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MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. Good evening. We're going to reconvene into open session with a comment from City Attorney Quinn Barrow.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Thank you, Mayor. Earlier this evening, the City Council went into closed session for the items identified on the 4:30 agenda. With respect to item 1-A, the case of Shenbaum and O'Brien versus the City of Manhattan Beach, the City Council gave direction to the City Attorney. And with respect to item I-C, public employment, the City Council gave direction to our city's independent recruiter. With respect to the City Manager position, there was no other reportable action taken.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you. With that, we're going to adjourn from closed session, and I welcome you to City Council regular meeting for Tuesday, August 20th at 6:00 p.m. and can we have Noah and Gabriel Siegel, who are going to be coming up to give the pledge. Miss Talyn, you're off the hook. Let me join you up there.

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MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. There we go. Can you hear that? Great. Well, the reason we're in here in our new sauna is because the main council chamber is going through a major renovation of all of its electronics and presentation equipment. So, we're going to be back in that room possibly by, one more meeting here, September 3, and then after that, we'll be back in chambers. But I wanted to say that these two gentlemen are actually no strangers coming to City Council meetings. And so, where did we meet you before?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You met me at, I mean, a couple years, a year ago, I was at a community - -

[Inaudible]

MAYOR FRANKLIN: The Segil Family is known for their- -

[Inaudible]

JACK SEGIL: That is true. It is machine language. Okay, you all here have phones, right? These phones have a chip. In that chip, you write code to talk to it, and then there's code to talk to that code, and code to talk to that code. Coding is just a way to write the apps that everybody uses on the basis it can do so much else. It's a tool. It's a tool that you can use to create the things you see in your phone and your computer, pretty much, if you want a simplified explanation of it. When I say we teach these kids coding, what that means is that we teach them what goes into making the software that they

use. Like, I'm not sure there's many gamers here, but, okay. But most kids are very into video games. You know, Fortnite, Minecraft, Roblox, probably your children screaming about those, and we teach them what makes those tick. How do you make your own game? That's often the pull we have for getting these kids in. If you were trying to attract maybe older adults, or a better example would be, oh, you use the weather app all the time, right? How does the weather app know what weather it's going to be? Well, satellites, but also coding.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That's just terrific. Thank you so much. So, on behalf of my City Council colleagues and I, we want to present you with a certificate of recognition for the founder and CEO of Code to Grow. And so, if something goes wrong with my cellphone, you're the guy to go to.

JACK SEGIL: I already - - [Inaudible]

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That's great. So, colleagues, if you can join me up here.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And then we're going to need a ten-minute recess after this from IT to sort of catch up with us.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I kind of like it.

[Recess]

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, great. Well, once again, we're here at the City Council regular meeting for August 20, 2024, and we need a roll call, please.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Thank you. Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Here.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Here.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Montgomery?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Here.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Pro Tem Howorth?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Here.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Franklin?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Here. Okay. And So, moving on to letter E, Approval of Agenda and Waiver of Full Reading of Ordinances.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So moved.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Second.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, we have a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Howorth and a second by --.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Wait a minute, wait a minute. Going to pull item 5, your honor. So, we're jumping on, did we do, we jumped ahead to ceremonial, so just making sure. Yeah, I'm going to pull item 5, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Right. All set.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Okay. Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Franklin?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Pro Tem Howorth?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Montgomery?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Motion passes, 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. And item F, City Council and Community Organization Announcements of Upcoming Events. You have one minute. Yeah, the podium's back there.

LIBRARY MANAGER MURRAY: Hi. Good evening, Mayor, members of the Council. My name is Josh Murray. I am here on behalf.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I think we need sound on the podium.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We need animal control too.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There we go.

LIBRARY MANAGER MURRAY: I think that's better. Is that better?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, there you go.

LIBRARY MANAGER MURRAY: Good evening, Mayor, members of the council. My name is Josh Murray. I am here on behalf of Manhattan Beach Library. I'd like to invite the adults of the community to a Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon on Saturday, August 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., whether you're new to Wikipedia or an experienced editor, please join Wiki LA in making culture and knowledge free for all at the Edit-a-Thon focused on ocean life and LA's connection to the sea. Many articles without global interest remain incomplete, inaccurate, or even non-existent. Your contributions will be the first and potentially only piece of information people see on a given topic. No experience is necessary and tutorials will be provided for Wikipedia newcomers. Experienced editors will be providing help with editing throughout the event. Please bring a laptop if you're able, and a limited number will be provided. Take advantage of resources at Manhattan Beach Library and help Wikipedia make the Internet a better place. Refreshments will be provided by the friends of the Manhattan Beach Library, and this event is intended for adults. Registration is available on our website, lacountylibrary.org. Thank you for your time.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, thank you. I think Councilmember Napolitano is running for dog catcher.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: About the same, yeah.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Bobby.

BOBBY BELL: Honorable Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Councilmember, City Officials, Mr. Lee. My name is Bobby Bell. I am the recycling educator for WM, the company previously known as Waste Management for Richard, for the beautiful City of Manhattan Beach. Just here with an update. Two weekends ago, we had our paper shred event. We assisted over 220 Manhattan Beach residents safely and securely shred their paper, their documents. We collected over 6,480 pounds of documents safely shredded and then recycled. This weekend we are, last weekend and this week, we are currently doing our lunchbox dispersal, I guess you can call it, to all our kindergarten students incoming at all our public schools. And that is my favorite part of this job. I get to see happy faces. That's all I got. Have a great night. God bless.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Mr. Mayor, can I ask a question?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Sure.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Bobby, so when you say your lunchbox, you're going around to our schools and handing out free, reusable, you know, lunch boxes?

BOBBY BELL: Yes, ma'am.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Wow.

BOBBY BELL: Yeah, we get a headcount for boys and girls. One of the things we like about it is that they have little bento boxes inside each one of them. So, we're trying to do away with little plastic sandwich bags. And, it's also just seeing new kids come to the school. They're scared, and you get to look at the list and say their name and they're like, oh yeah. Like, oh man, Grand View. So, excited you're here. Hey, I got something for you. Pick out which one you want. It's honestly the best part of my job.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Super fun. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Mr. Mayor. One question too.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Sure.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Bobby, don't go anywhere. How long have you been doing the free lunchbox?

BOBBY BELL: I've been in Manhattan Beach. It'll be two years in November. Previous to that, I think it's been going on since the contract was signed.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Right, Anna?

BOBBY BELL: Yes, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: So, 13 years. Thank you very much.

BOBBY BELL: Yes. And we purchased them locally through a company Go Green Lunchboxes. A gentleman, Henman lives within 2 miles of City Hall.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Thank you for 13 years of lunchboxes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: Good evening, Mr. Mayor and honorable Councilmembers. My name is Katie Doherty. I am the City Engineer. I'd like to provide a brief update on parking lot structure three. This is the lot that's located at Morningside and 12th street here in the downtown area. The lot is currently closed due to some structural concerns. It has been temporarily shored, which means that some temporary posts have been placed next to the existing posts to temporarily secure the building while we move forward with figuring out what the best option for the structure is both in the near term and with the long-term project that we're planning for the structure some years out. Center place next to the structure, is also closed to vehicle traffic. Pedestrian traffic is still allowed, so all of the rear entrances to those businesses in that area are still accessible. And including Right Tribe, the retail store there that's only accessible from center Place is also still open and in operation. We do have a shuttle service that was previously operating out of Pacific Elementary that will be relocated to

the Manhattan Village Shopping Center. It's the north entrance near Macy's. That's a free shuttle and that has been extended through September 8. We are diligently working on researching parking solutions in the area for the community as we get through, you know, the issue with the structure and staff is planning to return to council on September 3 to discuss next steps for the structure. So, I'm happy to take any questions if you'd like, but we'll be back on the third.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Colleagues, I have one. Do we can sort of give us an idea of why this happened or how it happened?

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: Yeah, the parking structure was built in 1971. I think general rule of thumb, the useful life for any structure is 50 years. So, with that and combined with the marine environment, we had been noticing some degradation of the structure over the past several years. We've had structural engineers out on a regular basis to do an assessment of the structure. And most recently, when they came out, there was some pretty severe corrosion on the columns holding up the third level and the staircases, which resulted in us closing the structure immediately.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Just one question.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: How many spaces then are we without with the entire lot now shut down?

