. And so now we move on to the ceremonial calendar; and we have the honor of having at our council meeting today the winners of the 2023 Fire Department Annual "Home Escape Plan". And let me see, we'll bring them up. Chief, we'll turn it over to you.

FIRE CHIEF LANG: Good evening, Mayor Pro Tem and councilmembers. Tonight we have our home escape winners. I'm going to turn it over to Fire Marshall Bass and Inspector Susie Contreras.

FIRE INSPECTOR CONTRERAS: Thank you, Chief and good evening, Mayor Pro Tem and city council. It has been our privilege in more than 17 years to host the winners of the Home Fire Escape Plan. And we have a short fun video showing part of their grand prize winning. Go ahead with the video, please. We are proud to say that we have five of the six winners present today; and if they can come up for the recognition from city council and Mayor Pro Tem. First we have Ava Orozco.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Hi, Ava. So nice to meet you. And then, we have a certificate of appreciation as well. Well done.

FIRE INSPECTOR CONTRERAS: Next, we have Amara Acharya.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Hi, Amara. How is it going?

MS. ACHARYA: Hi. Good.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Was that a heck of a ride on the fire engine?

MS. ACHARYA: Yes.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Oh, wonderful. So, we have a city pin for you, and then a certificate of appreciation for a job well done.

MS. ACHARYA: Thank you.

FIRE INSPECTOR CONTRERAS: Next, we have Serena Schaeffer.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Hi, Serena.

MS. SCHAEFFER: Hello.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Hey, you did a great job.

MS. SCHAEFFER: Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: There you go. So, we have a city pin for you, and a certificate of appreciation. Well done.

FIRE INSPECTOR CONTRERAS: Next, we have Marco Federico.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Hey, Marco. How are you doing?

MR. FEDERICO: Good.



MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Good to meet you. Well done. So, we have a city pin, and we have a certificate of appreciation for your great work there.

FIRE INSPECTOR CONTRERAS: And next, we have Diego Beer Brakin.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Diego, how are you doing?

MR. BRAKIN: Good.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Well done. Did you have fun drawing up the diagram of your home?

MR. BRAKIN: Yeah.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Did you get to jump out of a window or anything?

MR. BRAKIN: No.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: You didn't? Okay. Well, here is your certificate of appreciation, and then Councilmember Napolitano has a pin for you. And then, is there—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No, we only have five of the six winners.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Oh, five of the six here. Okay, great. So, well done, everybody. What was your favorite part? The fire engine ride?

GROUP: Yeah.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay, great. Oh, and the donuts, of course. Well, you can get donuts anytime;

but, you can't always get to ride on a fire engine. All right, great. Well, we're going to stand up here and have some pictures taken. I'll join you over here. Okay. Well done. Well, these are the safest houses in the city; so, if you're having a sleepover, you can rest assured everything will be great. But, it really is a serious subject, and I hope the kids—I mean, I remember my kids going through this how many years ago. So, everybody really pay attention to it. Recharge your fire extinguishers at home and change your batteries, right. You're supposed to do that at Daylight Savings Time as well, where you change the batteries of your smoke detectors. So, you all can go home and tell your parents to do that. Okay? All right. Well, thanks again. All right. Now, we got to Item E, which is the approval of the agenda and waiver of full reading of ordinances. Entertain a motion.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: So moved.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay.

Councilmember Howorth.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Second.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: And Councilmember Napolitano. Can we have a roll call vote, please?

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Pro Tem Franklin?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Howorth?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: And Mayor Montgomery is absent. Motion passes, 4-0-1.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Going on to Item F, city council and community organization announcements of upcoming events. One minute per person. Please state your name clearly for the record.

LIBRARY MANAGER MURRAY: Hi. Good evening, Mayor and members of the council. My name is Josh Murray, and I'm here on behalf of Manhattan Beach Library. I would like to invite the teams of the community to a very exciting event next Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 5:00. Professional choreographer, Tarissa Smith, will teach all about a variety of dances, such as ballet, Charleston, and more. Registration is available on our website, [lacountylibrary.org](http://lacountylibrary.org). I would also like to remind the community that Manhattan Beach Library, along with other county facilities, will be closed on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veteran's Day; and we will resume our usual business hours on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. And finally, I would like to introduce you to our new Lead Adult Services Librarian, Lauren Wubbles. We're really

happy to have her join the library team; and Lauren loves putting on programs, and I'm sure she will become very familiar with all of the members of the community in no time. So, thank you for your time.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, Josh.

LEAD ADULT SERVICES LIBRARIAN WUBBELS: Thank you very much. I'm really happy to be here, and I'm very excited to start serving our wonderful community. Have a wonderful evening.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Thank you.

PATROL OPERATIONS CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ: Good evening. Andrew Enriquez. I'm your Patrol Operations Captain for the City of Manhattan Beach Police Department. I'm here for two community announcements. I would like to invite the community to join us on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. at Tin Roof Bistro. We have partnered with the Special Olympics. Come out and have a meal and have your police department staff serve you, run your table for you, or greet you at the door when you come in. It's a fundraiser for the Special Olympic Athletics, where we partner up with Tin Roof to serve food there. My second announcement is for the following Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Joslyn Center for our town hall meeting. I welcome everyone to

come out. And if you have questions ahead of time, please email [askacop@manhattanbeach.gov](mailto:askacop@manhattanbeach.gov). Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, November 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Not the night to dine and dash?

PATROL OPERATIONS CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ:  
Correct. At least not a Tin Roof.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: And make  
reservations and get there early.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: I was about to say  
that. Yeah.

PATROL OPERATIONS CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ: I  
highly recommend making reservations. Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Can we ask for you  
by name, for your table and your section?

PATROL OPERATIONS CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ: You  
can. You might not get it. But, you can.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you.  
Thank you, Captain.

MR. YANOFISKY: Hello. I'm Scott Yanofsky,  
a Rotarian; and I wanted to announce that we have this Saturday,  
Vet Fest. It's for first responders and veterans. We'll have  
beer and wine tasting, barbeque food, games for the kids. It's  
free for first responders and veterans. It's our fifth year  
doing it. It's very exciting. It's a lot of fun, and I expect  
you all to be there.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: And the Pine Mountain Logs are playing? That's amazing.

MR. YANOFSKY: Well, you know, only the best.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Only the best. Good job.

MR. YANOFSKY: Thank you very much.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: It is great good. Thank you. Anybody else?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Good evening, Mayor Pro Tem, members of the city council. Mark Leyman, your Parks and Recreation Director. I wanted to invite the community out. We have an exciting week ahead of us, starting with the Veteran's Day ceremony this Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. We'll have the mayor kick us off. We have a wonderful keynote speaker. We'll have the police department color guard and the MBMS choir and the Girl and Boy Scouts; so, a great event planned for the community. Please come out and join us, and that's at 15<sup>th</sup> and Valley. And then, the next upcoming event will be the Begg Pool community open house. So, it will be Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Manhattan Heights Community Center. Please share your input and priorities for the Begg Pool facility. If you're not able to make it, please joins us with the QR code right there, and take the survey online or through the city's website. Once again,

Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> for that. And then, the last event, Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., pier lighting and holiday open house. We'll have the Beach City's toy drive booth, MBMS and Mira Costa High School choirs, Santa's sleigh, strolling carolers, food, entertainment, wonderful eating; so, please join us. Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Thank you, Parks and Recreation Director Leyman. I also want to just make a quick announcement. The fire safety, the home escape plans, they're on display in the lobby area. So, those children that you saw earlier, you can go ahead and see their winning pieces up there in the lobby.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADMINISTRATOR

MACLENNAN: Good evening, Mayor Pro Tem, council members, colleagues, and community members. My name is Amanda McClennan, and I am the Emergency Preparedness Administrator, working in the fire department. I'm here tonight to share that the city has started the process of updating the local hazard mitigation plan; and it's extremely important that we have the community stakeholder's involvement and feedback related to manmade and natural hazards in our area. So, what is the local hazard mitigation plan? The hazard mitigation plan identifies risks, vulnerabilities, as well as short and long-term mitigation strategies to protect the Manhattan Beach community, property, and environment. FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency,

requires that cities have their local hazard mitigation plan updated every five years. Our current hazard mitigation plan is from 2019; so, in May '24 is when we have to have it updated. And we invite all of you, all of our local stakeholders, to join us for our four local hazard mitigation plan committee meetings with the first meeting later this month on November 28<sup>th</sup>, and another in December on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and the final two in January on the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>. These meetings will be on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30. It is important that we hear about your experience with local hazards, your concerns, as well as your ideas about hazard mitigation in our community. So, there is a QR code. You can go to our website, go under the fire department, or our social media. There are many ways to register for these meetings. And I strongly encourage you, your friends, your family to get involved. The more people involved, the stronger our community's resilience. Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Thank you.

Anybody else? How about on Zoom?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: We have David Archer.

MR. ARCHER: Good evening, Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Franklin and city councilmembers. David Archer, Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce. I'm here with a couple of announcements. First, we would like to invite you all out to our holiday mixer extravaganza on December 4<sup>th</sup>, that's a Monday,



at Manhattan Village. This is our third annual, for me; and so, I would like to invite all of you out, and the community out, to join us. The second announcement is for the North Manhattan Beach Big Holiday Stroll and Walk About, which is Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It's always a wonderful event. The streets are full, the kids are laughing. We have Santa, sleighs, carolers; so, we invite you to come out and join us there. And that's all I have. Thank you so much.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you very much. Appreciate it. Yes, please?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, everyone. We are Mira Costa ASP Representatives. Mira Costa is busy at this time of the year. Here, we have some updates to share with you. Our recent homecoming dance and it's accompanying game were a huge hit with the students, and both events providing to continue the tradition of being a big success. An outside event that was heavily influenced by our student body was a sketchers pier-to-pier walk. A huge portion of our students either walked virtually or in person, or even volunteered at the event; like our cheer team, for example. Moving on to our domestic extracurriculars, starting off with our drama/tech groups. Their Peter Pan and The Starcatcher play has started and is ongoing until Saturday. It's been a big hit this year.

MS. JACOBSON: Hi. I'm Rylee Jacobson, and I'm speaking for the Mira Costa Model UN Program. Our Mira Costa Model UN Program is currently on two travel trips; the first one in Montreal, and the second one at Brown. These are very big debates that we prepare for the entire semester. These are four-day debates with highly competitive scholar students competing. Students have the opportunity to immerse in the culture; for example, at Brown you can go and sit in at lectures, and in Montreal they are touring the Old Town. Costa students like me are also going to compete in a two-day debate at UCLA, which is a very fortunate opportunity as well.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: My name is Brody (inaudible), and I'm also representing Mira Costa's Associate Student Body. Moving on to our athletics. The fall season sports at Costa are nearing their end. Our new girls' flag football team has earned good crowds, and have had great engagement from our student body; and they have proved to be a welcome success among our campus. Summing up our sports, we have 23 athletes signing to play in college in the gym, at lunch, on Wednesday; so, be there. Moving on to the social side of our school. After recent antisemitism at MBMS, our student and faculty have put the equality and respect at the forefront of our priorities and have fostered a warm environment to all

minorities and races, which we have seen great improvement on across the year.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you.

MS. ORTIZ: Hi. My name is Shavonna Oritz. I'm from Mira Costa; and I'm part of the Allcove Beach Cities Youth Advisory Group. And since Allcove Beach Days opened in November of 2022, the center has welcomed more than 4,000 young people in; and about 50% of those has sought services. We've conducted more than 675 tours, presentations, and events locally; and Allcove Beach Days has been a resource for Manhattan Beach schools through tabling, outreach, youth engagement, and staff support at MBMS and Mira Costa. The center has partnered with MBPD and MBUSD to support juvenile diversion services as an alternative option for students experiencing law enforcement or school disciplinary actions. Additionally, Allcove has toured Manhattan Beach Councilmember Joe Franklin, MB Parks and Rec, Manhattan Beach Police Department, and MBUSD leadership, counselors, and school psychologists. And it's also participated in MBMS Mental Health Awareness Month resource fair in May and Mira Costa World Mental Health Day resource fair in October. Along with that, Allcove has equipped staff and parents during back-to-school night, offering free resources and services, and hosted parent tours for MBUSD parents to see the center for themselves.

MS. LEFFORD: I'm Jenna Lefford. I am also a member of the Allcove Youth Advisory Group, and I go to Mira Costa. Allcove would like to invite everyone to our one-year celebration, which is coming up on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Allcove Beach Cities at 514 North Prospect Avenue, at Redondo Beach on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The celebration is open to young people, ages 12-25 and their families. There will be live music, an art show, jewelry making, other interactive activities, and raffle prizes. And did we mention free food? Help us to continue to share about Allcove Beach Cities as a resource to the community.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Great. Well, thank you both very much. That's a great program there.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: It's hard to believe it's been a year. I was there at the opening. I can't believe it.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Anybody else here to make an announcement. Anybody on Zoom?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There's no raised hands via Zoom.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Great colleagues, any announcements?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I do want to announce, somebody sent in an email; and I wanted to let the community know that check before you burn season is here again.