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: I believe the number is about 170 - -

ACTING CITY MANAGER MIRZAKHANIAN: 146.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: 146. Thank you, Talyn.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you. Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Mayor?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes, Mayor Pro Tem.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I just want to, you know, piggyback or amplify what you're saying. I know that staff is working really hard on lots of creative ideas. You know, it's not just how to shore up or what to do with that structure, but, you know, it's really unfortunate. You had kind of a perfect storm, if you will, this past weekend with the AVP and everything being closed down. And, you know, everybody was working around the clock to try to accommodate all the visitors. And it's really, it's not just an inconvenience. Staff is aware, but, you know, 5, 4 of the top 25 sales tax producers in our community are in downtown. And so, we're talking about real dollars when they're customers, etc. Can't find parking. So, I just, I want to commend staff for all you're doing day and night to try to think of something to do. And I want to reassure businesses that we are taking it very seriously and also our

residents. So, we're all going to have to suffer a little bit, I think, to try to fix it. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes, of course. Councilmember Montgomery.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: For those of you that sent an email to me asking when the parking structure would be demolished. It's going to be discussed September 3. As you heard earlier, we've heard a lot of good ideas, what we can and cannot do. But before you get excited, think it's not just a quick knockdown and pave over it temporarily. It takes a little longer than that. The amount of concrete it takes to move all of that. You can't do it in one day, folks. I know it looks easy. Not like a house. It's not that easy. So, bear with us to be patient and hear the options of September 3. Thank you, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Of course. Thank you. Thank you, Katie. Any more public comments here? How about online? Oh, no, not yet. I'm sorry. Community announcements. Sorry. How about online?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: Mr. Mayor, we do have Enriquez with an announcement.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Captain Enriquez.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes. Yeah, yeah.

CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ: Is this mic? I'll speak loudly. Well, Captain Enriquez, your Operations Captain for the Police

Department. I'm just here to give an update on two things. One, July 1, we started a full-time bicycle enforcement team. There are pictures up there. It's Officer Patrick Orda and Sydney Weibull. They work Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday right now from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There it is. And so, their primary focus is bicycle enforcement throughout the entire city. You've probably seen them around downtown. Their goal is to get out into the businesses, some of the commercial areas. So, they'll ride all over, up into the malls, the residential. They can get a lot of places when the traffic's there and not worry about that. In addition to that, I want to provide council with some updates on some of the citation information that I have from July 1. I'm sorry, January 1 to July 31 of this year. Year to date, we've written 218 bicycle citations in the city. And that includes, we conducted four directed enforcement days, specifically in Manhattan Beach. I spoke with us about this before, where we partner with other cities in the South Bay. Sometimes, we'll go to their city and help them with directed enforcement. Other times they'll come to us. So, in February, March, April, and May, we hosted here in Manhattan Beach, and we had bicycle directed enforcement days, which yielded a significant amount of citations. In addition to that, our parking and animal control officers have been focusing their efforts throughout the day on dogs that are on the beach or dogs

that are off leash. And in that same timeframe, January 1 to July 31 of this year, they've written 153 citations. So, that doesn't count the number of people they've contacted. That's just the number of people who have earned that citation through their efforts.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, great. Is there any, I'm sure, hand in hand, you give out warnings and the like. What's your sense of compliance with the rules, especially by the children riding the bikes? Do you getting a sense that, you know, more are listening or?

CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ: I mean, I get, you know, this is a. Unfortunately, it's not just a police issue. This is a whole community issue where we're going to need help from residents, parents, everybody involved, the kids themselves, the school district. And so, everybody's sort of been in this collaborative partnership to get these things taken care of. I personally think that we're doing a, we're having an impact. In the recent, I'd say the last two months, the actual citations have gone down, which, if you think about it in one way, that could look bad, like we're not doing enough, but in another way, that's because people are complying now. We focused a lot in the beginning on education and enforcement. I'm sorry, education. And now we focused a lot on the enforcement, and I think a lot of that effort has really gone through with us now to where

people are complying and at least not doing it in Manhattan Beach. I can't speak for the other beach cities, but I think in our city, it's improving. I think everybody's sort of finally on board with this problem and trying to solve it.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, and can you just describe some of the efforts to work with our counterparts in Hermosa and Redondo?

CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ: Sure.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So that we have sort of a unified subject.

CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ: Yeah. So, myself, I attend a monthly meeting with the captains for the other cities in the South Bay, and we discussed what's going on in our city. We willingly send our bicycle enforcement team, our traffic officers, to other cities to help them on their directed enforcement days, and in turn, they willingly send people to us. And so, we've had people from Gardena police, Hawthorne, Inglewood come in, in addition to Redondo Beach, Hermosa beach, and El Segundo to help us with the enforcement. And our officers have gone out to those cities to help them. And I think those partnerships are really helping also on those direct enforcement days.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, great. Thank you so much. And I just want to remind people, when you see a child doing the right thing, compliment them. I mean, that kind of positive

enforcement, especially on their helmets, they have it strapped. They stopped at a stoplight. I had a great experience with a kid on a bike or two kids on a bike, and they had their helmets on and everything. And there was a left-hand turn, you know, from Manhattan Beach Boulevard onto Ardmore. And the passenger in the back said, go on, go on. Go ahead and go. And she said, no, no, no, it's a red light. And I just about, you know, fell down on the ground and, you know, but it turned out that, you know, so the one young lady said to me, you know, you know my mom, you and my mom know each other, you know, and she told us to do this because of what the city, you know, wants us to do. So, it is getting through, but just positive reinforcement really helps because, you know, they don't always hear that. So, thank you. And thank you, Captain. Appreciate that. Any announcements online?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There are no requests on Zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Mr. Mayor. Oh, okay. Yeah. All right. Thank you. Just want to remind everybody that in Manhattan Beach, Manhattan Beach Unified School district starts tomorrow. So, be on the lookout for all the kids walking to school, riding their bikes safely, with their helmets strapped

to school, and exciting time of year. But those kids are out there on the streets, so be mindful. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Your Honor?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes. Councilmember Montgomery.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Two things. Just a shout out to our MB Parks and Rec. Department. Most of you saw what happened this weekend. This is called the AVP/Manhattan Beach Open volleyball tournament. So those of you that are trivia buffs, MB open started in 1960 at 6-0. Okay. Back then, Steve was back there making sure the headlights were turning on cars so they could play at nighttime.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I wasn't born yet.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yeah. But the AVP itself started in 1984, and it continues stronger than ever. So, a shout out to Jeff Conover, Archie Sherman, under Mark Leyman's authority. They made it happen. And Waste Management, making sure we saw all those cans out there never full, which is good to do when you have 10,000 people show up. That's a lot of things to watch movie parts you don't see behind the scenes. You saw the tv version, just more happens behind the scenes that you're on the sand. Those people never see. So, PD and Fire being there. It was a seamless operation that we see on the ground. But thank you all, for those of you who showed up, you know what I'm talking about, is fantastic. And the second thing

is, Mr. Mayor won't say it. Most of you understand we have an election coming up. City Council, three seats. November 5, right? Three seats. We know the Mayor's going to run so he won't say anything. We have six candidates, actually five that have never run for office before. It's amazing. With the exception of the Mayor, we have five first time candidates running. So, do your homework. Find out who they are. Three men, three women. Ask them whatever you'd like. Open season. Ask them whatever you like to ask them. Things that matter to you, about the city going forward and see what they say. Because every one of your votes make a difference. I can tell you that. All of us here know that every vote makes a difference. So, good luck. Thank you, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you. And so, we move on to public comments. So, three minutes per person. And if you speak about a subject that's later on in the agenda, you won't be able to, if you speak your public comment now, you won't be able to speak it when that agenda items. You just get one shot at the apple, as they say.

STEFAN KAMPA: Honorable Mayor, City Council, Stefan Kampa here. Two items. One is on the parking structure. It would be wonderful on September 3 if we could also talk about what other buildings we have of the city that are nearing that same age that might be at risk. So that if we have other ones coming

down with these types of issues, we would be aware of those. And what are we doing to understand what those issues are? The second item is we have the Olympics coming in 2024. I'm not sure what we've planned as a city to address those.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: 28.

STEFAN KAMPA: I'm sorry, but I think. Thank you for the correction, 28. But I'm suggesting that we take maybe a subcommittee of some sort to start looking at what should we do as a city to prepare for this so we're not caught off guard. We have some lead time, but it's going to come very quickly. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, sir. Next. Yeah.

JEREMY STERN: Thank you, Mayor and members of council. My name is Jeremy Stern, and I'm the president of Congregation Tikvat Jacob 1829 North Sepulveda. I'm here to thank the city. Sometimes, you get complaints. I want to make sure you get a thank you. And on August 6, it was a beautiful afternoon. And we had an alarming, frightening security incident at Manhattan, at Congregation Tikvat Jacob. A drone was flying in the area, which is not a typical in Manhattan Beach, especially down at the beach. But when it lowered itself over our parking lot for a long time, and at a suspiciously low level, when our preschool kids were out there playing in the parking lot, we became very, very alarmed. Especially given the rise of antisemitic events in

Manhattan Beach. So, we called the police, and Lieutenant Andy Harrod sent out a squad car. And Officer Derek San Agustin responded, took a report quickly, and got it filed with the Detective Bureau. And the next day, I got a call from a detective whose name is too long to remember. But he, I gave him some more facts. And the next day he called to let us know everything was resolved and that there was no threat to CTJ at the time. And, as it turns out, it was a commercial operator that was doing a site survey for a real estate company. But it was unknown to us at the time. And so, we are so thoroughly grateful for the efforts of Manhattan Beach Police Department. They're an amazing partner, and we are all in, everyone in Manhattan Beach, we are so grateful for their efforts on CTJ's behalf and on the community's behalf. So, I want to say thank you. And I also wanted to offer a quick suggestion, and that is, had we known that the drone was going to be in the area, I think it would have eliminated a lot of anxiety and angst about it. And so, I'm wondering, and ask that the city take a look at its UAV ordinance and see if it's possible to require drone operators to give notice when they're flying an operation in an area within a close range of a school or public playground, and see what you can do about that. Anyways, thank you again so much and appreciate everything that you do and our PD does for the community. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, Mr. Stern. Anybody else here? Public comment?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I put in a request.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, go ahead. Yep, you're good.

ERIC ENGELMAN: Mayor, Councilmember, my name is Eric Engelman, 51-year resident, the same address in Manhattan Beach. And what I'm going to talk about happened almost that long ago. First, I'd like to ask a question of the Councilmembers, Mayor and staff. How many have lived in the town for 50 years or more? One.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Close.

ERIC ENGELMAN: Maybe you remember one summer in the 70s when a couple of well-meaning local residents decided that the problem in Manhattan Beach was limited access. Such a nice town, such a nice beach. We need to provide more access. So, they have made an arrangement. I don't know who provided the money or the transportation, but they arranged for the parking lot at TRW. Does it ring a bell? And they bused people down here, and it became more like Venice beach. And it really overwhelmed our local capabilities. And I'm sure there's no policemen who were here that long ago, but I don't remember all the numbers. But my recollection was there was a couple of rapes or so, more than a couple of people thrown off the pier, a couple of stabbings, and a police presence at the head of the

pier for the whole summer. And it was pretty disturbing for a lot of people. And I don't know how many weeks or months it went on because I wasn't directly involved. It was just something I observed. And so, what I want to suggest is that we got someone here from the Engineer's Office and people familiar with parking. I know we have a brand-new problem now with our parking structure out of service. So, I can see we want to provide a little additional parking. But I think it's a good idea for the City Officials, Engineering to stay in touch with police and make sure that the things aren't getting that basically the Manhattan Beach. I worked in Venice for eight years as a Fire Captain, so you don't have to tell you much about Venice. And that summer, Manhattan Beach looked more like Venice than Manhattan Beach. And I don't want to see it again come to that point. So, I would like to just suggest. I don't want any feedback or anything, but just suggest that the members and engineering and police and stuff stay in contact with each other and observe if we're overwhelming our local police and fire and paramedic facilities during a particular summer or during this particular summer. So, they get a handle on things and slow down all the busing and parking aid before it gets out of hand. Hopefully, it'll go well this summer. Thank you very much for your time.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you, sir.

RICK FERHALL: Good afternoon or evening. My name is Rick Farrel, and I've been in Manhattan Beach 51 years, Eric, so. That's right, same house. January. Okay. I like Eric. Eric's part of the discussion group, Steve's discussion group with the city, and we have a great time together. The reason I'm here today is that I'm very lucky, because I was lucky enough, a lucky break, to meet Richard Montgomery way before he became a Councilmember, when he was a volunteer, and my wife was president of the hometown fair. And we were pretty active at that time because we came here in 1972, and Richard brought to, I don't know. He has a humor that is unstoppable. He uplifts everybody that he's working with. We saw that immediately as a volunteer. And then in 1999, I retired as a manufacturer's rep after 30 years, and I got bored. And I said, hey, I got to do something. And Susie said, my wife said, well, Richard is a Commercial Real Estate Appraiser. Why don't you try that? And I said, okay. So, it just happened to be taking a course that he was teaching. So, Richard gave me a terrific beginning. And everybody said, you know, Rick, you know a lot about what you used to do, industry used to do, but you know nothing about real estate. I said, you know what? I got Richard, number one. And number two, I have 150 warehouses in Los Angeles that I did business with, and they all are going to buy and sell property.

So, we did actually sign one deal. Okay. But anyway, Richard, the reason that I wanted to give a shout out to Richard is a lot of you, a lot of people have seen him at council, day in and day out, make great decisions. Not that it's been easy, but what I want to share with you, I got 100, 1-minute left, 1:25. I've been with Rotary since 2010, and Richard was there way before that. So, I've seen him in action at Rotary, and it hasn't been easy because he's a Councilmember. He's pretty busy. He always does the job at Rotary. He does the extra work. He does the extra service. And the thing is, I can tell you, I'm giving away a lot of family secrets. But whoever the president is, every year at the end of the session or before, he says, hey, wait a minute. Let's hear from Richard, right? And find out what's going on in the city. Well, Richard's gone because he leaves early, because he's got other things to do. So, the bottom line is, Richard is a real asset to Rotary. And the bottom line is that during this pandemic, not only did we have an era of uncertainty, but an era of danger and all the things that were happening that we had no idea what the outcome was going to be. Richard, every single morning, Monday morning at Zoom meetings, was calm, cool, collected, had all the information from the county, state, everything, as I say, and gave a little synopsis. And other people had a chance to talk, too. We had a lot of doctors on call in rotary, and they were also able to answer a

lot of questions. But anyway, so anyway, Richard, you should know that we're going to miss Richard, and we hope to get him back in the council in the future.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Thank you, Rick. I appreciate that. I'm not leaving until December, but thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Applause is allowed.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So nice.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Very nice. We all need a Rick, share all our lives.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: My agent.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I know. Campaign manager.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That's a hard act to follow. Anybody else? Okay, how about online?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There are no requests on Zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Wait, my mom's going to call in now. Mom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so we're going to close public comments, and we've got item H, which is the Consent Calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Move to approve items two through seven. Your honor, exception of item number 5.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Second.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, we have a motion by Councilmember Montgomery to approve, with the exception of item number 5 and seconded by Councilmember Lesser. But I do need to read something before we take a vote, and that is prior to the approval of the consent calendar, I have an oral announcement related to item number 4, which relates to establishing the salary for the acting City Manager, Talyn Mirzakhonian. Miss Mirzakhonian will be paid a monthly salary of \$27,673 and will continue to receive other benefits as provided by the unrepresented employees compensation plan and her employment agreement. So, we can move on to a vote.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Montgomery?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: May Pro Tem Howorth?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Franklin?

FRANKLIN: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Motion passes, 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: All right. So, we move on to item 8-I, which is items removed from the consent calendar. And that would be item number 5 by Councilmember Montgomery.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: That's me.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, I'm sorry, Steve Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: But I will echo everything that was said about Richard. All jokes aside, that was very kind that you come down and say that, because we don't hear much of that. He's a great guy. Deserves all of it. Thank you. Item number 5, though, is consideration of a commercial encroachment permit. My issue with this item is just for council, but also for the public. I just think that we need some more information for folks to digest. This is an encroachment permit. I understand, but it's in conjunction with some of the use permit conditions, including hours of operation. While it doesn't affect the encroachment permit, we don't know what those are from the staff report on the surface. I think it should be included in that. I think the square footage change should be laid out so that we understand what that is. And like I said, not just for us. We're experienced at reading these things and reading through the resolutions and everything. But I think for the public, they deserve to have what the difference is because, you know, approval of the encroachment. It's an outside on the outside. And so, I think folks should know, you know, how much

it's going to increase, how late they might be open outside, et cetera, etc. So, my motion would be to continue to the next hearing. Just beef up the staff report. Bring that back.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I had some similar questions and actually had an email exchange with Acting Director Heise. And I'm just wondering if maybe it looks like there might even be a PowerPoint deck, if we might want to have that presentation seeing, because it is properly noticed, it is on the agenda. And my hope would be that through the presentation, which I've not seen because it's not in our packet, it might indicate exactly where this easement is and where will continue to be under the proposed project.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Planning Manager Adam Feinstone is here to provide that information.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Let me confirm with Councilmember Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Before we do that, my motion is to continue, if there's a second for that. If not, then continue on with that.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Can I just clarify? Your reason for continuing is just more time to review the material or - -.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: It's to revise the staff report - -

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Oh.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: - - to include the details so that the public

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Is aware.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: - - knows exactly what the differences are between what exists and what they're asking for.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I'm fine with that. I mean, and I would assume it could include the PowerPoint - -