All right. So, each year, from November through the end of February, residents of the South Coast Air Basin, of which we are residents, are asked to check before burning wood in their fireplaces to limit emissions of fine particulate matter. Smoke from residential fireplaces is a significant source of PM2.5 during the winter months. So, you can do your part to improve air quality by choosing not to burn when a no burn day is announced; and that gets announced by the South Coast AQMD. So, there's an app or you can check online. But, you know, if you can, check before you burn; it will make a difference in our clean air. Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: All right. Thank you. David? Okay. I just want to acknowledge that there was a terrific event held at the Joslyn Center on October 25<sup>th</sup>. It was self defense for older adults; and it was a joint venture between our Parks and Recreation Department and the Beach Cities Health District. I understand I wasn't here, because I was afraid. I didn't want to get hurt. And I heard it was well attended and—I mean, like, 50-60 people there. So, this was a trial run; and based upon feedback, we're going to go ahead and make decisions about conducting others. So, to all who attended, thank you very much. The whole idea here is to make our older adults safer, feel more confident, and be able to do the right thing when they feel themselves in danger. So, again, thank you, Parks and Recreation, Director Mark Leyman, and Tom

over at Beach Cities Health District. Okay. So, moving on, if there's no other announcements. We have public comments; and I'm going to read this statement that has come to our attention. People have been disrupting council meetings in other cities with antisemitic or racially based comments through Zoom. Such comments are disruptive and interfere with the people's business and are not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the city council. I'm instructing the City Clerk's Office to mute any speakers who attempt to disrupt the meeting with antisemitic or derogatory comments based upon race, gender, or other protected categories. And also a reminder is public comments, if you want to discuss something later on, on the agenda, you only have one chance. One opportunity; either at public comments or when we discuss that item. So, do we have anybody here who wants to make a public comment?

MS. HOGAN: Hello. Christy Hogan, longtime resident and business owner in town. My opinionated, talkative, and handsome husband can't be here tonight. He has a good excuse. He's at a rotary event; but, he did ask me to come down and call your attention to the email that he sent you where he was opposing your decision to join the Whittier lawsuit. That's the lawsuit that challenges Los Angeles County's bail schedule and specifically elimination of cash bail for non-violent misdemeanors in that short time between arrest and an arraignment before court. So, please read Mike Jenkins' email

that was setting out the reasons why he thinks you should reconsider the decision. And as long as I'm here, I thought I would give you my opinion as well. Honestly, I was surprised when I looked at the video and the staff report, because you all voted for the lawsuit without any analysis of the validity of the legal claims that you were giving Manhattan Beach taxpayer money to support. A court had already determined that it's not fair, and likely unconstitutional, for people without money to sit in jail awaiting their arraignment, while people with money sit at home awaiting their arraignment, even though they were accused of the same non-violent misdemeanors. You decided to vote without any kind of legal analysis. But, more than that, as I saw the tape, our police chief and nobody on our public safety staff recommended that you join the lawsuit. So, there was no information. And if you had asked them, they would have had to tell you that there's absolutely no evidence that there's an increase in public safety if you keep non-violent misdemeanor accused individuals in jail pretrial or pre-arraignment. So, you were willing to vote without having them weigh in. And I was worried to see you cast those votes so profunctorly without asking questions like, would this actually help the city if we prevailed in that lawsuit. I mean, if you hold yourself out as a fiscal conservative, then the vote was embarrassing because you would be in the same position—the city would be in the same position whether or not you spent that \$10,000. And if you hold

yourself out as someone who is concerned about law and order, it's also kind of embarrassing because the evidence doesn't show that this challenged policy has any significant impact on public safety. So, that's just barking up the wrong tree. I know you work hard. I know you think hard. I know you read a lot of things before you make decisions. I just want to emphasize that you have to do that for every vote. Because even when you think you're just jumping on a bandwagon, there are impacts; and I wish you had gone the other way on this one too. So, thank you for your service and for the opportunity to address you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you for your comment.

MS. STERN: Hello, Mayor Pro Tem and members of city council. My name is Hildy Stern. I also am a long-term resident of Manhattan Beach. I'm also the chair of the South Bay Community Coalition Against Hate. I'm here to ask you to reconsider a decision that you made at your October 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting. The item was the Parks and Recs Director's report on department projects, and it included a list of 10 new art project proposed by the Cultural Arts Commission. One of the projects in those proactive art projects, one of those 10 projects, was a community mural proposed by LA vs. Hate. I'd like you to reconsider your decision, recommending that there was no further action on that LA vs. Hate community mural, because I felt like when I listened to your comments, there was



like very little information given. Some of your comments indicated that you might not have understood what that project was. So, I sent you a letter that kind of outlined a little bit more information; and I just wanted to highlight a few things. First, LA vs. Hate is a program that is a county program supported by the LA County Commission on Human Relations. It provides a broad range of services for all of the communities in LA County. It gives support for victims of hate, data collection, reporting, training, and it's helped even our community here in Manhattan Beach. They have reached out to our police department to assist in responses to incidences of hate. They partner with Task Force, which creates all of their creative assets; and you've seen some of those assets in the signs around town supporting unity against hate acts. So, the mural project that was proposed through LA vs. Hate is a 100% community-based project. They invite residents in Manhattan Beach to attend several community mural workshops to get feedback from the community about what they would like to see in some of these public art projects. They make sure that all of the members of our community participates. They listen to the input from the community. They bring that to the artists, and the artists will then bring back a rendering of what they think is a representation of the cultural importance in Manhattan Beach. So, the process that LA vs. Hate goes through is exactly the type of mural project that you are looking for when you set

your parameters for a public arts project. It requires limited staff time, because Task Force and LA vs. Hate would lead the development and installation. It fully engages the community through their workshops; and it will reflect the culture and values of Manhattan Beach. So, what you see here are examples of these beautiful, uplifting messages of unity and understanding, which our community could really use right now. So, I'm hoping that during council requests, that one of you will request that the LA vs. Hate mural project be headed back to the Cultural Arts Commission's proactive art projects, and that you will ask for more information so that you can consider if this is something you would like to institute in Manhattan Beach. Thank you for your time.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Apparently we didn't get anything right last meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: That happens.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Anybody else in chambers? How about online, on Zoom?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There are no raised hands via Zoom.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. So, we'll move on to agenda Item J, where we are going to recess this regular city council meeting of November 7<sup>th</sup> and convene the Capital Improvements Corporation meeting.

CITY MANAGER MOE: Mr. Mayor Pro Tem, we have the consent calendar first?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: I'm sorry, consent calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Item H.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yeah, so items removed from the consent calendar?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: There was nothing removed.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, it's just approval of the consent calendar.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yeah, approval of the consent calendar. Roll call?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I move approval of the consent calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Seconded. Just to show I have a pulse.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Roll call, please?

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Pro Tem Franklin?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Howorth?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Motion passes, 4-0-1.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Thank you. Thank you for everybody's patience as well. Okay. So, now, at this time, we're going to recess the regular city council meeting of November 7, 2023; and convene the Capital Improvement Corporation meeting.

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your Honor? Just as part of this, I read a question in one of the surveys that we have, as to what this means. Maybe the city manager can give an overview of what the Capital Improvements Corporation is. I know we know what it is.

CITY MANAGER MOE: So, the Capital Improvements Corporation actually was formed many years ago as a mechanism for us to finance capital improvements in the City of Manhattan Beach; and some of those include the Fire Station #1, Fire Station #2, which is about to open, and some other improvements that we—

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: City Hall.

CITY MANAGER MOE: I'm sorry?

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: City Hall was one of those.

CITY MANAGER MOE: City Hall, right, that was the first project. And so, it's a separate body financing mechanism, as I say; and you, as the councilmembers, are the board of directors for the Capital Improvements Corporation. So, that is why we adjourn the council meeting, convene the Capital Improvements Corporation, have you act as the board of directors, complete the business, and then adjourn that meeting, and come back to the council meeting and reconvene.

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: And typically, it involves purchasing bonds or such to fund these projects.

CITY MANAGER MOE: Exactly. Correct.

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay. Thank you.

VICE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN: Okay. So, City Clerk Tamura, roll call.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: So, just to clarify, this is a standard protocol staff report; and the reason it's on here is because the Conflict-of-Interest Code is being amended. And so, the Capital Improvements Corporation has different bodies than the councilmembers. So, as you are board members, vice president, and president, instead of councilmember, uh, mayor, mayor pro tem. Okay. Board Member Howorth?

BOARD MEMBER HOWORTH: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Board Member Lesser?

BOARD MEMBER LESSER: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Board Member

Napolitano?

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Vice President

Franklin?

VICE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN: Here.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: And President

Montgomery is absent. Motion passes 4-0-1.

VICE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN: And so, we conduct public comments at this time for the Capital Improvements Corporation agenda. Anybody want to make a public comment on it? And City Clerk Tamura, can you provide the staff presentation? Or, who is providing that?

BOARD MEMBER HOWORTH: There's no staff.

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah. This is the adoption of the Conflict-of-Interest Code.

VICE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN: Oh, okay.

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: The same one that the council adopted on the consent calendar.

BOARD MEMBER HOWORTH: You can adjourn, actually, after the-

MR. FRANKLIN: Okay. So, that would be-

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: You may want to check if there's anyone on Zoom who wants to comment.

VICE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN: Is there anybody on Zoom that wants to comment?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There's no raised hands via Zoom.

VICE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN: Okay.

BOARD MEMBER HOWORTH: You can adjourn it now.

VICE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN: So, we're going to adjourn this meeting.

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, we need to adopt a resolution, right? We have not adopted it.

BOARD MEMBER HOWORTH: Oh, we did attendance. Okay.

VICE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN: Okay, yeah. Okay.

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: Correct.

BOARD MEMBER HOWORTH: Right, okay. Sorry.

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, I will second that.

BOARD MEMBER HOWORTH: Okay. So, I made a motion to adopt the resolution of the new Conflict of Interest Code.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Okay. Thank you.

VICE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN: So, we have a motion by what is it, board-

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Board member.

VICE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN: --Board Member  
Howorth, and second by Board Member Napolitano.

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

VICE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN: Can we have a  
roll call vote?

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Board Member Lesser?

BOARD MEMBER LESSER: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Board Member Howorth?

BOARD MEMBER HOWORTH: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Board Member  
Napolitano?

BOARD MEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Vice President  
Franklin?

VICE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: And President  
Montgomery is absent. Motion passes, 4-0-1.

VICE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you.  
And at this time, we adjourn the Capital Improvements  
Corporation meeting and reconvene the regular city council  
meeting of November 7<sup>th</sup>. Okay. So, I call this meeting to order  
and a roll call? Oh, no, I'm sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We're just back  
to the meeting. We already did it.



MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. So, we're on Item K.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Public hearings.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Public hearings.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Item 21.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Right. So, Item 21 is conduct a public hearing for the storm drain fee increase and tabulate the protest notices. Finance Director Charelian? And there you are.

FINANCE DIRECTOR CHARELIAN: Good evening, Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Franklin, members of the city council. Steve Charelian, your Finance Director. Before I turn this over to Controller Julie Bondarchuk to give a brief presentation, I just wanted to let you know that the entire team is available tonight. We've got legal here in the council chambers, as well as on Zoom. I have Public Works Director Lee, as well as the entire finance team to answer any of your questions. With that, I'll turn it over to Julie. Thank you.

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER BONDARCHUK: Good evening, Mayor Pro Tem Franklin and members of the city council. My name is Julie Bondarchuk, Financial Controller for the city. Tonight's public hearing is to consider a proposed increase to the storm drain fees. The goal of the public hearing is to determine if a majority protest exists for the proposed increase in the storm drain fee. If there is no majority protest after

tonight's meeting, then city council can consider approving a resolution to proceed with a special ballot election. Tonight, we are also going to go over a brief summary of the storm drain fee, the impact to the general fund, the timeline, as well as at the conclusion of the public hearing, City Clerk Tamura will give us the final tabulation for the protest notices. The storm drain fees have not changed since 1996, with single family residences paying a fixed rate of \$19.12 a year. This generates approximately \$350,000 annually in revenue to the fund. Approximately \$2.2 million is needed each year, just to fund operations and the current projects listed in the five-year CIP Plan. Based on recent analysis from the city's contracted engineering firm, Harris and Associates, an average annual fee of \$129.00 is needed to fund existing operations and projects. In recent forecasts, the general fund projected depleting reserves, driven by outgoing subsidies. Policy reserves are meant to be used in emergency situations or as a temporary funding source. Not meeting policy reserves may potentially impact the city's credit rating, if not address in the long run. The general fund has provided the storm water fund with \$6 million in subsidies over the last four years; and another \$11.4 million in subsidies is projected over the next six years. Ongoing subsidies may compete with general fund services if reserves are completely depleted. This slide depicts the timeline of how we got to this point today. On March 14, 2023,

an item for revenue enhancements was added to the city council workplan. Since then, we have had two city council meetings and three finance subcommittee meetings. Tonight's public hearing would be the sixth time that the potential storm drain fee increase has been discussed in a public meeting. The property owner protest notices were mailed on September 22, 2023, and an e-notification was sent on September 27<sup>th</sup> to registered users. Lastly, notice of the public hearing was published in the Beach Reporter on October 19<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup>. If no majority protest is received tonight, city council can decide to proceed with a special ballot election after the public hearing. This slide shows the earliest potential timeline for the special ballot election, with ballots mailed on November 17<sup>th</sup>, and a ballot deadline of January 5, 2024. The only requirement is to have a minimum of 45 days between the ballot mailing and the ballot deadline. After the ballot deadline, a date is set to tabulate the ballots in a public space. After the ballot tabulation, staff will then return with city council at a later date with the results of the election. A simple majority vote in favor of the fee increase is needed to pass this measure. As of November 6, 2023, a total of 1,562 protests were received. 6,506 protests are needed to establish a majority protest, which is 50% of the 13,012 notices mailed. At the conclusion of tonight's public hearing, City Clerk Tamura will announce the total number of protests received. At that point, if there is

no majority protest, city council can consider approving Resolution 23-0149 to call for a special ballot election, set the ballot deadline and ballot tabulation date, and adopt procedures for an election. So, this concludes my presentation, and I will be happy to answer any questions.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Councilmembers, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I think this is more of a question. It might be for Bruce, it might be for you. So, I saw the slide that said this is the earliest timeline that we could follow, which was, I believe, November 17<sup>th</sup>; and then a 45 day would be January 5<sup>th</sup>. I think, Bruce, you and I talked about this. So, if we wanted—you said it's the earliest. What does that mean? You know, tell me how can we change it?