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Of course.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: - - and all of that. Okay, great. I'll second that.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I just have a comment that I had expressed similar concerns as well. That's being a well-traveled path. It's actually the first eating establishment that's on Manhattan Beach Boulevard directly, not the ones with the, not considering the ones at Metlox. But if you're walking down, if you're heading west on Manhattan Beach Boulevard on the north side of the street, you're going to be going past there. So, there's a lot of activity there in that corner. So, we have a motion by Councilmember Napolitano to bring this back, and it's seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Franklin.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Montgomery.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Motion passes, 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, great. Thank you. Moving on to J, item J, public hearings. There are none. Moving on to the K, general business. Item number 8, discussion of options for city identity monument, street identity, post mounted parking identity, free standing and vehicle direction signs. Otherwise known as wayfinding.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Good evening, honorable Mayor, members of the City Council. This evening, City Engineer Katie Doherty will give the presentation.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, great. Thank you.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: Good evening again, Mr. Mayor and honorable Councilmembers. Katie Doherty, City Engineer. I will flip to the first slide. I wanted to mention first that I have Cliff Selbert with Selbert Perkins Design here with us today. He's going to be giving probably the bulk of this

presentation, but I'll introduce some of the history behind the item and why we're here. So, this effort was started back in 2014. Did it flip to the next one? It's off. One second. How do we turn it on? There we go. And during the lifecycle of this project over the last ten years or so, the Beach Classic design is what was selected to be included in the city's wayfinding and signage master plan. The master plan is intended to dictate and solidify the signs that are being placed in the city and create a common look for sort of the hodgepodge that's out there now. Most recently, we were at council, July 18, 2023. During that council meeting, there were a couple of decision points to be made confirming the font, whether we wanted two sided signs, illuminated signs, whether or not to include the business directories in downtown in north Manhattan Beach in our phase one project, which we decided to do, and that's moving forward. And during that meeting, it was decided to keep the white or the Beach Classic theme for the signs. Subsequent to that meeting, council gave us direction to revisit that specifically for the pole mounted street identify signs. We've got a mock up here if anybody wants to know exactly what we're talking about. These signs specifically, we were asked to bring that back and relook at some options for those ones in both the blue and the beach classic or white theme. So, we came back on March 19, 2024, has further discussion and further ideas were brought up during that

meeting. So, we've brought them back here. So, we're going to be discussing that sign, the street identity sign, the blue or white one. But there are four other signs that we're going to run through that are also included in the master plan. And the idea is to show you that we've taken your comments to heart, and this is what we've come up with based on your comments. So, if you have further comments, we're happy to have those, but hopefully we've gotten it right. So, I will let Cliff take over from here. He'll run through the four different signs that we're going to be discussing tonight, and then I'll be back at the end of the presentation. Thank you.

CLIFF SELBERT: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, City Council. Thank you, staff and residents. And it's good to be back. Great to see everybody again. So, let's see. The four signs we'll be talking about tonight include major identity sign. That would be a perimeter of locations in the city to announce when you enter Manhattan. Overhead street name signs. Some of these have been installed already. Now, we're going to start with the City Identity Pylon. This is a sign that's been studied numerous times and to also give you a sense of why the beach idea has caught attention over the years, the idea is that it looks like driftwood, it looks like the beach, some of that. Some people wondered what that pattern might look like. This sign up here shows you how that pattern might work to show what

the beach feel might be. Now, we've looked at, now, if you're aware of some of the identity signs that are out in the streets today, some are built out of old rocks and different styles have been included over the years. But I think what caught our attention originally was the way a lot of these pylons are address signs for the city. So, the original inspiration was this sign. There are signs like it in the city and we developed a variety of versions of it. Eventually, I think the City Council at some point took the peak off and we ended up with a flat top. Now, so the current proposed sign looks like this. The background is supposed to look like weathered white wood. And one of these signs has been installed. I think that's here. Let me go back. So, these are some of the variations on the evolution of this sign type. There are currently proposed, I think, ten of these, and they're at perimeter streets where you enter the city. Other city precedents that you might be familiar with include Marina del Rey, Temple City, Worcester, Massachusetts, some in other cities, but locally, Long Beach, Carson, have signs generally of this vertical style. And the ones you're seeing here, this picture, are all about 20ft tall.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: How tall is ours?

CLIFF SELBERT: The one you have currently - -

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Too tall.

CLIFF SELBERT: - - is 20ft and I'll address that issue when it comes up.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Question to, your honor, the Mayor. Are we taking these one by one or --?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: It's a lot of material. Perhaps we should do that. We'll take each sign type if you want.

CLIFF SELBERT: Sure. Whatever you want.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Well, I mean, you know, then we'll ask. We'll go through the process.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes. The question is, when do you want to do public input?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Well, it would be after this presentation.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, on all of them?

CLIFF SELBERT: I can go through the whole thing and come back.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. All right, let's do it.

CLIFF SELBERT: I'll try to make those efficient for you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: We'll ask questions and then have public input.

CLIFF SELBERT: The current sign as proposed, this version, these little red dots, which I'm sure are hard to see, but essentially, they're at the perimeter of the city as you

enter the city. The existing sign is proposed at 20ft. Here's what it looks like in a couple of other locations rendered in at 20ft. Now you're probably wondering why 20ft? And I've already heard somebody say, well, that's too tall. Well, look at how high lights are, look at how high other signs are. Everything in the city is higher than 20ft, I assure you of that. And here we are with three different proposed heights, 20, 16, and 12. And the way that might look in the city, this is the same locations. A 20-foot sign, a 16-foot sign and a 12-foot sign. Now, I know your first reaction is, well, 12ft looks great. You won't see 12ft. I would say if you want to make it 12ft, don't buy the signs. You will start to see it at 16. But if you truly want to see your entries into the city, we recommend 20ft. And again, look at the surroundings. Everything is much bigger than 20ft. If we do it too much smaller, it will disappear in the environment. And if you'd like me to go back to other precedent signs, typically around 20ft, is what cities have been doing. Okay. The second sign type we're talking about today are Street Name signs. This is an example of probably the one people liked the most last time. But we have a lot of variations and there's still discussion on what color this sign should be. Your current street name signs are here and they're blue. And they include a city logo with a wave shape under the sign that matches this sign here as well. So, the different --.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: (Inaudible.)

CLIFF SELBERT: Pardon me. So, your existing signs again are blue, maybe a little darker blue than this one, but they also include a symbol up here. That symbol, in the past, has just been a sun and a wave in the word Manhattan Beach. So, what we're proposing is to include your new logo. There are a few variations, but we would probably suggest a full color logo because it's easy to do these days, and then put a blue background with the street name in the city on it. So here are a few variations. This one most closely matches your current sign, which is what you're seeing here as the example. There are other options in white and blue. So, one of the decisions to be made hopefully today would be, do you want it to be white or blue? And then these other ideas show you different variations of shapes. This one again is closest to what you have today. These are all different shapes. I just draw your attention really to the top line where it's full color logo with text, full color logo without the text, and then a full color logo or a half color, three color logo here. These are other variations on the shape that you might consider. It's probably too much to look at, but you get the idea. And then here it is in white. So, it could be blue as you have today, or white. And then the third type sign we're looking at today is a Parking Identity Sign. These would be signs that would be at parking lots to help you

know where to park and that it is made visible from a distance. We've added a number and a place which will help with wayfinding. So, people not only have a number, but they have a place where they park. Sometimes if people, I remember, well, I parked a number two, but where the heck is number two? So, there's always a location here, hours of operation as well. The messaging is really set up to be very legible from a vehicle. They all have a logo on them, and these context images give you a feel for their scale. Now, the next sign we are looking at is a Vehicle Direction sign. One of these is over here as an example. Now, when we do vehicle direction signs, there are regulations. The MUTCD is the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. This is a traffic engineering requirement for any signs going a specific speed. In your town, we're going less than 30 mph in some areas, a little over 30 in other areas. In areas of 30 mph, it's required that the height of the cap is four inches. In areas that go up to 40 mph, we need a 6-inch cap height. So, what you're seeing on this sign over here is a 4-inch cap height. Again, surrounding cities such as Long Beach or other cities have included this as well. So, this is actually a little over four, 4-inch cap heighten, which resolves the issue for either 30 mph or 35. Other cities as precedents, in case you've floated through these cities recently, Santa Monica uses this basic structure and outline of sizes. Their colors are a little

different, and the City of Long Beach. Now, originally, we proposed your signs to all be blue. That goes back pretty far, many years. And at the time, the City Council didn't want to look like Long Beach, didn't want to look like Santa Monica, didn't want to look like Hermosa and everybody else. They wanted it to be distinctly and uniquely Manhattan Beach, which is how we got to the white background color, because they felt it felt more beachy. Now, some people have also said, gee, that feels pretty big. Can you show us what it will look like if we did them smaller? So, this shows you the original proposed sign here, a smaller message sign. Now, if we go to smaller signs, we have to start abbreviating words. So instead of North Manhattan Beach, it would be north MB. And the reason for that is, again, the required cap height by the City Engineer, by traffic engineers and national standards. Now, if you want to make it much smaller, you could cut it in half and go with much smaller signs, but then you would double the number of your signs. So, right now, we're proposing, I think, 26 of these. We could go down to smaller signs, and you would end up with 52. We could go yet smaller. You would still end up with 52 signs, but the small size we could recommend would be something like your existing sign, which, by the way, doesn't meet MUTCD codes. So, it has to be a little bit bigger than that sign. Okay, so where would these signs go? The city identity signs would be essentially at

the perimeter locations. There's been some suggestion we add one down here. That's perfectly reasonable idea. We had put one here to kind of identify the city at its origin, but it could easily add one down here. Parking identity signs, there are seven of them. They're primarily around the pier area, around this area here, and then vehicle direction signs. Estimated quantity is 28. I said 26. And these are mostly focused around the urban areas around Highland. There are a few out in the perimeter of the city as well. Thank you.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: Thank you Cliff for that. Okay, today, staff recommends that City Council discuss and provide direction on the use, size, shape, color, and locations of these four signs as they are designed in the way finding and the signage and wayfinding master plan. And that concludes our presentation. We can flip back to any of the slides that you'd like to facilitate discussion.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, colleagues, for questions.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: The only question I would have is one that's been posed by the public in the discussion of blue versus white. Some folks have said we can't see the type on the white background. I know Beverly Hills has black and white. I know it's used in other places. Does it not meet the standards, the highway standards, having white with black lettering?