CITY MANAGER MOE: So, the law requires a 45-day period.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Okay.

CITY MANAGER MOE: The period we've provided for in the staff report is closer to a 60-day period. But, frankly, I think we would benefit from extending the due date of the ballots probably another 10-12 days, which would allow us time to get more information out to the community on what the factual needs are for this fee increase.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I mean, here we are November—is it the 8<sup>th</sup> today?

CITY MANAGER MOE: It's the seventh.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Seventh, sorry.

Yeah, I mean, and we're going into the holiday season. So, if we extend—we have the ability to extend the timeline?

CITY MANAGER MOE: We do.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: So, that way people could, you know, calm down after the holidays, go on their diets, go to the gym for two weeks; but, they might have a little more time when they could pay attention, if we extended it by a couple of weeks.

CITY MANAGER MOE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay.

Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: My question was exactly the question that was asked by Councilmember Howorth. I wanted to confirm the timeframe, because it was listed in the PowerPoint, looking down at my notebook. But, I think you just answered the question, that we have the ability to allow more time for residents to vote on this measure. Correct?

CITY MANAGER MOE: That is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Is there a recommendation as to what that timeframe would be, to achieve what Councilmember Howorth just indicated, which is allowing a

little more time for the public, particularly after the holidays?

CITY MANAGER MOE: Yes. I believe adding 10-12 days on to the existing timeline that's been presented. In other words, have the deadline for the ballots January 17<sup>th</sup>; and then have it come back to the council at the first meeting in February, which would be February 6<sup>th</sup>. I think that would give us an adequate amount of time to prepare the factual materials with some outside help from a consultant on that, to make sure we're getting the messaging across clearly and concisely, before people have a chance to fill in their ballots.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: From a process standpoint, the first thing we need to do is count the protest votes, correct? And then, we could get to this discussion of the mail-in ballots, correct?

CITY MANAGER MOE: That's correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Joe?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay.

Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you, Your Honor. Just a couple of questions. Maybe I should save my rhetorical ones. Well, I'll ask it. Is there a perfect time for an election?

CITY MANAGER MOE: I doubt it.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I mean, in terms of that though, why aren't we putting this on a regular ballot at the end of March with the state primary? Because my understanding is that because this needs to be mailed to—this will go to the property owners.

CITY MANAGER MOE: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: That it can't be something just that's on the ballot.

CITY MANAGER MOE: That's absolutely correct.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay. Because it's not something that the general public is going to vote on; it's the property owners are going to vote on this.

CITY MANAGER MOE: Yeah, it's one vote per parcel.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: One vote per parcel. Okay.

CITY MANAGER MOE: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And so, because of that, it's a mail-in ballot. And it certainly is a mail-in ballot that needs to be separate than the general election. If we were to push it off until March, it would likely be lost in the shuffle of all the other things going on, the primary election going on at that time?

CITY MANAGER MOE: Yes, that was part of the consideration.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay. And if we pushed it to the spring or summertime, that's spring vacation, there's summer vacation, school is out, people are out. If we push it to fall, school has started. If we push it to wintertime, there's holidays. So, there's no perfect time to do this.

CITY MANAGER MOE: Yes, you're correct.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay. And it has to be separate from a regular ballot where people mail-in now, but can also show up at the polls; it has to be separate than that, because this is only to the property owners.

CITY MANAGER MOE: Only to the property owners, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay. Just want to make that clear. All right. Thank you. Thank you, Your Honor.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I have a follow-up question. When Councilmember Lesser was asking his question about the timing, you said something about February. Are you suggesting to extend the window out to February?

CITY MANAGER MOE: No. Well, council will take the final action on-

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I see.



CITY MANAGER MOE: But, the ballots would be due on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Okay, that's what I thought I heard you say to me; and then, that's all fine. Okay. And again, to the process, we'll open it up for public comments. But, we have to hear from the clerk how many protest votes there are. If we don't have 6,506 protest votes, then we can about -

CITY MANAGER MOE: -next steps.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: next steps. Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. So, we mentioned the January 17<sup>th</sup> ballot deadline. And when was the ballot tabulation to start?

CITY MANAGER MOE: Well, the ballots can be submitted anytime after tonight, once they're mailed out; and then, it would be accepted up through January 5<sup>th</sup>, as it was originally proposed. I'm suggesting that we move that date to January 17<sup>th</sup>, to allow a little more time for the balloting, for information to be disseminated.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. And then, can you just describe again the ballot tabulation process?

FINANCE DIRECTOR CHARELIAN: Yes. The ballot tabulation will be handled after the deadline, so the following week, similar to the current one that we proposed or preliminary, was on the 5<sup>th</sup>; and then, we were going to start the

tabulation on the 8<sup>th</sup> until it was done in a public area, so it was accessible by the public. So, this would be—you know, we would have to work with the City Clerk and the team; but, it would be sometime probably the following week.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. The week of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January?

FINANCE DIRECTOR CHARELIAN: Correct. Or thereabouts.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Right. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Any other questions, councilmembers?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Not right now.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Public comments?

MR. KAMPE: Good evening, Honorable Mayor Pro Tem, councilmembers. Stephan Kampe. I think you guys know me. Bruce, I love what you just said, which is how do we get the information out. I mean, information helps intuition. So, could you talk a little bit about how we would get the information out, so people are educated and able to make a good decision?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: City Manager Moe?

CITY MANAGER MOE: Yes, our plan is to do direct mailing and probably some advertising in the local media and some social media, and the usual outlets that we use for any news that the city puts out. And again, I want to stress the fact that this will be factual information. The city, as you

all know, is not allowed to be a proponent at city taxpayer expense to take a position on a particular initiative. And so, our goal and our legal requirement is to put out factual information as to why this fee is needed, and let the voters make the decision.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: And, like, what it will be used for. But, it's impartial?

CITY MANAGER MOE: Impartial, correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Right.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Does that answer your questions?

MR. KAMPE: Yes, thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Any other questions?

MS. DAVIS: Hi. I'm Chris Davis. This isn't about the actual special election. There has been someone putting around a newsletter against this, and they're claiming that the Measure W Funds should be paying for this; and I haven't been able to find anything either way. Do we apply for Measure W Funds, as part of a way to pay for this? So, this is in addition to whatever we're getting from Measure W, that we apply to the county for. Is that correct?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We'll answer that.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: We'll get it answered, if that's your question. Is that the only part of your question?

MS. DAVIS: That was it. I don't want anyone spreading around things, getting everybody all worked up.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Bless you.

MS. DAVIS: And so, I just wanted to get the answers, you know, from the horse's mouth, as it were. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I feel like she just brought me a warm cookie. Good question. Who wants to answer that? It's a good question.

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER BONDARCHUK: Hello. So, the Measure W is accounted for in a separate fund, just for accounting purposes.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, let's clarify. Measure W is a county-wide—

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER BONDARCHUK: It is a county-wide—it is currently on the property tax as a county-wide tax. So, that is—for us, we get about \$400,000 a year on that; and we account for it in a separate fund. However, our consultants did take into both funds—both Measure W funding and our storm water funding as aggregate when determine the fee and what funding is required to—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, the breakdown of that is that we get about \$400,000 a year from Measure W funds. They don't come close to covering the costs of our storm water needs and the infrastructure projects we have, and then all of the reporting we have to do and everything like that. So, the additional money that is going to pay for those things are subsidized from the general fund, which means it's taking dollars away from Parks and Rec, from what could be used for police or fire or other services. So, as that increases over time, because the costs increase over time, the subsidy has to increase over time, if we don't address it through an increase in storm water fee.

FINANCIAL CONTROLLER BONDARCHUK: That is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: It looks like our Director Lee wants—

CITY MANAGER MOE: And if we didn't have Measure W, then the fee increase would have to be even larger.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And we apply for all of the grants we can for Measure W; but, they are competitive. We don't get everything we ask for.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I think the director wants to speak. Mr. Mayor, you've got to call on him.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Public Works Director Erick Lee. As it relates to grants for Measure W; yes, the largest grant we have currently on the books right now is \$17.6 million from the county. It comes from the countywide assessment; and so, that's in addition to the \$400,000 that Controller Bondarchuk just mentioned.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And how mile of city owned storm drains do we have? I read it the other day; so, I'll help you, 81. There's 81 miles of--

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: I might have written that the other day. I just don't remember it.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I read your report. I just want to prove I read the report. So, there's 81 miles of Manhattan Beach owned storm drains. There's also county owned storm drains; and our money doesn't go to theirs. Ours would go just to ours.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: That's a great--can I ask while you're standing there, but--yeah, I know, right. But, I appreciate the question because; yes, Measure W funds can go to storm water--you know, cleaning of storm water, but it's not enough. So, it's just if we're starting at \$19.00 in 1996; you know, it's just we have not kept up.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We wish it would cover it all.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah, for sure.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: But, it's countywide. So, it goes to all communities.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We get a per capita basis. We get a certain amount on a per capita.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: And it's not enough.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And it's not enough. And the idea that this is a double tax is incorrect. First of all, this isn't a tax; it's a fee. A tax generates revenue that we can spend on anything. A fee goes to cost recovery for the cost of providing a service; and that's what this is. It's a fee, not a tax. And the—sorry, Erick. But, you know, in terms of what Measure W covers; it does not cover that. It wasn't meant to cover—if it were to cover all of our needs, it would cover all city's needs everywhere. It doesn't. It doesn't come close.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you for clarifying that.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Any more comments, questions?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm surprised I can get anything in Manhattan Beach for under \$20.00.

MR. BABERO: I'm Terry Babero, and I have a simple question. But, do you guys need to vote each time you

raise the fee? I mean, the stuff came out and it's kind of ambiguous. So, that you could raise the fee just because you wanted. So, do you have to vote each time?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: It goes to a vote of the people under-

MR. BABERO: The property owners?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah, property owners. It goes to a vote of the people. That's why it hasn't been raised since 1996.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And so, it goes to a vote of the people; and it has a CPI increase built into it, so we don't have to go to a vote every time going forward. But, the city council can't willy nilly raise it ourselves in the future, unless there was a vote of the people.

MR. BABERO: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Am I doing okay?

All right.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yeah. Do you want to switch seats or-

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: No, no.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: No? Okay.

Anybody else, public comments?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Maybe Zoom?



ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There's no raised hands via Zoom.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Council, discussion?

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: At this time, it would be appropriate to close the public hearing and tabulate the votes.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We have someone coming in late. I don't know if he wants to speak to us.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No, it doesn't look like it.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Yeah, tabulate the votes, please.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The total number of protest votes received is 1,628.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And what needs to-

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: 65. You need-

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: --be received to qualify?

CITY CLERK TAMURA: The 50% is 6,506.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Okay. So, now, Mr. City Attorney, we could now have our discussion now about approving or not this resolution?

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Correct.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: And just to clarify what the city manager said, no city funds can be used. Ultimately, if you do approve this resolution or deny the resolution; but, you can certainly give your views as to why you're in favor of the resolution. And later on—and we'll see what happens with this resolution; but, we'll provide more information as to the dos and don'ts of what councilmembers can do with regard to supporting this ballot measure or opposing it. And once again, the key is no city funds; but, we'll amplify that later.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Sure. Okay.

CITY MANAGER MOE: And I might add that if you do, in fact, opt to use the dates that I'm suggesting, we need to modify the resolution or amend it—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Amend it.

CITY MANAGER MOE: --before you adopt it. The resolution need to be amended before you adopt it if you change the dates.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: If we change--

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Oh, change the dates, yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: If we change the timeline.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. And we can simply do that in the motion, right?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Yeah, that would be Section 4.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay.  
Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you, Your Honor. And I'm repeating myself. I gave a long slow last time about this. I'll try and make it brief, but this is necessary. Nobody up here wants to raise fees or taxes or go ask the public for a lot more money. We know things are tough out there; but, things are tough in here too, when it comes to this particular fund because it hasn't been raised since 1996. I was on council in 1996 when we set this; and then, Prop 218 froze anything without a vote of the people. And we thought, okay, we can handle this for a while. It's subsidized a little bit by the general fund; and I'll tell you, a lot has changed since 1996. I don't know who is paying the same or less for anything since 1996. I'm certainly not. But, we aren't either, certainly not with the storm water fund. And you have to imagine that over the years, not only have the costs gone up because of labor costs and everything else; but, just the mandates that Sacramento has put on us, and the national mandates for clean water. And that's what really this is; this is about clean

water. The number one thing we hit on every survey is that people want to make sure that the ocean is clean offshore here so that it's attractive to our visitors, attractive to ourselves. But, to do that, it takes investment; and it needs replacing of the storm drains we have, of installing new catch basins to catch trash before it goes out in the ocean. We want to maintain those A grades from heal the bay and others; and to do that, it takes money. And the costs are not the same, the reporting requirements are not the same, everything is exponentially more than it was back in 1996. And so, this is one of those things that we don't want to do; but, it's necessary to do. But we're not doing it; we're going out to ask the people to do it, and we're asking the people to prioritize clean water and treatment of storm water before it goes into the ocean, and capturing trash, and all of these things that we want to do that are good for the environment, good for our city, and good for our economy. And so, that's the necessity with going and asking for this. The average price, as we've seen, is going to be \$129.00 per year. Not per month, per year. Whereas it's \$19.00 right now. We've had a bargain for many years. Arguably, it would still be a bargain if this passes; and we need it to pass, because if we don't, we're going to keep subsidizing it through the general fund. And the argument could be, well, that's partly what the general fund is for. But, you know what, at a certain point, there's a tipping point where it's just too

much out of that general fund; and it starts eroding the other things that we want to do. It undermines the things that we want to do; and we're going to see—and we had a presentation on this with our budget. You're going to see our reserves go down because of it. And once those reserves go down, then we're tapping into reserves that we have for emergencies; and we don't want to tap into that. And if we don't tap into those things, we'll maintain AAA bond rating and things like that; then it effects the services we provide. And that means we have to do budget cuts for the things we already enjoy; and we can't expand on the things that people want expanded. You want more cops? It takes money. You want more firefighters? It takes money. You want cleaner parks? It takes money. It all takes money. We've got exponentially increasing rates for trash collection, for street sweeping. We've seen that in street sweeping just recently, all of the mandates on them now for power washing, which is on the agenda tonight too. Nobody likes to increase costs on residents. No one sitting on this side of the dias wants to do that. Sometimes we have to, and in this case we have to ask; so, that's what we're doing. We will be asking the residents to support this so that we can maintain our fiscal strength, keep our ocean clean, and really address a problem that's been kicked down the road a long time, and it needs to be addressed. And we either pay now, or we pay more later. Thank you, Your Honor.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Thank you.

Councilmember Howorth?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Thank you, Mayor Pro Tem. My colleague said it all very well. In addition to mandates—we talk about federal and state mandates about what can be actually put into our oceans and how clean the water needs to be. There's also more people, right. And it's not just about Manhattan Beach, as the people who live east of us. I mean, the water comes to the sea. We have to clean all of that. And so, you know, it travels on our streets, it travels all—and it ends up here. So, this is really something that has to be done. We all value the clean ocean; and it's not just something that we like to say. You know, a lot of our economy comes from our beautiful beaches and our beautiful ocean; so, this is an investment not only in the quality of the ocean life, our business economy, and the quality of all of our lives. I was really glad you asked your rhetorical question about why can't we do this in the March primary. You know, you can't. We mail this to property owners; and only one vote per property. So, my husband and I will have a vigorous debate about it, I'm sure; and I'll win. And I think Mr. Babero, you know, came up to ask about, well, could you guys just raise it again if you voted. And no, that's what a Prop 218 vote does; it puts these decisions in the hands of the people. And for all the years that I was on council before, every single budget cycle, we

would watch the subsidy go over to the storm drain fund—or storm water; and we would all sit there and say, “Some day we’re going to have to do this.” But, it’s hard to find a political will, as Councilmember Napolitano said. Nobody wants to do that, right. So, I’m very proud to be on a council where there appears to be the political will, because this is absolutely critical for our future. I would like to—I know we’ve got a few other comments; but, I would like to make a motion, which doesn’t preclude the other comments, if that’s okay, Mr. Mayor Pro Tem. Not yet. And I like the idea of amending the timeline, because if we were to mail it the Monday, I believe, after Thanksgiving and then have them be due on January 17<sup>th</sup>; I think it’s better for the public, because people can pay more attention to the information. Everybody is pretty busy in December, and I want people to have enough time to digest any information, get more information, come to us; and I hope that we will provide really good, clear information. And I’m no legal expert, so I don’t know if this is allowed; but how much we’ve been paying, what it costs us to subsidize. Councilmember Napolitano brought up we’ll have to start—because we’ve been subsidizing with the general fund, what people don’t realize—and he says cut services; you know, that’s public safety, that’s all of these things. And so, I hope we can really make those points in our factual information. So, I would want to adopt the resolution with amending the timeline to extend to January 17<sup>th</sup>,

and that will be my motion. Adopt resolution 23-0149, and setting a ballot deadline to January 17<sup>th</sup>; and adopt procedures for conduct of an election. That's my motion.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: And if there's a second.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: I just want clarification, but I'll wait for a second.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'll second. I was waiting for Councilmember Lesser, if he wanted to weigh in also.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yes.  
Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Well, I will add very little to what my colleagues said. I'm fully in support of adopting resolution 23-0149, as amended with the revised timeframe; and the opportunity for the city staff to get out more factual information. We're already seeing so much inaccurate information. This, again, is a fee that was set in 1996 and has been fixed. Prior councils have simply not brought this measure to the people to vote on, to the property owners. And as a result, that's why there's such a large differential, as our costs have gone up and the infrastructure has aged. So, I'm fully supportive of moving forward.



MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you. Well, I'll bring the comments to a close. We're very blessed to live by the ocean. I just took a trip out of the country; and people know about Manhattan Beach all over the world and what a great place it is, and a beautiful place. But, with that privilege comes an obligation to keep it clean. And we sweep the streets probably more than we need to. I think by state mandate we do it more. Part of that is so that we can capture the dirt and materials before it goes into the storm drains; but materials are going to go ahead and get into that storm drain system. It's our obligation to the environment to be stewards of this environment; to keep the ocean water as clean as possible. I think that's one of the things—those of us that live here and visit here, live on the beach; you sort of that have that innate desire, it's in there, to stoop down and pick up some trash, because you know it's going to lead to the storm drains and has a possibility of going out there. So, this intricate network of how many miles?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: 81.2.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: 81 miles, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Great. That's a good fact.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: You know, it's built for that purpose, and it needs to be taken care of. It

needs to be upgraded. It needs to be maintained; and we can't do it on the pressure and on the back of our general fund. So, think of it as an investment, you know, in our properties, in our infrastructure. I was watching something today, and it talked about the value of tourism each year to the Los Angeles area; and it's 32 billion every year, and we get a good portion of that. Okay. And part of the reason is because our ocean and our beaches are so well maintained. So, I echo no one likes to raise fees; but I think in this case, it's necessary. So, with that, we have a motion and a second.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: So, Mayor, just a clarification. I mentioned section four; but also the title of the resolution, where it says January 5<sup>th</sup>, that will be changed, pursuant to this motion if it's adopted, to January 17<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Right.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: That's what I proposed. Cool.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Roll call vote, please.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Howorth?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Pro Tem Franklin?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: And Mayor Montgomery is absent. Motion passes, 4-0-1.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Mr. Mayor Pro Tem, could I ask a clarifying question of the city attorney? May I?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: You're going to get us sort of a list of—you know, I want to very technically correct in what I can do legally. But, I know that, for instance, we all tonight voiced our support; and that's allowed, because we're voting on a motion. But, going forward, we can't make comments from future council meetings saying, "Hey, has everybody voted?" Well, we can say-- "Have you voted for this? We want you to vote for this," we can't say that in a city hall meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Well, so, for the most part, you can give objective facts. And so, everyone—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: We could say, "Deadline is January 17<sup>th</sup>. Turn in your ballots."

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Right. And so, I'll give you a lot more clarification—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: --now that this resolution has been adopted, as to the dos and don'ts. And once again, it's city money; and so, on your own time, you can do whatever you want to oppose it or support it. And there are thing that you can say and what the council can do, that doesn't cost money.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: And if I can also just clarify something about the postmark, you know, getting these in. Not that I'm a procrastinator; but, for the ballots, wasn't it—it has to be in or—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: That's a good point.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Actually, I've never looked at that question. Typically—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: There's been new rules on that.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Yeah, I don't know. But, I'll let you know before.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: You can as long as it postmarked. Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Yeah, I'll let you know at the next council meeting if it's going to be—if they have to be received by that date. For instance, for this proceeding, they had to be received by the end of the public

hearing. So, it's probably receipt by January 17<sup>th</sup>; but, I'll confirm that.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. And when would the ballot be mailed?

CITY MANAGER MOE: November 27<sup>th</sup> is what we're shooting for.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: November 27<sup>th</sup>. Okay, great. Thank you. Shall we press on, councilmembers?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I was going to say can we take a five-minute break right now, and then—before general business?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. So, we'll take a break; and we'll resume at 7:30.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Thank you.

[Council went into Recess.]

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Oh I got to do that.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Tell them to be quiet.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: We are live MR. Mayor.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay we're back.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: I'm just not that bossy.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Are we being recorded? So, Mayor, before you proceed with 22, I have to recuse myself; and I will leave the room.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Thank you, City Attorney Barrow. So, Item 22 is consideration of a resolution approving an amendment to the existing legal services agreement with Richards, Watson & Gershon to add prosecution services. And I believe we have Assistant to the City Manager, George Gabriel.

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL: Honorable Mayor Pro Tem Franklin and members of the city council, George Gabriel, Assistant to the City Manager. Council, you will recall this item comes before you following direction at the September 5, 2023 meeting where city council considered a variety of prosecutorial services proposals and directed staff to engage with the city's existing primary legal counsel, Richards, Watson & Gershon, also known as RWG, to add more robust prosecution services and explore amending the city's public nuisance regulations; the latter of which will return to the city council before the end of the calendar year. So, in accordance with council direction, the city and RWG have drafted a contract to add prosecution services, which basically amends the city and RWG's scope of services to add prosecution services to that scope. So, some crimes that may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor include trespassing, graffiti, illegal shopping

carts, public urination, public nuisance, and smoking in public. It should be noted that in prior reports to the council, reinforcing prosecution services will not provide authority to the city prosecutor to prosecute state law misdemeanors. Some of those state law misdemeanors include public intoxication, disturbing the peace, drug and paraphernalia possession, and more. Prosecuting these state misdemeanors requires the consent of Los Angeles District Attorney, which the city does not have at this moment. However, the city is working towards addressing that with our state legislative representative, consistent with council direction. It should be noted the cost of this proposed prosecutorial services contract is \$234.00 an hour on an as needed basis. Because it's on an as needed basis, the fiscal implications are not immediately known at this time; but, city council will be presented a mid-year report where staff will know where legal services costs are trending; and if a budget appropriation is needed, staff will return and ask for an appropriate budget appropriation for city council consideration and approval. So, with that being said, staff recommends the city council adopt resolution 23-0150, approving Amendment No. 5 to the certain agreement adding prosecution services to the current scope of services with Richards, Watson & Gershon. Thank you. That concludes my report.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Thank you, counsel. Any questions? David Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I have a question; and I guess I would direct it to you, George. I'm a little bit unclear about the process for making a decision on pursuing certain types of prosecutions versus our administrative citation program where we attach fines for certain behavior, which has been an effective way to deter it. So, there's a list here of various types of criminal behavior where the city has discretion to pursue the individuals that are alleged perpetrators. How are the decisions going to be made? Is this going to be up to the police chief and her staff? What can you talk about the process (inaudible) the discretion decide which type of crime is going to be prosecuted and how it's going to be prosecuted?

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL:

Great question, Councilmember Lesser. So, yes, you're correct, the police chief will have the discretion. Obviously, they will do so in consultation with the city manager and the city attorney on certain cases. As we have typically done in the past, we have utilized the administrative citation process where possible. With that being said, the state statute does allow us to prosecute up to a state misdemeanor on those certain and specific crimes mentioned in the staff report. However, we'll be utilizing, in all likelihood, the administrative citation process; but, we'll have the discretion to go forward with a misdemeanor if necessary or if required.



COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Is there a metric that staff is thinking of? And I recognize staff is responding to council direction. But, how do we determine whether this is a success by engaging Richards, Watson & Gershon to add these prosecutorial services? How are we measuring whether we're getting some more heft, whether we're getting more effective prosecutions of certain behaviors that we're trying to stop, where we're frustrated with what the district attorney's office is doing or not doing?

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL: That will certainly be analyzed. I mean, it's to be determined. It's of our opinion, currently, that we'll benefit from this, because we'll have that added flexibility to prosecute up to a state misdemeanor where needed. That being said, one thing the staff always does with all of our legal services is we analyze the billing and we scrutinize it; and obviously, we'll be able to look at how much prosecution is actually occurring, and we'll be working with the police department in order to understand number of cases, types of cases that are filed, and so on and so forth. So, I hope that answers your question.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you, Your Honor. George, we always have had prosecution services of one kind or another, right?

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL:  
Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: But, for the last several years, they kind of morphed more into diversion projects; is that correct?

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL:  
Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And then, we did a sharing project with Beach City's Health District where diversion was mainly focused on youth, correct?

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL:  
Correct, under the Juvenile Diversion Program.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, this would bring us back to having an actual prosecutor who we may never need; but, if we do, they're there to enforce some of these things, whether they be infractions or misdemeanors that we're allowed to do, and also administrative citations, correct?

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL:  
Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay. So, we're going to fill a hole that we have currently?

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL:

Yes. I mean, we're going to be adding more robust services, as directed by the city council. It's been something that the city hasn't necessarily focused on in the more recent years; but, now we'll be opening up that scope to add some of those crimes that we referenced earlier.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you.

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL:

Previously, it was only juvenile diversion, primarily.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay.

Councilmember Howorth?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: When I look at the crimes that can be prosecuted as a misdemeanor or infraction, and if I compare that to fines; I guess the question I would have—so, I guess we're hoping that this will be more of a deterrent than the fines. I mean, that would be my guess is that that's why we would go this way. Do any of our fines increase like depending on if—you know, like public urination, public nuisance; do those fines increase if you're arrested twice for that, three times?