CLIFF SELBERT: It actually meets the standards. It's one of the better standards. It's the highest contrast we can get is black and white. The only thing we could do differently would be a black background with white letters, which we wouldn't recommend. But the contrast meets all the requirements.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: I would note, too, that some of the signs that were installed as prototypes are not illuminated. I think the illumination definitely helps, especially at nighttime. We do have some of those installed in town already.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Hey, Kathryn, can you go back to slide 5, please. While you're bringing that up, the tree section has, I call the pyramid type, with the post type signs. White - -

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: - - obelisk.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Reflective obelisk. Yeah. There you go. With the reflective tape on the outside of it.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: What is the recommendation for interior city streets? I understand commercial. I get all that. What are we telling residents? Tree sections. You're going to place. You're going to place the blue sign and a post. That's a recommendation for interior streets.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: Is it? I'm just going to point at the board so I make sure they're what you're talking about.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Second. That's it. The obelisk.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: The obelisks are intended to stay. They will not be replaced with the traditional signs.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Got it. And those obelisks that are missing the actual reflective numbers will go back and replace those. Some reason they're either souvenirs or wear and tear. They're gone.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: I think I took Director Lee's microphone so he can't answer.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I have a different recollection of that, by the way.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Our main team is actually in the process of refreshing all the obelisks throughout town, and not only in the tree section, some in the sand section. There's a lot of wear and tear on them. And we're moving from a painted background that fades easily to reflector that's bolted on. That's going to provide more longevity, and it's going to be easier to see for the driving public.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Perfect. Thank you very much. Nothing further, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Mayor Pro Tem.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No, I'll comment later.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Councilmember lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: So, just to confirm on this subject, the post is a cut off top, but it could just as easily, if there was consensus to make something here, it could certainly be an obelisk top, but I'm not sure if we're all going to agree on that.

CLIFF SELBERT: We can make it whatever you want. One idea I'm not sure has ever been talked about is putting a bird up there. You have some seagulls on some signs. I mean, you could make it a little more --.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Is it the bird's residue or the birds?

CLIFF SELBERT: And you can put anything up there. So, yes, we could put the obelisk shape back, but I know there was a comment that came through how we can make these more beachy feelings, and one might just be to put a little sculpture up there as well. So, there are a lot of options.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, I'm going to ask a couple of questions here. I kind of remember in that meeting where we talked about, you know, the big question, blue versus white. I didn't think we were so definitive about the white. Is there any way to recall?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: It's before your time.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No. Do I have to clarify? You mean for the big street? You're just talking about the big street?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, yeah, yeah. This big street sign on slide four.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Decision was made.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: That, we'd made that.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, but what was actually said there? I didn't think it was that clear. I thought it was a --.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: It was a three-two vote.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: It was?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes, it was.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Was it? Did we vote?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yes.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: There was a more, sorry. I'm sorry. So sorry to interrupt. There was a more recent discussion related to these ones specifically, and there was a kind of a general, like of the blue, but there was no formal direction. So, for the overhead hanging lights on the major streets, those were decided to be white some years ago, but it was just these pole mounted street identifier signs within the neighborhoods that was still up for debate, if that helps clarify.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. All right. Another question is, what are the cities doing around nearby? I saw Redondo was going blue, and --.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: Yeah, my understanding is Redondo is going blue.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Green to blue. We don't want to cause confusion. This is supposed to eliminate the confusion.

CLIFF SELBERT: Most cities seem to choose blue. Now, I'm not sure I can explain why that is. Just a color everybody seems to feel comfortable with. White was originally chosen to make you unique and to not blend in with all the other cities, and that, again, was a decision made many years ago.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: But the question is, like, is Hermosa sticking with brown, brown and gold lettering?

CLIFF SELBERT: I don't know.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: I don't know the answer to that. I did hear a rumor that they might be changing as well, but I can't confirm that. Right now, it's blue. Sorry. It's brown with the yellow writing, I think.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: For their street signs.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: For the street sign.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Not the major streets.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So, our big street signs that are hanging above major intersections that have a light box are going to be white background, black lettering.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: That's right. With the color illuminated. We installed one at Manhattan Beach Boulevard in Peck recently.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. And with the color logo?

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: With the color logo, yes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. I just wanted to make sure that we're. We're clear. I must have been the number two vote.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I recall expressing a preference for blue, but I think we lost that major battle on this highly important issue to you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Well, we're brothers in arms,

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: And I actually had been in the majority and came back to say, hey, wait, I like the blue street sign. So, I think that's the genesis of that discussion.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, we voted three times. Okay.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No, not quite more than that.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. And now so here's my questions about the city identity pylons. I think that might have been my comment that, that doesn't remind me of any beach. It doesn't remind me of driftwood. It doesn't really evoke warm, fuzzy

feelings about, you know, that we have about Manhattan Beach.
It's just a big poll.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: A comment or question? Is that a question?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah. So, where did that design come from in terms of, you know.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I thought we killed that, to be honest.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: We did?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I thought we did. I thought we made very clear at the last meeting we didn't want vertical 20-foot signs. But again, this has become fuzzy because it's been going on since 2014, and in every iteration, somebody doesn't like something.

CLIFF SELBERT: The evolution of this, as I explained, came from the pyramid, top of the streets throughout the city. That's where it started. I don't. I know there were suggestions to make it shorter, and that's what the other slide was addressing. But if there's more to it that you'd like to explore, we're happy to do it.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Mayor, can I jump in for a second?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Sure.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: So just to provide a little more clarity, we are, we awarded a contract recently to do phase one of our wayfinding, which is the general signs to get our residents and visitors to our parking structures. Over the last few months, the conversation at the council level has been, yes, go do that. But please don't install these big pylons without further direction. Don't install big wind sails on light poles without further direction. And there was not unanimity on the neighborhood signs of whether we're doing white or blue and whether we're doing the old logo with our new, I'm sorry, the old mountain with the new logo on it. And you wanted to have a conversation about that as well. We made, actually, some significant strides over the past couple years with a big leg of this project going. And these are some of the outstanding issues that the council wanted to talk about. The reason that this a one sign is for discussion is because it's actually in the adopted plan and we've heard some feedback. Don't do that. And so, we want to get a disposition on that. Are we doing those or no? And if we are going to do them, then in the future we'll plan for that. If not, we're going to focus on other things, sort of with some of these other signs. Want to check in with the council to make sure we're doing what you want us to do.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So, thank you for that clarification. So, to continue with my questions, how about

safety on these big polls, these city identity polls? We've had DUIs around here. They're smashing into polls, knocking things over. I mean, how rugged are they?

CLIFF SELBERT: They're pretty rugged, and certainly as rugged as any street light. And they're built with power, strong foundations. I actually have never seen anybody hit one yet in any town. They tend to hit other things first, but they're pretty substantial.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: The police are over there going, no.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And then just about the top. The questions about the top, whether it's clean cut or - -

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: - - the obelisk style.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Obelisk style. I mean, just from a maintenance standpoint, if you have something flat up, there isn't dirt, and everything going to accumulate.

CLIFF SELBERT: We put a slight percentage grade on there, so it drains. And so, it drains easily. Birds still might perch up there, but though we can put pins on top to prevent that as well.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. I know we got some pretty tenacious pigeons. Okay. And then, so, I'll leave it here for now. Give other people opportunity. Anybody else?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No more questions. Lots of comments.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. And let's take it to public comments.

ERIC ENGELMAN: I'm confident that around southern California, there are signs that are perfectly legible and crystal clear that at 100 years old, when you look at them, they look like they're baked porcelain. Some of these guys, he's nodding. And so, I'm looking at this sign, and I'm thinking, I hope that's linear polyurethane aircraft paint, because for a beautiful sign like that to hold up for 100 years, I'm thinking, I don't know. So, I'll give that to you.

CLIFF SELBERT: The current fabrication would be, the fabrication would be aluminum coated with actually aircraft or vehicle paint. And they'll last, they'll last at least 25, 30 years. If we did them out of porcelain, which would be fabulous, they will last 100 years. But the expense of doing that is fairly prohibitive these days.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [inaudible]

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Excuse me, sir. We can't have a dialogue here. Okay? We got to get to other public comments.

CLIFF SELBERT: But they will last.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Anybody else have a public comment?

STEFAN KAMPA: I'm speaking on behalf of my wife, who could not make the meeting tonight. Rita Kampa. Signage, the most important aspect of all signage is to keep it at a minimum while enhancing visibility for the street signs. Option 4C in white with a black outline gives the vibe of our beach with a wave curve. Keeping the block number on the sign is very important. For the city signs at the main entrance areas, I prefer the obelisk shape. Which mimics what we have on the ground level of the streets at medium height. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, thank you. Next, any other comments? Seeing none online.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There's no request on zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so we'll close public comments and go on to council discussion. Mayor Pro Tem.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Thank you. Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your Honor, is this where we're going one by one? Comment on them individually?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, I think that makes sense. That way we don't have to go.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay, where do you want to start?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, start at the beginning.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: What is the first? The first one is the overhead white sign.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: No, the vertical monument sign.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Oh, lord. You mean, the as you, sorry.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Vertical monument sign.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Vertical monument sign. All right.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes. AO1.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Gosh, I didn't really want to talk about that one.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I can talk about it. I'm happy to.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Go ahead. I look forward to your comments, Councilmember Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you. As I said earlier, things have gotten fuzzy over the years because we've gone through this and different councils had and it seems to change every time. Lack of consensus. And I was on council when we came with this idea for the beach vibe. I can't say I'm happy with execution though. I'm sorry. But, you know, it doesn't look like driftwood or anything like that. It looks to me like oxidation. Not a, not a pattern, not anything, not a design. And

so, I can't say I'm especially happy with that. That's the background as far as the monument sign itself goes. I've seen the one up at Rosecrans in Sepulveda. I think it's horrible. It's too tall, too imposing. It's not welcoming. I really, as a monument sign for the city, feel that we should just take the logo because it's redundant to say Manhattan Beach than have the logo that says Manhattan Beach since 1912. Take the logo, 4X4, 5X5. Especially there at Rosecrans, Sepulveda. There's one in the median already. It doesn't have to be on the corner. It was done well in the corner at Artesia and Aviation and that was horizontal. When we have the ability, when the Fries Property gets redone, we have the ability to do that then as well. In the meantime, there are other places where we have the Flintstone entry signs, the pseudo rock things that could be replaced. Throw the city logo. Beautiful logo. Got the pier, got the ocean, has the sunset sky, Manhattan Beach in it. Make that large enough to replace the ones that we have out there now and leave it at that. Last thing I want to see is 20-foot high Manhattan Beach signs at every entrance to town. Thank you, your honor.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Now, I'll comment. I support that.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Mayor Pro Tem.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So, I think David and I and Steve and Richard were all on the council in 2014, started talking about you.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Not me. In spirit.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: In spirit. Well, maybe you just were commenting to us, but, yeah, I don't, I think back then we said, oh, let's not even talk about these verticals right now. We just didn't. I just didn't like them, and we didn't. Nobody could understand them. Thank you. But I like what you're suggesting, Steve. If we were going to do vertical, I'd want to be like an obelisk so it would at least refer back. But they're not welcoming. They're going to be missed. So, I like your idea, but I think if there's consensus that we don't like the vertical ones, I think we move on to the next ones. But unless you guys want to try to, because they're still going to have to come back then and show us what that would look like.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Right.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So that's what I would suggest.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Councilmember Montgomery.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Thank you, your honor. We still have, Eric the picture of the Artesia Aviation sign. Anywhere you can pull that up. Those are driven by Artesia Aviation. You've seen it. It's set back in there in that corner.

If you look at it, it's fantastic. Clean. No doubt what it is, and it's not up in the air.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Northwest corner. Northwest corner.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Northwest corner. Fantastic. I wish you could do all of that throughout the city entranceway. And there's no one doesn't look at it and go, that's pretty cool what you guys did there. I didn't know Director Lee had a copy of my phone. I'm sorry. A picture of that anywhere. You can load in there?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Looking for it.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: While you're looking, while you're looking, the reason why this is so unusual is that we talked about this for ten years, folks, and we know when different councils come in, they want pink signs or white signs or blue signs, whatever the color may be. We finally decided to get to the white commercial signage. That's one step now, the next step, the streets. You talked about thee section or the hill section or the east side. You want to tell them what's consistently across the board. You want to keep the traditional obelisk signs and tree section. Great. Make them all happy. As long as they've got the reflective bolted seal, they'll take one on with souvenir. That's perfect. These, that doesn't care so much. They don't have obelisk over there. That'd be happy with a

street sign on the east side of Manhattan Beach. But whatever we're going to do, it needs to be consistent. Wherever you're going to do it, and then get it started. Ten years to get something done. This isn't Washington or Sacramento, it's Manhattan Beach. So, it shouldn't take us ten years to get the final decision on what you want to do and start it. And then council behind us, we're going to have to do it all over again. So, let's get it moving. Whatever we're going to decide tonight, get it done, get out of the way. That's it, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I think, ultimately, we're going to give direction on where there's agreement and where there might be disagreement. We might defer that to a future date. My own thought is I'm not a fan of the scale of the vertical pole. I think it goes so far away from what was when I lived in the tree section, something that really was comforting in part of our neighborhood, which were these small-scale obelisks, to say it in the plural. I would be in favor of something far smaller than the largest one. But then, as the speaker has indicated, our consultant, then you kind of lose the purpose of it serving as signage marking signage of entry to the city. I like Councilmember Napolitano's idea, by Mayor Pro Tem Howorth, where we take advantage of this wonderful logo. I think. Do we know people that worked on that logo? I think two Councilmembers in

conjunction with our graphic designer with the city, and then an outside resident I think helped come up with this logo. It really was a community-based logo and it reflects this beautiful color of our community. I support it. Where I might agree to disagree is, I sort of like the Flintstone's style entry marker and I recognize there will be disagreement on that. But I do think it's distinctive and I still throw like it. But as for the vertical marker, I would agree with the growing consensus is that the large-scale monument is perhaps not where we're going to want to be going.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes. And so, to sort of wrap it up, I think we're in agreement to re-evaluate and come back. Just for the record, I had stated it before, pardon me, during my questions, but I. It just doesn't feel warm at all. I've just even started to even question the need for all these. I mean, we all know where we are in our cars and on our phones. I mean, if you need a sign like that to figure out, oh, I'm in Manhattan Beach, maybe we should send you back and get reevaluated for your license. So, well, I mean, it just. People know where they are and we're talking about, you know, 15 or so signs. And then poor El Porto was left out, you know, up at 45th street, which is where Manhattan Beach begins. So, I'm glad that was rectified, but I guess. Do we have consensus on reevaluating?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: This one?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yep.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Enough direction?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, I don't know, your honor, I think reevaluation shouldn't be the direction. Direction is something other than a 20-foot monument vertical sign.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Well said.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Which, you know, it reads as one word up and down like the line of an eye chart. So, we don't want a vertical monument sign. Emphasize the logo. If we're going to be having these things as entry signs, I think that's clear direction for them, because otherwise we're just going to. Next council will see, oh, vertical monuments.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: All good?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah, that's consistent. So, I have comments on the next one.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Well, I would imagine. Why don't you lead off?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Thank you. The street identity overhead, is that where we all are?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yay. I like, I like them as proposed. I like the white with the black with the logo, illuminated, double sided. I was at New York City recently and.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Are you on A04? That's not the street signs or are you talking about overhead?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Street identity overhead, I thought.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Oh, that wasn't the next one, sorry.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Oh, I'm going, sign types under review. It was page 219. I'm sorry. It's all, yeah.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Is that addressed again?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Well, I thought these were the ones under review, so that's why I was. Is that okay?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: A03, right?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay, sorry.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: And I also don't have my glasses, so I can't see the numbers, but I can read this sign, so. And what was funny is I was in New York City recently and having to talk to some people in the lobby, and I said, oh, you're from Manhattan Beach. Oh, you have those great signs with the black letters on the white. I'm like, you're kidding me, right? But so, and so, she was talking about Marine Avenue. Her

friend lives on Marine Avenue. She loves the sign. So, that's why I'm supporting this. No, I just think those are great. So, I would say, yes, we're done on that. That would be me.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I'll make that a second, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah, I didn't know they were up for review because there's not a separate section further in the form.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So, what page should I be on?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: No, no, there isn't. I mean, this is it.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: No, I understand that. Yeah.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That's A03.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I had one question for the Public Works Director, if I could. Sorry. Multitasking. It does appear that the black of the lettering is fading on one of the signs. And I'm wondering if that was just a mockup, perhaps. Correct.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Correct. That's a mock up just to demonstrate what it could look like.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Before it starts fading? Right.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: And before we do a full rollout with the type of coding materials that we have been suggested already.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: You're welcome.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: As a follow up to that question, your honor, we did have an issue at one point as to, I think, the type itself, whether it's too spread out, horizontal or too. It wasn't. We weren't able to fit some of the street names in there that we'd have to abbreviate or we wouldn't be able to add on the block numbers. Is that correct?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Yes. So, a few council meetings ago. A few times ago that we talked about this, one of the questions was to move away from the Spartan MB font to something that is more condensed, especially for longer street names. And the direction from the council was to keep the Spartan MB font on the signs.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: That might need to be revisited, then.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Well, that's the first bullet here on page 3.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: The consequences of that is for the longer signs. We need to start abbreviating three some of the words.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Do we know that the fonts that we currently have on the street signs, on the residential street signs, because it has a bit of a serif on it. I don't know if our designer knows.

CLIFF SELBERT: I don't know the existing one.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I don't remember that we agreed to keep spartan. I mean, I like it.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We talked about the difficulty. I don't recall what the final outcome was.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I remember that, too.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: There was concern, but there was concern about not being able to fit the information that folks wanted to fit on there.