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL: I'm unsure about that, about those two crimes you mentioned; but, I think one good example that we can reference is we recently passed some E-bike regulations and there was—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Right.

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL: --a structure, as to when those fees increased, dependent on the number of offenses that were taken.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Right.

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL: And so, I would assume that we would have a similar way to do that with other crimes as well.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Well, I think we should, you know, separate and apart from this, possibly look at that. You know, what we're trying to do is to cut down on some of those, I'm going to call them all like public nuisance type issues, right. Unfortunately, this isn't going to cover the things the state or the federal crimes; the shoplifting, you know, the theft, that stuff. And that's, I think, some of the stuff that really people notice a lot. But, the public nuisance and drinking in public and public urination, I think those are probably really—and trespassing, people feel those crimes, you know. I'm a little worried about the dog crimes; and I have to remind my husband, because I don't want him to be prosecuted. Anyway, so, I guess what I'm asking is maybe after we talk about this and decide what to do with this, we also look at our fine structures, because some of those—like especially the dog things, you know, if you catch somebody once without the dog on

the leash, it's this much, and then the next time it's more.  
So, thank you.

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL: Got  
it.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Any more  
questions? Okay. Public comments? Public comments here in the  
chamber? How about online, Zoom?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There are no  
raised hands via Zoom.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Council,  
discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Sure, I'll push  
my button.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Councilmember  
Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you, Your  
Honor. Just to say, again, I think this is filling a need that  
we may or may not had; but we have always had prosecution  
services, and we should always have prosecution services to have  
in our back pocket. Escalating fines are great; but, they don't  
always dissuade some folks. They need more than that, and a  
prosecutor is the backbone to those fines, if we ever have a  
diversion program. Which we could establish our own diversion  
program regarding homelessness, regarding mentally ill,  
regarding addicted folks. We could have our own diversion

program, because we have the backup of a prosecution. The reason why the homeless court work in Redondo Beach is because the judge says, "Do this or else." Right now, we don't have an or else; but, we can work with these folks and keep referring. Now, it's not a cure all to everything that is going on out there; but, there's enough here, I believe, that if there is a need for prosecution or diversion, having those prosecution services provides a backstop to these things. And just, again, as was said, a more robust service to achieve the things that we want to achieve.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Councilmember Howorth?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah, thank you. And I am in favor of this. I do think it fills a gap. I asked about the graduated fines, as an additional thing. I like having a lot of tools; and then our police chief and staff will make good determinations. You know, you mentioned a diversion and the homeless court in Redondo Beach, and that's an excellent point. But, I also—we no longer have our own juvenile diversion; and we sort of partner with Beach City's Health District, but it hasn't been the same, and I want—you know, at some point, I think we need to discuss that again because—especially with what's been going on in our community with some juveniles, I think that's a really—that has been a very—I think a well-valued program; and I think our police department would

say so as well, although I'm not trying to speak for you all. But, I have heard good things; so, I do support this. But, I would like us to consider more juvenile diversion as well, in the future. Perhaps canine diversion too; but you know where my biases lie. So, I'll be supporting this.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay.

Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I agree with my colleagues. I'm in favor of moving forward with this supplemental agreement with Richards, Watson, and Gershon. This has been a long road for our community, as it looked in the prior council at different arrangements for prosecutorial services. Obviously, there were frustrations with the district attorney not prosecuting certain cases. There was an exploration of moving our prosecutorial services to the City of Redondo Beach with the hope that we would be able to prosecute certain cases that we're not able. This is the best workaround that I think we could come up with. And moreover, echoing what Councilmember Napolitano indicated, it restores our capacity to prosecute crimes beyond just pursuing the administrative citation process, which the city adopted in 2016. I'm in support.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Great. So, I'll wrap it up. I see it also as being an effective tool to cut down on nuisance crimes; but, really, it's more than a nuisance.

I was just looking through the list, and just thinking, well, trespassing; well, that could be a little bit benign, but you would be upset, you know, if somebody came into your yard or came into your home or came on to your property that you didn't want and they weren't listening; and you were able now to call the police and have that person processed for trespassing. Same thing with graffiti; I mean, that's a crime against all of us. Fortunately, we've got a great Public Works Department that if use Reach the Beach, and again another commercial for the Reach the Beach app, you'll get that graffiti cleaned up rather quickly; and that another comment that our residents say is that we really do take care of that. But, to be able to prosecute the person who is doing that; more than just a slap on the wrist or chasing them away. We can actually have an effective tool, and so on with the rest of the items here. So, it's more than a nuisance; and I think it can help give a feeling of safety and comfort to our residents and visitors here. So, I wholeheartedly support this. So, if there's no more comments, call for a motion. We've got Amy Howorth and moved. Councilmember Howorth?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I move to approve an amendment to the existing legal services agreement with Richards, Watson & Gershon to add persecution services; and that means adopt resolution number 23-0150.



MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: It's been seconded by Councilmember Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Can we have a vote, please?

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Howorth?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Pro Tem Franklin?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: And Mayor Montgomery is absent. Motion passes, 4-0-1.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Does somebody need to go get Quinn. Yeah, he can come back now.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Moving on to Item 23, consideration of holiday event enhancements, Parks and Recreation, Director Leyman.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Good evening, Mayor Pro Tem and the city council. Mark Leyman, your Parks and Recreation Director. Start us off here. So, the event enhancement item before you this evening, at the city council

meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>, council directed the Parks and Recreation Commission to develop a list of possible holiday event enhancements. They also directed them to develop a checklist to ensure continuity year to year with each of these event deliverables. They also directed staff to revisit the seasonal displays of American flags that were cut during the pandemic. The ad hoc committee met with the commission and developed all of these enhancements that I'm presenting tonight; and the commission also unanimously approved these recommendations to the city council. So, I plan to run through each event to provide the current deliverables, the recommended enhancements, and then seek direction for each specific enhancements at the conclusion of the presentation, if that works for city council. Great. So, diving right in, beginning with Memorial Day. Currently the city does not actively highlight this holiday. However, again, as directed, the commission recommended restoring the flag installation throughout the city. These are 3 x 5 American flags at 71 various locations throughout the city; and the timeframe would be from Memorial Day through the end of July. I'll run through this at the end, but there's a cost estimate of \$18,000. Again, this was cut previously during the pandemic. Other possible enhancements that the committee discussed, as we learned from Councilmember Napolitano, during the fallen hero's discussion, the design of the veteran's monument honors both living and those who passed during their

service. So, another recommendation was to add a flower wreath at the monument on Memorial Day. And again, I'll share those cost estimates at the end of the presentation. And then last, just as an update, regarding the fallen hero's monument, the Parks and Recreation Commission, based on city council direction established an ad hoc committee. We're actually meeting tomorrow to bring discussions; and this will be brought back to city council at their January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. So, moving forward to Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, we continue our Begg Pool July 4<sup>th</sup> party. We've had that for many, many years; patriotic music, red, white, and blue flags, games, and of course, lots of community pool time. In terms of enhancements, again, restoring the American flags, similar to the proposed enhancement of Memorial Day. That would be the 71 locations throughout the city with the 3 x 5 flags.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Question, Your Honor. Sorry to jump in here. So, I've got installation of 71 American flag locations, including the hardware is \$18,000. And then, 30 of those, so, less than half is \$10,000 at Pollywog. And are we talking about the—which I don't understand that math; but, these flags, right, when we say we're going to leave them up from Memorial Day to the end of July, that's going to be a lot of wear and tear on those flags. Are we going to have to replace those on a yearly basis, do we think, or every two years probably, at the least?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Two years would be a good estimate, with that length, correct.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Because we don't want to put out a bunch of faded, frayed flags.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: correct. And we would be storing those in-house at the end of each season.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, do we know what the cost of the flags are versus the cost of the hardware? I just ask because I don't know—because there's the labor cost of putting them in and taking them down. You know, do we want to keep them in Memorial Day through the end of July, or Memorial Day and then right before and right after July 4<sup>th</sup>. The labor or the time, I don't know if it's done in-house; I guess a breakdown of those costs would be nice at some point.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Absolutely. Happy to do that. And we didn't receive that specific information. With the vendor, there was some health issues; and so, there was a challenge to get the information that we brought to city council. But, we can absolutely bring that detailed information back. And if you would like, again, this is something that the council may direct to the commission. They can further vet this, provide a detailed map of what those

dates and times and locations would be; and then, we can bring that back for your consideration.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Sounds great.

Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Good. Yeah, because I have comments about it; but, I'll wait until the end.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN:

Great. Okay. And then, just other ideas that the committee brainstormed for July 4<sup>th</sup> were a community-based parade in the downtown area, whether it's closed or open; again, early before the crowds come in. And this could be, again, decorating your bike, your scooter, your golf cart with red, white, and blue; encourage the community to get out, and then encourage block parties throughout the city. So, moving on to Veteran's Day, as you know, the Parks and Recreation Department, in collaboration with Management Services organizes this event every year, a wide variety. We have a wonderful keynote speaker, as I announced earlier, a wide variety of deliverables. In the past--one add-on that we did look into, we used to have a reception, a band, and food at the Joslyn Center after; but, we haven't done that for a number of years. It really wasn't that well attended; and I think just the core event itself has been the most successful. So, a few possible enhancements that the commission looked at for this was; one, potentially looking into a street closure, again minimizing the traffic and noise during the event. And

then, also, we received an idea from Mayor Pro Tem regarding a thank you veteran's banner that could be placed downtown as well, as another enhancement.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I'll have a question later on this.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN:

Great. For Labor Day, the city does not formally celebrate this holiday; and there are no recommended enhancements for Labor Day. So, moving on to 9/11 Memorial or Patriot Day, a ceremony is held by the police and fire departments. Memorial includes a statement from the chief, lowering the flags, placement of wreath, flowers, and a moment of silence. Historically, a larger, more widely advertised ceremony has taken place on each fifth anniversary. That trend will continue. The next milestone event will be in 2026; and we do anticipate broader promotion for that event. Moving on to Flag Day, no recommended enhancements. Again, however, based on the recommendations of when the American flags are placed, this may be during Flag Day as well. It may cover it. Moving on to Salute to the Troops, this event was established in 2015. The Parks and Recreation initiative and city council approved this event, recognizing both active military and veterans. It started off very grassroots. It was with the commissioners and staff. We were grilling hotdogs and hamburgers and handing out ice cream; and it has evolved. We have also had challenge coins. There was

one of the commissioners that would purchase challenge coins every year; and we've gotten away from those practices. Also, we had military bands in previous years. On the fifth anniversary, the Satin Dolls, which is a USO style ensemble performed, and really has been a crowd favorite; so, that band has continued each year since the fifth anniversary. We continue to have our Redondo High School Marine Corps Juniors present the colors during the National Anthem every year; and then staff, commissioners, and scouts distribute small American flags throughout the event. And since 2015, we have recognized each individual branch of the service. So, looking at possible enhancements, one could be, again, continuing that special recognition for milestone events. Again, this year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Korean War. So, each year looking at what those milestone events could be. The flyover from the Torrance based Tiger Squadron was also a request from the city council, as well as the 30 American flags placed throughout Pollywog Park. And so wrapping up the last event, again, the current pier light schedule that has a variety of colors recognizing events throughout the year. With red, white, and blue it's President's Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day, and Labor Day. And then, of course, the pier lighting and holiday open house that I spoke about earlier this evening. And no additional enhancements for the holiday season. So, that concludes my presentation. I can run through each of the

recommendations for city council direction and field any question. So, should I just start from the top and move down?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I think wait for our questions, right. I mean, I want—it might help your informed—or, I don't care. Do whatever you want to do. If you want to start, we can all fall in because I have a few questions on a few different ones.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, what are we doing right now?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: He said he was going to go down each one, and then we would talk about it. I think he should let us ask our questions.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We might want to take public input first.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah. But, we usually ask questions and take public input.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah, if you have questions.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah, I have questions.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Let's hear the questions.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Okay. Are we good? We're good.



COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: You seem to go back and forth. That's why I hesitated.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No, that's fine. I do have questions, so that's why I was—don't go down through each one, let us ask. So, for 4<sup>th</sup> of July, one of the ideas was maybe a downtown parade. I mean, have to talked to the Downtown Business Association or anybody about that? Or, no that's—

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Well, I would just seek direction. It could also be on the east side. I know there were a number of ideas that were thrown out.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I had a question, Salute to the Troops, which is a wonderful event; but, I've always wondered why doesn't it come closer to, say, Veteran's Day or Memorial Day. Is it part of Memorial Day weekend?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: It kicks off the concert series near July 4<sup>th</sup>. It precedes July 4<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: It precedes July 4<sup>th</sup>, okay. All right. Because I was thinking maybe it should be tied into one of those—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: There's no concerts in November in the park.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No, no concerts in November, I get it. But, in Memorial Day, I mean, you could do it around there; but, that's okay. I understand it kicks off. That was not the question. I'm good with it. So, 9/11, which I

think our 9/11 memorial is so meaningful to me; but, it is a federally recognized National Day of Service. And I'm wondering if there would be any interest in every year picking a citywide service project that people could participate in; and that could be something we could discuss later. But, that's an idea, right. And then, my last question, the holiday season I know we started some years ago doing a Menorah at Metlox. And is that something we could add to this? That's not on here for the holiday season; and I think I would like to see that on there. I mean, we don't really--there's some staff time, because we help secure it and we provide electricity; but, usually the JCC brings it over and does a thing for it.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Are you asking that we take it over?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No. But, I'm asking it be codified, that it's part of this. I see what you're saying, these are parks--we could take it over. I mean, we do other holiday things. Christmas trees on the--

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: If you want to ruin an event, have the city take it over.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No, listen. Christmas trees on the pier is not us, that's done by the Downtown Business--no, that's us? The Christmas trees are us? Okay. I'm looking at Jill.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The lights on the pier.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah, that light. Okay, those lights. But, not the Christmas trees that line the pier; those are—that's the Downtown Business Association. So, that's sort of a misnomer here. I don't know. I would like to see it codified, that's all. I understand what you're saying, Steve. I'm not saying we take it over; but, just a thought. I had a—well, it's an opinion, I'll say it later. Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Councilmember Lesser, any questions?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Mark I had a question about Memorial Day celebrations. It's not just an issue with our community, it is nationwide; that it doesn't seem that there is a proper sort of honoring of those that have fallen in the line of service, a separate ceremony. But, I'm wondering to what extent either your staff or the Parks and Rec Commission have looked at what other cities do for Memorial Day. We have a big event for Veteran's Day that's coming up, Saturday. But, I'm just wondering about Memorial Day, because that's not listed as a potential supplemental enhancement.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: So, regarding options, we can absolutely look into what other agencies are doing for Memorial Day, and we can include that in the research that they are doing for the fallen hero's monument.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Okay. And I certainly would agree with Councilmember Napolitano with regards to just posting flags and leaving them there for a number of weeks. I would be interested in what the cost would be to put them up and then to take them down after the holiday weekend, and then perhaps use them again; whatever number we arrive at and locations we arrive at. That's more of a comment than a question. In terms of questions, with regards to a July 4<sup>th</sup> parade; my in-laws live in a community that has a parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and it's really fun. Obviously, it involves staff time on a holiday. We would want to be sure that there would be enough people that were interested in doing this, whether it's golf carts or bicycles. But, I guess I'm wondering, how would you identify—how would staff or the commission identify whether there's really interest in this? For most of us, we usually have plans on July 4<sup>th</sup>. You would want to make sure that if we were to host an event, that people would participate in it.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: So, they can definitely, again, look into and research the other agencies that may be doing this. I believe that downtown does it currently, early morning. I think I've seen some videos of some of the golf carts and bike. So, it's something that, again, the Parks and Recreation Commission, ad hoc committee can explore.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: All right. So, just a couple of questions as well. On Memorial Day, doesn't Torrance do a big event?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: They have an Armed Forces Day parade that is not on—is it on Memorial Day?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: I think it's Memorial Day.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I thought it was May 6<sup>th</sup>. I'll check.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yeah, check that interweb thing. Because I'm kind of sensitive to competing with something that's well established and the like. And you know, if that's a big draw, then it's going to be tough to make something that's going to be a big draw as well. And also, too, you know, that's the first major holiday for tourism and things like that.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah, it's May 20<sup>th</sup>. May 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>; but, I think the parade is actually on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. So, is that considered Memorial? Memorial Day changes, right, because it's the last weekend?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Well, that's not the last weekend.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. So, even the things that are proposed look to be okay. There's a dearth of American flags out in public, so that would be great to have those up. The wreath by the veteran's memorial with a small ceremony or even large ceremony in the Fallen Hero's Monument; that's being worked on, right?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN:  
Correct.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: So, Independence Day, let's talk about the Satin Dolls, because that's a great show.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: What are you talking about the Salute to the Troops?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Which is different.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Well, Salute to the Troops though is always tied into the concerts in the park around July 4<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Right. But, that's where the Satin Dolls perform. I just didn't know why you were-

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah, why?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Well, so, you said it's the Sunday prior to July 4<sup>th</sup>?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: It precedes July 4<sup>th</sup>.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: It precedes?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: And kicking off our concert series in the park. Yes.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. So, next year, for example, that would be then June 30<sup>th</sup>? That would be the—is that the first Sunday of the concerts in the park?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Correct.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay, great.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Don't want to miss the Satin Dolls. Put it on your calendar now.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Don't get confused, because it is a great show. The parade and golf carts, would be actually on July 4<sup>th</sup>, no matter when it comes, right?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: That is the proposal, yes.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yeah. Okay. And the golf carts have been kind of a private group, right?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Correct. And it was just one idea, in early morning, whether or not streets or closed. You know, they talked about downtown or east side. Really, just bringing the community together.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay, great. And the Begg Pool part is always fun. Okay, great. Veteran's Day,

looking forward to the one this year. Let me see. The 9/11 memorial event, I didn't even realize there was like a five year, you know, official recognition; but, it's just been organic. I mean, there's been some really touching events in the meanwhile, you know, in between the five years.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'm confused though. Are we asking questions, or are we going through them one by one, because I would like to go through them too.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Well, I'm just asking questions about this. So, that is definitely the plan? There has been a five-year cycle where the city sponsors?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN:  
Correct.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Just wanted to clarify that. Salute to the Troops and (INAUDIBLE) That's all I have. Yeah. Did you have additional questions?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I don't have questions. I just have comments.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yeah, okay. So, let's take public comments.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's me again. On the Veteran's Day, I think it would be really great—we have Vet Fest coming up this weekend. Instead of competing with them, if we could partner with them, the Rotary Club that's posting that. So, if you could have some of your members attend that, I think



we could learn if we can actually do something together with the community.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Great. Anybody else here? How about online?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There are no raised hands via Zoom.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. So, comments, discussion?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah, I had-

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Do want though-I thought Director Leyman was going to go through them one-by-one, then we can all comment on them or no? How do you want to run it?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: That makes sense. Yeah, why don't we go through each one.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Sure.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Great. So, beginning with Memorial Day.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: And I do have a comment about that. So, my comment-and I think there have been a couple of questions raised about if you put up the flags Memorial Day, leave them up through July 4<sup>th</sup>, that's a lot of wear and tear and-

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Actually, the end of July.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: What?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: The proposal is the end of July.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah. And this may be more expensive from a labor perspective; I just think it's so special to see the flags, and then you realize it's Memorial Day. But, if you leave them up and they're sort of there, it's like, wait, is it something this week? And then, they're still there for July 4<sup>th</sup>. I think I would really be more in favor of seeing them at Memorial Day and then come down, and then at July 4<sup>th</sup>. So, I know that's probably—it could be more expensive; but, I think it's more impactful, and it's what we're supposed to be doing. We're not just supposed to leave them up. I mean, I love the flag; but, it doesn't tie into the holiday then as much for me. So, that's my comment there.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay.

Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you, Your Honor. I agree. I think they should go up and come down, and then back up again for the Fourth of July and then also for Veteran's Day. I think Veteran's Day should be added to the flags.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Agreed.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Also, the wreath I think is appropriate. I hesitate to say we'll do more,

because it's not clear what that more would be. You know, it's not a celebration at Memorial Day. It's a commemoration. It's a recognition. You know, I'm not aware of the service folks or parents or siblings of service folks that have been lost; and that would be something that would need to come together before I would want to have any kind of even there without them. Fallen heroes, you know, I still—I don't know where that's going to fall into this. I don't know what the limitations are, what the proposals are for that. We're still going to be reviewing that. I think that for this year, I would like to stick to the flags and the wreath for this year.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yep.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay.

Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I agree with what Councilmember Napolitano and Councilmember Howorth have just indicated. I was just going to ask about the number of flags. I wasn't quite sure where the number of flags—it's 71 flags, the flag locations. Are there—I mean, we're not looking at a map. We don't need to micromanage this, I defer to staff; but, I certainly agree with the flags going up for the holiday and coming down afterwards, and then going back up again on July 4<sup>th</sup> for that weekend, and then coming down afterwards.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: And if I could, for clarification, how far in advance and how long

would you like to keep them up after? Like two weeks total, seven days? What would be--

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Two weeks is too long.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: What would be preferable?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I think--

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Four or five days.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah. No more than 6 days.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: So, two days prior or the day prior?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Two days prior, the day of, and two days after.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yep.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN:  
Great. Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Nice symmetry to it.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: It just gives you time to take them down.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah. And it just feels special. It's commemorating. Also, the pier light schedule--I'm sorry, in your PowerPoint, I don't think it's

spelled out; but, you are saying for Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Veteran's Day, it will be red, white, and blue, and 9/11?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: That's in our previous approval of that. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Okay. Sorry. Just wanted to confirm. Great.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I just would add the question of what other cities do for Memorial Day. I mean, obviously, it's a holiday and many people are celebrating the holiday, opposed to something that's more focused like our Veteran's Day ceremony. But, I'm just curious, is there anything more that we might want to consider, or is that too ambitious? I certainly agree with starting with what has just been described. But, longer term, I'm curious if other cities do something more for Memorial Day.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: You know—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: To that point, if I may, as well, I mean, I would love to see something organic; and I'll throw it out there, because I don't want to start burdening staff with every holiday or recognition, having to do that, as opposed to those who this is very meaningful for, and it should be meaningful for all of us. But, staff working on the holiday and everything like that, I think we need to be mindful of that. I would love to—you know, I can guess what other cities do. I think we start small and build. Since we

haven't done anything, I'd rather start small and build from there. If there is a veteran's group in town that wants to do recognition, we can bring—I mean, that's how our Veteran's Day came about.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: To your point, also that's how Salute to the Troops started with the commissioners of the Parks and Rec Commission and other supporters. I agree. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I mean, you could also go—I mean, if you go to the national cemeteries, you do wreath laying; but, that's different. So, we're proposing a wreath; so, I like that. Okay.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: And I'll finish up Memorial Day by saying I agree with everything that I've heard from my colleagues.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Flags up and down.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. So, Independence Day?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Sure, I'll jump in.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I think our flags, yes, same idea; two days before, day of, and two days after. No change to July 4<sup>th</sup>, of course, the Begg Pool party.

As far as, again, parade, I think that having these parades with the golf carts and stuff now, I wouldn't get the city involved in that. We'll ask them for insurance, then we'll have to have-

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Liability.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: --staff block off streets, and then we're going to have to do this, that, and the other. And that's, again, how to ruin some very organic things. The people who do it enjoy it, they love it, and the community loves seeing it; but, to make it some city sponsored thing, I think will just bring more layers of unnecessary bureaucracy to those. Encourage block parties throughout the city; I'd say let's bring back something that waives the cost of block parties on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Love that idea. Yeah, I agree with you also, the parade—you know, think about how crowded July 4<sup>th</sup> is at the beach, and it's early. We will take a ride down to The Strand, riding our bikes, and it's crazy early. And I just don't-

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Staff deserves July 4<sup>th</sup> off too.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Well, I didn't say that. But, they do. I mean, if there's a parade happening, let that be organic too. I do like the idea about waiving the block party fee. That's a great idea. Definitely with the flags though, agree.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I agree with what I've heard. I think maybe a way to frame the waiving of fees would be to request staff to come back; what are the cost implications, what are the staffing implications. But, I could be receptive to that. I just want to get a little more information on what it means on the block party.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I think the block party permit fee is \$150.00 now or something. \$190.00? So, we're not going to have an overwhelming loss of—people have block parties anyway. They just don't get permits for them.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I was just going to say, oh no, I need to apply now.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: They need somewhere to fire off their fireworks.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: There's also, you know, insurance that's required too on that. So, that adds some expense; so, waiving the fee would be helpful. I agree with the golf carts and the like are organic. I remember Pacific Elementary School used to have a bike parade and things like that. If they all want to sort of get together, let's go ahead and let them get together. And it's a lot of fun. I participated in the July 4<sup>th</sup> golf cart parade for a couple of years now. Okay. Moving on to Veteran's Day.



COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I mean, yes, add the flags. Keep what we have. I don't understand the street closure bit, because we sort of do that as it is. But, I mean, I think our Veteran's Day service is actually impactful as well. I love that the scouts get involved. It's always a really good part of it; but, add the flags.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah. Unless the traffic is—I mean, it's certainly grown, right. We have more people, and unless the people are spilling out into the streets or there's some issue there, I wouldn't block off the traffic just because, you know, it just creates problems elsewhere; and then, it creates the need for staff to be there, block off the streets and the police and everything to do that. I think that so far it's still working well; and we can judge it year by year if we need to do anything else.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: But, add the flags. You're good with adding the flags? Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Absolutely.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: And Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: (Inaudible).