CLIFF SELBERT: We could. We could study the long names and come up with a solution for them specifically, which might be tightening up the letter spacing or just modifying the font slightly. But in terms of consistency, I would recommend you keep the Spartan everywhere because probably only a few instances where we would have to adjust it.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Any more? So, actually, I have a question. I find that the block numbers are really, really helpful. Are they going to be put on those signs, the A03 signs? We don't see it in the example. No, no. The A03.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No, they're not on those, right?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I mean, that's where I find it. That. Yeah, well, that's where I find it. The most helpful.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Page 219.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Is that the major intersection?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: 219.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: That's where I am. Yeah. He's talking about the overhead.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, right there. It is there?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: [inaudible]

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We don't have that now, do we?

CLIFF SELBERT: No.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I just remember on Sepulveda, there is a north and a south. Sepulveda, Manhattan Beach, there's a north and a south that starts, what, at first street, right? Second Street?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: I think it's inconsistent throughout the city, I think. That's one of the, that was one of the impetus behind the whole program to begin with is to get it consistent. As proposed, as we've been implementing. These major arterial signs at intersections, they don't have the block numbers on them for the neighborhood signs. The police

department has made it clear that that's very helpful to have block numbers on the neighborhood signs.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I think the Mayor is correct about something. And I thought we distinguished between the overhead hanging signs. And there's a name for it that you've used several times. I'm not sure.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Street Identity Overhead.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: But the one, the larger scale one that we've just agreed should be white and black versus the street signs of the residential streets, which would definitely have the block number on it. Did we not reach that direction in our last meeting? Because I'm also a little bit confused as to what we agreed on and issues that we left open.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: I think there is strong interest in having that conversation and for the reasons that have been discussed. And so, I think we're looking for that direction tonight.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Okay. Because I'm thinking to the extent there's a council majority that wants to go with the black and the white, I myself prefer the blue, but this is going on too long. We have other issues on our agenda tonight is we had distinguished between the white for the larger signs and then the blue for the residential signs.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes. I think the issue is block numbers.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Block numbers. And the Mayor is asking, well, what about block numbers on the overhead?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Which I think would make work.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, any more comments here?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: On the overhead?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, on the block numbers on the overhead, because I want to ask public safety.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I think we'd have to see mock ups. How does it fit on there?

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

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Well, will they fit on it?

CLIFF SELBERT: It'll be tight.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: What font would it drop down to? 0 or 2?

CLIFF SELBERT: In other cities, we haven't added the block numbers on the overheads, only on the street signs.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We have our GPS, Joe, we'll be fine.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Yeah, I agree, but I'm asking public safety. They're the ones speeding down the street, you know, going to calls and I know --.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We're going to keep them on the street signs? Okay.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: These are at major intersections you're going.

CAPTAIN ENRIQUEZ: I think if we're, you know, the block numbers are helpful, especially in the neighborhoods. That's always good. Where they come. Most helpful on the larger overhead street signs is when we're actually having mutual aid response or other cities come in rather than have to say you're east or west of Sepulveda or north or south of Manhattan Beach Boulevard. If they can just look at the block numbers, it's helpful. But like you're saying too, we'll make it work however you decide.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So, what it would be?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: No, no, I more than understand.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I know, I'm clarifying. You're talking about something like that. That would be, okay. I was just asking.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Just right there, right under where it says boulevard.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Let's get examples back on our future meeting.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah, good idea.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah. If we can just get examples back. Real life, just like you have behind you, Katie. Right. Just so we can kind of maybe put one up on the street, then we can all drive by at 45 miles an hour.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Exactly.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Not me. I'm following the speed limit.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: You know, maybe I'm just old school, I don't know. But I don't want to be looking. We don't want distracted drivers, you know, trying to figure out if they're north or south and what block they're at when they're on their major arterial streets. So, thank you for that suggestion. Okay, we can move on. And thank you, captain.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Your honor, as it relates to comments that Councilmember Montgomery had about Artesia and Aviation, we actually have an image that we can pull up on the screen to show the council if you wanted to revisit that yet again.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Mr. Mayor, show her we talked through that.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Oh, that's so nice.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Clean. Notice, no numbers on it, but you can see how clean that is.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, it's on the Chase wall?

ACTING CITY MANAGER MIRZAKHANIAN: It's on the Chase Bank retaining wall.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Perfect.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Pretty good, Richard. I mean Councilmember Montgomery.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Didn't take us ten years to get that baby either.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, because it was on private property.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's our property.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, yeah, I guess so. Okay, so now that. Now, the street signs, I think, we thank you for that. Now, the A04 street signs. Blue. We've decided on blue, I think. Okay. Any other?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, going with 4A, full color logo.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah, like so 4A, without text, though.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Without text.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah. Logo without text.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Full color logo without text. Yeah. We have to have text on this.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. And you don't want the little bump up? The bump up like we're showing. There is only the logo to me.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: That just shrinks the logo that much more.

CLIFF SELBERT: This is taken from the existing signs.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: It's hard for people at home to see that, maybe.

CLIFF SELBERT: But that little shape is an existing shape.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: So, one option would be to replace what we currently have with just the full logo to the left. If we were to keep the shoe design, even though I understand it would be redundant if we did the full logo, which has Manhattan Beach, but we could just do the visual of the logo without Manhattan Beach and then have the wording Manhattan Beach to the right is in that mock up that you're holding, right?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Could you bring, could you come to the front? Because I feel like it's not. Nobody but us can see that. I'm sorry. Is that okay?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes. Oh, of course.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I can't see that far anymore.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So, for all the viewers at home, Kate's going to be like a school librarian.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: It's all white.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So, this shape is slightly different than the shape - -

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Excuse me one second.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yup.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Can we get the full camera on this, please, instead of on the slideshow? Is there a chance to get the full screen camera?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I guess my issue with it is the new iteration is gray. And again, it's a shape that doesn't necessarily lend itself to anything.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: The shoe, the current?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: The shoe.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So, the thing that we're holding here or that we, the, Engineer Doherty is holding.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, now you can switch it around.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Is what we have now.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: It doesn't follow the curve of the circle.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: And so, we're discussing. I just, it's very confusing. I just wanted like to keep that versus what we have. Look at that. And so, Councilmember Lesser

said, well, we could have the logo and it could say Manhattan Beach next to it. That was an idea he had. The ideas in our slide deck are just like a round bump up. So, without the shoot. Okay, enough. Enough translating for the members. Concerned about public engagement. I make, I care about blue. I care about four color and no words on the logo. I will.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Get rid of the shoe. And the logo and I'm good with Manhattan Beach.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. Logo. I like that. Get rid of the shoe. Yes. Love.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: The shoe doesn't add anything.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, the shoe is a mockup of a wave?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: So, you go with just the bump.

CLIFF SELBERT: We could do alternative ways.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I like that logo. No text then Manhattan Beach. Right?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'm with full color, A4. Or this without the shoe.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: That without the shoe, I like.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Make a motion.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Richard.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Made the motion.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: State your motion.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah, that.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Here, your microphone.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Thank you all for your patience. I like this blue sign with the four-color logo. No shoe. And the words Manhattan Beach to the right of it.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Was that a motion?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: That was a motion.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: You said, I like.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I like. I make a motion, but that's the sign we should do.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I'll make the second for that.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I never want to talk about this again, but I'm so grateful to get the blue signs.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I really wanted to clarify, because we had gone back and forth in terms of the block number.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Absolutely. One hundred percent.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: That will still be on there.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: That same sign without the shoe.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yup.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yup. Just enlarge the logo.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. And you're okay with that?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yup.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Love it. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So, do we have it? We have a motion - -

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: And a second.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: - - as we described. And a second. And can we have a vote, please?

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilor Montgomery.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yes finally.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Franklin.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Hmm, yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Motion passes, 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That'll take care of all those people who say, I got lost at Manhattan Beach. Okay, so, now, is there one more vehicle? Oh, the parking options. So, the B01 vehicle direction.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: I think we also have A05 to confirm.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, A05. Parking freestanding. Thank you. Parking identity freestanding, on page 229.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I make a motion.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, and I second.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Is there an option there? I don't see one.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Comments?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I suggest on not doing it all.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: So, just to confirm, we've gone back and forth on blue or just white for these? We just would go white because that's consistent with the larger overhead signs, correct?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I'm agnostic, but I'm supporting what is presented on the page. I think it's clean.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, I would go with it without the, whatever that's supposed to be. Gray driftwood look.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: That's, oh.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: To be clear, which sign are we talking about? There's A05 on the screen right now.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: A05.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: But A05 on the screen is white, and that's drifty.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I can't tell because it's so small.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Oh, I don't like. No, that looks dirty.

CLIFF SELBERT: Well, maybe we should look at a different pattern, because if it's pure white, you might think it looks like a hospital.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Like a what?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I said, the microphone can get closer.

CLIFF SELBERT: I would recommend, if that we continue to look at that pattern so it does look like a piece of wood. Otherwise, I think it's going to look --.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I've looked at it long enough.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Why don't we do blue, guys? Let's go to blue.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yeah, go with blue.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I mean, yeah. Who didn't want to do blue? I don't remember. No blame.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'm fine with white.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Your honor, there's a question for the.