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: So, I agree too, it's a great organic event. The scouts' involvement is just terrific. The scout troops are growing. I mean, they're doing a great job; so, this is a great opportunity to show off their

talents and their—they can earn merit badges and things like that. So, absolutely, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I think we should have everyone work on Labor Day.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Let's have a Labor Day parade.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: For the Veteran's Day banner placed downtown, what are council's thoughts on—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'm fine with that.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Sure.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yeah.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN:  
Okay.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. So, Labor Day?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Oh, we're skipping Labor Day.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah. Don't do anything.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We're not doing anything. There's no recommendation. But, the 9/11, Patriot's Day, you know, this has been an awkward admittedly over the last few years, because we were told we're not going to do anything

until every five years; but, then we're having the formal and the informal gathering with the police and fire. I think we should just make a recognition every year; and then we just do more every five years. But, I think we should stop the idea that we're only doing something every fifth year as a city, while the departments are doing something on there. Just let's have council there, invite the community, and let's just do it every year.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Every year, yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I really agree, because you're right, it's awkward. It's almost like, wait, I didn't know. "It looks like you're doing something," people will say to me. It's like no, it's not really-right, and there are people in the community—I think this draws people. This is an emotional date for people, you know, no matter what your political persuasion is or if you have a family member who served in the service; I mean, this day just gets you, and I think people want to be there.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: It doesn't have to be long or drawn out. It's incredibly meaningful.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No. But, announce that we're doing it. Come join us. Be together as a community. And add flags or no? We don't need flags. I mean—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: It would be nice.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: How about—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Let's wait for the cost.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Let's wait for the cost.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yeah, 15<sup>th</sup> and Valley, I mean, just in that surrounding area.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Or, just pier lights. You could do pier lights then. But, what about the idea of deciding, hey, there's going to be a citywide service project for those who want to do something?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I think that's a great thing for future agenda items.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Okay. I'm fine with that. I just thought it was a brilliant idea; but, I'm willing to wait.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Councilmember Lesser, on 9/11?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: With everything that's been said, I too feel that we should put on an event every year for the 9/11 memorial, Patron's Day event.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay, great.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And I just want to go on record, it's good as it is. I don't want three more hours of speeches. The chiefs speaking is great as it is. If

the mayor wants to give comments, great. It doesn't have to be more than what it is now. Let's just tell people; yes, this is it and this is what we're doing.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Right and it's there.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Agreed. Less confusing.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Agreed.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Good idea.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yeah. It was a good turnout, even without, this last 9/11. So, Flag Day.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Flag Day.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: So, if you don't mind, I'll go first. I know that at City Hall we put up three American flags on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>. So, that looks nice. That looks pretty cool at City Hall. So, of course, flags. You know, that will be one of the days for the flag days; and I think that's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: What do you mean the flags? You mean the flags out here at City Hall.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Well, the flags at City Hall, you know they put them up on the masts. But, in terms of the citywide flags—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Oh, you want to do citywide flags?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yeah, citywide flags as well.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: It says if American flag installations are approved, they would be displaced during Flag Day.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Right. But, that was if we were going to do Memorial Day through the end of July. Because it would cover—naturally cover June 14<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Oh, look at that. Look at that. Yeah, you're right.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Well, yeah, why don't we see how much it costs to put them up and—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I don't think we should put them up for Flag Day.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: That's a lot of up and down.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: It's a lot of up and down. I do think what we could do is we could do a simple—I like the flags at City Hall, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I think we should stick with the biggies, yeah. Flags at City Hall on Flag Day. But, I mean, I don't know who celebrates Flag Day anymore; not that they shouldn't. Before I get the emails, they should. But, really, there's few who—I mean, I don't even know if it's a

thing in schools anymore. I don't know if Arbor Day is a thing in school anymore.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: But, you know, in terms of the biggies, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, right. We've kind of covered the other things that we said we would do. Something more in line with the pier lighting, the same dates, I think we can consider here; but, we don't do Flag Day, I think, even for the pier lights.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Right.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yeah, we do? I think—

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: No. I think it's President's Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day, and Labor Day for red, white, and blue.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Should we do 9/11 red, white, and blue?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER HORWORTH: We should do 9/11 red, white, and blue.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yep. Okay. And then, Salute to the Troops.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I still think St. Patrick's Day should be green.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Huh?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I still think Saint Patrick's Day should be green, but that's not a city holiday.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I think so too. Why not?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, nobody wants to change the lights out. Anyway, we can come back to that.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Can I say something about Salute to the Troops? I think it's weird that it's here. It feels like these other things are either national holidays or something; and then, it's like, oh, and Salute to the Troops.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I think it's good as is. I don't know what the cost of the Tiger Squadron is.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Surprisingly, I think relatively unexpensive. I believe it was under \$2,000; and that includes the insurance.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay. Because I'm worried about cost for basically 10 seconds of—I don't even know if it's 10 seconds.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: True.



COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah, I think it's—  
I mean, I don't want to get rid of it. I'm saying I don't want—  
I was questioning—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We're talking  
about the Tiger Squadron.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah, I know. I  
know. And I would—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, this would  
be in addition, not getting rid of it.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah, yeah, yeah.  
I wanted to clarify that when I said, "Why is Salute to the  
Troops in here when everything else is Veteran's Day, Memorial  
Day, 9/11, Salute to the Troops," but it's fine.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: It's just that  
it's associated with—there's some provenance with July 4<sup>th</sup>.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No, there's  
provenance. I get it. But, it's just a logic—it's a word logic  
thing.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'm for the 30  
American flags and leave it as is.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I am too.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I don't think we  
need to—

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I am agree. There  
is a whole history to the evolution of the Salute to the Troops;

and it's really a terrific event, and people like it is. Why change it?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Unfortunately, I've lost my connection at Miramar for flyover, so. All right. That's good?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Holiday season.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: The holiday season, anything? I mean, that's pretty well oiled.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Listen, I'm going to talk about the Menorah again, because we talk about on here the celebration of the holiday season kicks off with the pier lighting and holiday open house in downtown. The holiday open house is a Downtown Manhattan Beach event. It's not—like, we close off streets and stuff, but they sponsor it. I think we put the Menorah on there, because we provide space at Metlox.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I think there's a couple of things though. One is that's directly pertaining to a religious symbol, as opposed to holiday, not Christmas, holiday pier lighting and holiday open house.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No, I get that.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And there is the Menorah lighting, but it's done by private parties that we say, yes, we're going to—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: That's true.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: That's why if it's good as it is, why do we need to take it over?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: It's not--no, I hear what you're saying now too. I don't need us to take it over. I wanted it--I'm sensitive, so I wanted to codify it because I want us to know--here's why. Because I want us to know every year, during the holiday season, there's also a Menorah that we plan for.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I think that's great, and I think we do now; and I think as long as the temples bring it forward, we're going to do it. We've already said that before.

CITY MANAGER MOE: We're actually in the process of permitting it for this year right now

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Okay. But, it's not--these are legacy--the Christmas trees, it's listed Christmas trees on pier.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, I don't know why it's put there, but it's not a city thing; that's a private donation.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Right. So, it's private. So, why couldn't we put Menorah on here, Menorah lighting? I'm just saying it--

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: The pier lighting is going to take place whether the trees are there or not. It always has.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I know.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: The trees have only been there for a few years.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I know. So—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I just don't see the comparison.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I know, we're totally—by the way, we're totally—it's a semantic and a logic thing right now; it's not a disagreement about whether we should have a Menorah or not. I totally get that.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: No. We're going to have it.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I want to be clear.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Why they're called Christmas trees, I have no idea. We don't call them Christmas trees.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I love Christmas and I love Christmas trees. Let me just say that for the record. I don't see why we—what we're talking is about legacy events. We're talking about so our staff knows, so this is what's expected; we're expected to put up flags and take them down, we're expected to close off streets—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: My question on that though is that if somebody else doesn't do it, right, then we're expecting staff to do it for them. That seems to be your point, because—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, then, it's already being done is my issue then.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: It's like the golf carts.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Right. If you want to codify—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No, it's not the golf carts. That's my point.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: No. No, in the sense that somebody—the residents take care of it.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No. That's my point.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'm not sure we can codify the placement of the Menorah.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Then we can't codify Christmas trees on the pier.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Agreed. We haven't codified it.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Then take it out.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: They ask us.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Then, we should—  
that's current. It's current.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I know that.  
But, they ask us every year.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: This is my point,  
we also can't codify holiday open house, because if the Downtown  
Business doesn't do it, then we wouldn't do it; but, that's on  
here.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I don't  
understand the word codify and the use here though. We're not  
doing those things.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: In our present—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: But the pier  
lighting is in conjunction with the holiday open house. It used  
to be separate.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I know. But  
PowerPoint—look at the PowerPoint.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I've got it all  
in front of me.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: The celebration of  
the holiday season kicks off with the pier lighting, great, and  
holiday open house downtown in November. So, it's in there.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'm failing to  
see the religious—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: There's no religious. It's just the season culminates with the holiday fireworks, which is great, partially sponsored by the city. Currently, we have the pier lights schedule. We have Christmas trees on the pier, seasons greetings, happy holidays, and snowflake lighting. So, all I'm saying, and it's on me because I'm not communicating so you can understand, is that we're saying--this whole thing is about; hey, everybody, this is sort of what happens, so that we're all prepared for it, right. It's sort of like a checklist. So, if we're all gone, it's like, okay, and this is going to happen, this is going to happen. And if we're going to say Christmas trees on the pier, which we don't put on the pier, right; why wouldn't we say Menorah lighting at Metlox? We don't do that. But if we're going to put Christmas trees on the pier and holiday open house; why wouldn't we add Menorah lighting at Metlox? Do you see that logic?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: If you want to put it down there, I'm not going to oppose it. You know, there's lots of things that happen over the holidays that aren't on here, and we don't do--the chamber has their holiday mixer, which we just advertise yesterday.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Well, but this involves permits. This involves staff. This involves that staff. This should be part of what we are doing.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: When we're asked to do it, we do it.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: So far. I mean—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, nothing we say is going to force any future council to agree to it.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: What is that, David?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I was just going to say from the bleacher seats here remotely, I understand where you're coming from, I think, Councilmember Howorth; you would like to see this broader holiday spectrum included on the holiday season list. But, I think we've given staff direction as to what should be included going forward, to make our holiday celebrations more robust. Is that a good place to leave it? I want to make sure that I'm not omitting anything. Because I think for you, you just want to make sure that the Menorah celebration is part of the holiday season.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: That's all I would say, put it on there, so that we all know it's—like, you guys—well, I think we've all supported it; and please don't think I don't want Christmas trees on the pier. I love them. I'm just saying, it makes sense—therefore, it makes sense to put Menorah lighting at Metlox.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I guess the only difference I'm seeing, I'm not trying to split hairs here, is



that the holiday season, like even the Christmas trees on here; this is just a description of what it is. And you can include— actually, the Menorah celebration should be included in that paragraph that says holiday season.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: That's what I'm saying.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: But what I'm talking about is the current or previous event deliverables; and my concern is adding Menorah lighting to the deliverables, because it's not for city staff to make that a—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Neither is Christmas trees on the pier.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, if you want to add Menorah to that holiday season up above there, that's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Sure, I'd love that.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Because it's a recognition of what does go on in town.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yes. That's what I want. That's what I want.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay. I didn't hear that, so.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Let's do that.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: That's fine.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: So, thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: I'm okay with that.

CITY MANAGER MOE: All right. If I can circle back to Labor Day.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Oh, good luck.

CITY MANAGER MOE: I know we didn't want to put any flags up; but, I heard that there was a tie between the pier lights being lit and flags being put up. And so-

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: For Labor Day? No.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No.

CITY MANAGER MOE: Well, I just want to make sure that you don't want to put flags up on a national holiday where people are typically off, where we're suggesting on Flag Day.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: We don't—they can take Labor Day off.

CITY MANAGER MOE: Okay. But, I'm saying—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No pier lights.

CITY MANAGER MOE: --Flag Day, nobody typically takes off work to put any flags up. I just want to clarify.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: No.

CITY MANAGER MOE: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Happy holidays, everybody. Thank you. This is great that we have this now though, isn't it?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yes, very good.

CITY MANAGER MOE: Mayor Pro Tem, I think you had asked about where we were with the Juneteenth planning.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Oh, yeah, the Juneteenth. Yeah.

CITY MANAGER MOE: So, Mark can give you a very brief update. We're not completely through the process yet; but he'll tell you where we are.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: So, the latest update, the committee just had the second Juneteenth community meeting. It was on this past Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., right next door at the library here. So, the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee will develop all of those options, put those together, and we plan to return to city council on December 5<sup>th</sup> to present those options.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: How was the turnout?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: I think about 20 was the number that I heard.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: So, a little less than the first time?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Yes.  
Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I mean less, okay.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: But, again, just verifying what those recommendations are; and I think the group had some good suggestions.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I have a question about that, just in terms of developing options. Like if somebody said in there, I think we should have—I mean, do you take all of the options that that group of people came up with and develop all of those options? Or do you say, this one is not practical or this one—like, how do you decide which options to develop?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: So, I think just the realistic options that they think are palatable for the community. So, I think in general, the group is looking at smaller; starting small, looking more grassroots, you know, what works. And again, this possible location of Bruce's Beach, potentially something on the east side. But a scaled back version, a lot of the ideas that came out, I think that there was some acknowledgment that the community isn't ready for something that large yet.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: But at the end of the day, the council will decide which options, right?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Right.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN:

Correct. Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah. Okay, thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you. City manager, city attorney, all done? No motion, right?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: It's just direction.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay, great.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: No motion. You've provided clear direction.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Let's move on to Item 24, which is consideration of insourcing pressure washing and other related services for maintenance of the Downtown Manhattan Beach and North Manhattan Beach Improvement Districts. Public Works Director Lee?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEEE: Good evening, again. It's my pleasure to present this proposal to you tonight. As a way of background, this really kind of carries on from where we left last meeting the street sweeping contract award; but, just to retread some of that. In 2018, the city did enter into a five-year agreement with Athen Services for both street sweeping and pressure washing services. In June of this year, Athens advised us that it no longer wanted to provide services after the agreement expired in August; and so, in July

and August, we released two RFPs in hopes of finding a willing private contractor to do this work. And then also, in August, the City Council amended its agreement with Athens to provide street sweeping services only for a period of 90 days, which ends at the end of November. So, as it relates to our RFP process for pressure washing, one was released in July, one in August. We received three proposals throughout this period. The first one was incomplete and disqualified. We received another incomplete disqualified proposal; and then ultimately a responsive proposal for approximately \$900,000 per year. And it's not in the slide, but it's important to note that in conversations with Athens prior to the ultimate, dissolution of that arrangement for pressure washing, they did quote us, I want to say, about \$77,000 per month if they were to continue to do pressure washing services with us, which is in the neighborhood of that \$900,000 mark. And so, with having bid this item out twice, you know, we essentially determined that if we rebid it a third time, certainly we would be getting proposals that were over half a million dollars per year for this work. And so, we developed a plan for you to consider to insource these services on a long-term basis. And council is aware, we've been doing this on a short-term basis for about a little over two months now with city crews. We have crews coming in at about 4:00 in the morning to start this work. And our agreement with the Teamsters Union is—currently, right now, it's just temporary;

and they're agreeable until we get to some type of long-term arrangement. And so, what we're proposing is to insource the work; stand up a new workgroup in Public Works, which consists of one maintenance supervisor, two maintenance worker ones, and one maintenance assistant. All of those are full-time positions. And we think we can do this on an annual cost of about \$385,000 per year. So, the way the economics of this break down, it's \$385,000 for salary and benefits, approximately, per year, on those four full-time positions; as well as there's some upfront vehicle costs, that we would have to procure some vehicles just to make sure that we can get our personnel around the city. That's \$165,000. And so, a little bit about the benefits of insourcing; we think that on the city staff side, we can provide enhanced service levels, more flexibility, and more agility to get to areas that might be technically out of scope for a contractor, but city workforce just knows that these are things that are good for our community and we can do. Another thing that would really help us in maintaining business districts is we're proposing four full-time positions; but, if you're aware how we do pressure washing, it starts about 4:00 in the morning and wraps up about 8:00 in the morning. That sounds like 3-4 part-time jobs, objectively. The struggle we've got with creating these long-term part-time jobs is the turnover we have in our part-time ranks and trying to attract good people that are, quite frankly, looking for full-

time work, it's a struggle. And so, what the proposal before you today is for full-time positions; and what it would allow us to do is that at 8:00 in the morning, and we're talking Monday through Fridays, the staff that's still on for the rest of their shift, they will either be continuing to do porter service, litter pickup, graffiti removal, that type of work in the business districts. Or they will be assigned to our parks and help us to take care of our parks in a more proactive manner, handling the detail level with the parks. And not only with porter service type work in the parks; but irrigation, landscape, maintenance oversight, and more timely repairs of playground equipment and fencing and whatnot. So, we see that if we create this work group with full-time employees, we actually extend our reach beyond simple pressure washing and really deal with some other maintenance issues in the city, to make sure that we've got just a really great class of maintenance going on. And so, as proposed for the balance of the fiscal year, the prorated amount for these new positions is about \$225,000. We would need to buy the vehicles; and so, the appropriation that's before you tonight, that request, is \$389,000, and then the ongoing cost is about \$385,000. So, our recommendation is you adopt the resolution establishing this new workgroup, consisting of a supervisor and three full-time maintenance employees to insource these services and appropriate the \$389,000 for the services for the remainder of the year.



And I look forward to answering any questions you have about this.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Council, questions? I've got one to start off. So, Athens used to do just Monday, Wednesday, Friday, I believe, down on the pier?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: The pier, yes. But they were—I mean, they were a seven day a week provider, including the street sweeping work that was done. There's also—pressure washing in downtown happens, I think, some sides of the street Monday/Wednesday, other sides of the street Tuesday/Thursday. And so, different areas of the city and the business districts are different schedules.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. So, will our own staff follow that same schedule?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Very similar. You know, this workgroup that we're proposing would be a Monday through Friday group; and so, porter services, pressure washing services would start at 4:00. That would generally be over around 8:00. And then, porter services would continue throughout the balance of the day until 8:00 p.m. And so, I should have hit that earlier. So, we really think we're going to be able to expand reach and have better levels of cleanliness and maintenance in the business districts with the extra resources that we would be putting towards it.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: So, will that early morning crew, would they pick up the litter in the pier parking lots before they're—you know, generally before people come and park, and also the downtown streets while they're doing—

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Yes. And before you arrive there too.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Before I get there? Okay, good. Thank you. You know, it's only coincidence. I'm an early riser. Okay, great. Thank you.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: You're welcome.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Anybody else? Oh, I'm sorry, Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Yes. Erick, thank you for coming up with this proposal. Obviously, it's such a huge increase in cost since we last went out to bid this sort of service; and it's evident by the sort of bids we're getting in, that this just isn't viable. This is a good alternative. My question is, I want to make sure we're capturing all of the costs to undertake the service. And just off the top of my head I'm thinking, might there be increased liability insurance costs? Are there other ancillary costs we should be mindful of, even though this is far cheaper than going out to bid? That we should just be mindful of what this is going to cost us to undertake.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: I'm certainly not an expert in liability and insurance; but, I would assume that our current insurance carrier with our work comp and whatnot—I imagine, if you add more heads to the payroll, there are incremental costs there. As it relates to the actual liability of doing the work; it's similar work that we do now, and we've been doing for years on an as needed basis, and this would be more of a focused, regular, periodic type schedule. So, I'm not anticipating any real changes in that regard.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Great. Thank you.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: You're welcome.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Anybody else? Public comments? Thank you, Director Lee. Appreciate it.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: You're welcome.

MS. LAMBKIN: Hello. Good evening, council, Mayor Pro Tem. Jill Lambkin, Downtown Manhattan Beach Business and Professional Association. I am here to support Erik and the hardworking Public Works folks. We rarely have an opportunity to test something before we sign up for it; and I cannot tell you the difference in the level of service that we have experienced over the last couple of months since it's become city employees that have a vested interest in what happens. It's absolutely incredible. I went to Public Works, actually to their all hands meeting last week, to personally

introduce myself and thank them for the amazingly conscientious job that they are doing. I've had businesses who have told me how much better how much it is. Farmer's Market vendors have told me, "Oh my gosh, it used to smell when I stood here; and it's all clean. This whole—like what to be the waterfall in Metlox, it doesn't smell anymore." I mean, I can't even tell you. I sent Erik, last week, an email that said, "I experienced something that completely warmed my heart, where I saw a porter that was wearing his bright orange public works shirt downtown, sweeping on the sidewalk, looked up, made eye contact with a resident, had a nice, little conversation. They laughed, and they both walked away smiling." And I went, that's exactly what we want. We want them to be ambassadors in our community; and they're doing a fantastic job. I'm super proud. And as a customer and a taxpayer, I can't imagine a better way to spend this money. So, thank you to the Public Works team, and I hope you guys will consider this, because it's amazing service.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Wow.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Thank you. And a lot of us echo that. Anybody else here? How about online, Martha?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There are no raised hands via Zoom.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Colleagues, discussion? Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you, Your Honor. Yes, I'll make the motion to adopt resolution 23-0152, appropriate funds and approve the positions. And I know that every election cycle someone says, "Oh, they're adding more positions again to City Hall." And you know why? That's why. Because people have expectations; and to meet those expectations, you need people to do it. We've tried to do it with the folks we've had for years and years; but the expectations become greater. And this is actually an opportunity to reduce our costs. If you see, again, I spoke to this earlier, how much these new things are costing because of prevailing wage requirements, because of insurance requirements, because of so many things, and reporting requirements; that these businesses now charge up the wazoo for, and \$900,000 to do pressure washing. We can do it for less than half that right now; and hopefully we can keep those down. But the service is better; and that's what matters too. We could keep going, pay more, and get less in terms of quality of service. We're getting more, and it's obviously being appreciated; so this is a win. I say we run with it; and that's my motion, Your Honor.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you. And it's seconded by Councilmember Howorth.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah. And just, you know, a couple quick comments. It's so great. Thank you, Jill, for taking the time to sit through the entire meeting to

come down and so wholeheartedly endorse it. And for those who don't know, Jill will tell us when we're not living up to the expectations, which is good. I also had this experience as well. About a month ago, I was walking on the pier pretty early for me, like 9:00; but there was like dog excrement. You know, you're not supposed to walk dogs on the pier; but there was a giant pile, and I was so upset. And there were two Public Works guys walking—you know, we were walking the same direction. I said, "Excuse me. You know, who would I call—" this was my innocent question. I know the answer. "Who would I call about taking care of this mess here?" They're like, "Oh, ma'am, we've made a note of it. We're going to go get the washer, and we're going to take care of it." Yes. So, it is. It's that pride of place. And thank you, Director Lee, for bringing this to us. That's great. Good stuff.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I just wanted to add to the compliments for Director Lee and the Public Works staff. You've really risen to the occasion here. We have high expectations in our community. We care about our Strand and our pier and the streets and how they look, and our downtown; and you can really see the difference since city staff has taken on this challenge. I appreciate you being creative and coming up with ultimately the realization that we need to bring this in

house. So, just as Councilmember Napolitano indicated, no one likes adding city headcount; but here's an instance where we can't really get this, other than at substantially higher costs through an outside contractor, and then we get a far better result. So, I'm in favor of the motion.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, all. Okay. So, we have a motion and a second. Roll call vote.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Pro Tem Franklin?

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Howorth?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: With Mayor Montgomery absent. Motion passes, 4-0-1.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay, great. Okay. Moving on. Item N, city council requests and reports, including AB 1234 reports.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Nothing for me.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I don't have any reports.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Anybody? No?  
Item 26, consider request by Councilmember Lesser and  
Councilmember—

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'll be the  
third vote.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: --Howorth. Third  
vote, Councilmember Napolitano. Any future agenda items?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yes.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: I was moved by  
former Councilmember Hildy Stern talking about the LA vs. Hate  
community mural art project program; and I'd like to discuss it  
at a future meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'll second  
that. We're reconsidering a couple of those and locations.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'm fine with  
talking about it.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yeah. She had a  
different explanation for it. You know, it was a different  
thing. So, great, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'm not sure it  
was a better explanation; but, I'm willing to reconsider it.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: It was different.  
All right. Thank you.



MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: All right. You got your second on that. City Manager report. Oh, I'm sorry, any other future agenda items?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: No. But Siri had something, but I don't know what it was about. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I was just looking at Councilmember Lesser. Yeah, he doesn't look like he has anything.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Siri?

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Because my Siri started talking.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: City Manager report?

CITY MANAGER MOE: Yeah. I would just like to ask Talyn Mirzakhian and our community development director to talk briefly about some state legislation effecting housing that we want to bring to council's attention.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Tell us the good news.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

MIRZAKHIAN: Good evening, Mayor Pro Tem Franklin and councilmembers. Talyn Mirzakhian, your Community Development Director here. The Governor of California recently concluded the 2023 state legislative session by signing or vetoing a

variety of bills. One bill that staff would like to highlight is Senate Bill 423, sponsored by Scott Wiener. The bill was signed by the governor on October 11, 2023 and goes into effect January 1, 2024 with one caveat to that date, which I will go into shortly. It is worth noting that the city council had taken a position of opposition against this bill. SB 423 is particularly noteworthy in that it further limits local control over housing projects by strengthening and expanding the applicability of Senate Bill 35, which was passed in 2017. Council may recall that SB 35 required jurisdictions that have failed to meet their regional housing needs assessment housing production targets to ministerially and in a streamlined manner approve multi-family housing developments that met certain affordability, prevailing wage, and geographic requirements. While SB 423 includes a number of amendments to SB 35, I'll go ahead and quickly outline those amendments that are most relevant to the city. It extends the sunset date on SB 35 by 10 years, from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2036. It revises the costal zone development prohibition of SB 35 to allow for projects in specified urban coastal locations. The amended law would apply to the non-appealable portion of the city's costal zone. This portion of the law, however, does go into effect on January 1, 2025; a year later than the remainder of the law. It revises the required affordability level for jurisdictions that have not made sufficient progress toward their above moderate

income RHNA numbers. It requires determinations regarding compliance with applicable objective planning standards to be made by the planning director, and removes the planning commission public oversight hearing provision. The only thing the planning commission would hold on to is design review, if that city has a design review process. And local governments cannot require any of the following before approving a development that meets the requirements for a project; studies, information, or other materials that do not pertain directly to determining whether development is consistent with the objective planning standards applicable to the development. That concludes my summary, and I'm available for questions.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Any questions or comments, colleagues?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, you know, I guess I would say that I think that we need to take a look at our codes and see what kind of standards we want and if we want development standards of a certain type for any of these developments. Because we want to avoid having boxes, you know, the cracker box development that happened in Long Beach and Recondo and other places. So, I think we should look long and hard at—you know, if we're going to be—if density is going to be thrust upon us, whether we want it or not, at least it can look better than what it looks like in a lot of other places.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR MIRZAKHANI:

Yeah. We could absolutely do that, Councilmember Napolitano. The only caveat to that is that under no net loss regulations, we cannot impose new standards that would have the effect of lowering the density, per se.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: It's more of an aesthetic—

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Design. It's more designed so it's not boxy and messy.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Steve, do you want that to be a future agenda item?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Yes, second.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Okay.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: And I'd like to see if the same no short-term rentals covenant applies to that kind of building as well, since the state's goal is to increase family housing and not short-term rental housing.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, it wouldn't apply in the coastal zone, right.

COUNCILMEMBER HOWORTH: Right.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Because the Coastal Commission already told us.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: This isn't on the agenda; but, yes, just the general principle that if the state

is trying to provide housing, but not trying to prevent commercial rentals.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: This is not a topic on the agenda tonight.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Right, okay.

Okay. Thank you.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

MIRZAKHANIAN: Thank you.

CITY MANAGER MOE: I have no further report.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. City Attorney report?

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Nothing tonight.

MAYOR PRO TEM FRANKLIN: Okay. Any informational items? Seeing none, we will adjourn this meeting to November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.