CLIFF SELBERT: The white will be more visible on the land.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yeah. The white's more visible than blue.

CLIFF SELBERT: Yes. Yes.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Then let's do white.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: White it is.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Maybe we need mock ups of this. This is something that come back.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, there's a lot of writing on it. I can't tell what it is on this.

CLIFF SELBERT: It's hours of operation.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I mean. Okay, Councilmember Lesser, you're saying we bring it back? I mean, because. And what we would be bringing back would be pure white because the consultant, you know, is saying that would look too much like a hospital.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I was going to support you on your initial motion. I liked it. I thought it was white. But now that we study the mock up that it's gray and it has a pattern, and we're hearing from the consultant that's urging us not to go with white.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah, that's fair. That's fair.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Nearest hospital is 10 miles away. I'm not really worried about a hospital.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Just to confirm, you were saying that white is the best choice.

CLIFF SELBERT: Well, white is the most visible in the landscape.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Okay. Most visible.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I still want to do it. But do we need a mock up? Do you guys want to mock up before we make a decision?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We have a blue outline, white interior. I mean, to me, this report, everything is so small on this one sign, the other ones, we have all these options. This, there's one option. This is what it looks like, and it's all in the distance. So, to me, it's hard to say this is great or not.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Do you want to make the same recommendation then for to come back with this one, which is A05 and then also B01, which looks like it is also printed on that kind of driftwood-ish kind of background. And I would like to see it mocked up as white to see if it looks, you know, friendly enough and accessible enough. I feel like it's very easy to read, but if we get it mocked up as white, would that satisfy us all here? Okay, let's do that then.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: It's always better to see it in real.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No, that's fair.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Mayor Pro Tem, do you want to have, as long as we're doing mock ups, do we want to get blue as well as white or just come back with white?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I'm agnostic. My favorite word tonight.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I favor the white because I think it would be more visible.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay, I'm good with that.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so is that clear direction?

CLIFF SELBERT: So, you want to see a mock up?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Clear as mud.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: George is that good? Okay. All right.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We made a decision on the street, the neighborhood signs. We made a decision on the overhead signs.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Now, it's vehicle direction.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: All right, we have one more be over. That's the same thing, though. That's also, doesn't that also have the --?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I thought we just said we were coming back with mockups.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah, I said we're coming back with that one.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, we're coming back with the parking.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Okay, so which mockup, though, do you want mockup for the proposed panel, abbreviated messages, smaller panels or existing directions?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: One or two?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I think that's the question. What you want to see the mockup of?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay, the mockup on white.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Page 233.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: What do you guys think? Full language or abbreviated? A small, slightly small. I think slightly smaller maybe.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'm fine with abbreviated.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah. The 6X3X3 with north MB instead of North Manhattan Beach.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: We should reduce signages where we can --.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Can I just ask the consultant, what are we looking at in the corner of the room? The mockup?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: That one over there.

CLIFF SELBERT: The largest one on the bed.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Is there any way to pull that off where it's from and just sort of hold it up?

CLIFF SELBERT: Sure.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, we can see the full, full sign plan.

CLIFF SELBERT: [inaudible]

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Is that the actual veneer material that's used?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I guess my question was seeing that is there's so much empty space there. Like the P for parking is so small compared to the size of the sign.

CLIFF SELBERT: Yeah. Well, we can adjust certain sizes. We're trying to maintain a four-inch cap height here. Anything else can get bigger or smaller.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: The P is the important part.

CLIFF SELBERT: And it said that this spacing, just so it's very legible, between 30 and 40 mph.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, can I just see the bottom? So, what's on the bottom of it? Okay, North Manhattan. Okay, are we, is that El Porto or is that North Manhattan Beach?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: That's on our pier.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: North Manhattan Beach.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Oh, that's here because North Manhattan Beach is to the right.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. No, I just mean the verbiage. Do we want to --?

CLIFF SELBERT: Yeah. All the messages will be checked by everybody.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: North Manhattan Beach north of 3rd Street?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: They brand themselves as North Manhattan Beach. You can say El Porto for north of Rosecrans.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Don't call them late for dinner.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So, does that satisfy for the large?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I was, I was for the second one, the abbreviated.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah. The second one is 6ft instead of 7ft. So, I, personally, that's the one I was thinking about. I think it's still big enough. I would make the P slightly bigger because I think that's the thing that we're trying to drive people towards.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Agree.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So, that's a mock up I'd want to see.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Right. 6Ft.

CLIFF SELBERT: With bigger P.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Number two choice. Of the five choices you gave us on page 233. It's a second choice.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Second from the left.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Second from the left. Okay, thanks.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Anything else?

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: If I could just comment on that. The larger signs, there is some concern whether or not our existing poles can hold that large of a sign. So, if we were to go with the smaller size signs, there would be less of that concern. But the six-foot sign, we may still have that issue and need to result in either replacing poles or doing a structural analysis on the poles.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Not interested in paying to replace poles for signs.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: In that case, I'd recommend a smaller sign.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Signs are going to drive the poles.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: In which case do we want mockups of the three-foot ones that would not require replacement of signs. So, we asked for that.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Honestly, I don't need a mockup of that one.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah, let's do that. Because I thought we had to have them this big. I think they're too big. Yeah, let's do the three. The three ones. Yep.

CITY ENGINEER DOHERTY: Thank you.

CLIFF SELBERT: And while we get those, I recommend we get together outside and look at them because that'll really help you understand. By getting, by looking at them outdoors, you'll really understand the impact on a car and what it's like to drive.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, I think we're finished with that short one. So, we're going to recess until ten minutes after eight. 8:10.

[City Council went into Recess]

MAYOR FRANKLIN: All set. Okay, here we go. Item number nine, discussion of Waste Management's request for an extraordinary rate increase for modifications to diversion requirements. So, Public Works Director Lee.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Good evening, honorable Mayor and members of the City Council. Tonight, we have this

item to discuss with you. This is requested by the council at your August 6 meeting, and a quick recap. In March of 2024, WM requested an extraordinary rate increase and modification to their diversion provisions of their contract. The rationale for the rate increase was to offset significant increases in labor costs, and WM also requested new fees, commercial organic waste collection fee and a commercial rollout service fee. And then as it relates to diversion, WM continues to struggle, meeting our diversion requirement of 50%. And so, these are all items that they requested. Relief from the city on the on June 26, the city responded, denying the extraordinary rate increase and denying the implementation of new rates. And the rationale behind that is our franchise agreement, which was enacted in 2020, specifically prohibits such increases based on changes in wage rates and benefits and as a path to get the city to be able to consider this request. Staff suggested that WM pose an amendment to the contract to actually allow for this type of basis for an increase to be considered. And then the two new rates that they proposed are also specifically prohibited under our franchise agreement. As it relates to the diversion requirements, the provisions of the franchise agreement require us to meet and confer, and our first meeting to meet and confer over these diversion issues is scheduled for August 27 next week. And then on July 15, WM sent a letter to the city with a copy to the

council responding to our June 26 letter. Essentially, they respectfully disagreed with the need for a contract amendment and believes that the city has the ability to consider this extraordinary rate increase now, and they're seeking immediate relief from the City Council, and they're also proposing solutions to ongoing diversion challenges. Furthermore, if issues cannot be resolved, WM is requesting that the contract be rebid for solid waste services in 2027, rather than the city enacting its optional three contract years. So, we have a seven-year agreement with three additional optional years at the city's discretion to enact, and so they would want us to rebid after the seven base years are included. An important note for the council to understand is that under the agreement, WM is entitled to request annual rate increases in accordance with the trash and garbage collection CPI, which is a national statistic. And they've done that every year under this contract, and the city has approved that every year under this contract. And those increases have totaled over 24% since its exception. And Waste Management is present with us this evening and Kim Ort, their public sector territory manager. We'll be giving a five-minute brief presentation to council outlining their request, and then we're ready for any questions or comments that you may have.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you.

WM AREA MANAGER ORT: Good evening, honorable Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is Kim Ort and I am the area manager here with my other local WM colleagues. Sorry, I do not have my glasses. Thank you. That's much better.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, you're in Manhattan Beach?

WM AREA MANAGER ORT: I am in Manhattan Beach. I see the blocks numbers. So, let's go back, let's rewind. Let's start over.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: No problem. Sorry.

WM AREA MANAGER ORT: I'm area manager here and with others from local WM that serves this amazing city, thank staff for their hard work and dedication and providing us the opportunity to explain our request for an extraordinary adjustment. And of course, thank you, council, for your consideration tonight. Wow. Four decades of partnership. On behalf of WM. I want to thank you for allowing us to be a part of this amazing community. It's truly been an honor to serve you. Together, we have invested in the community and in our schools. Many of our recycling programs offered in Southern California started right here in Manhattan Beach. You guys have been the trendsetters. We share your enthusiasm for sustainability and the commitment to the community. Now, as a reminder, our most recent agreement started in 2020 after an RFP process conducted by a third party. In 2017, WM was awarded

based on unmatched experience and we have saved the city. It was a ten-million-dollar savings that was passed on to the residents as well as the businesses. Since then, as we all know, a lot has changed. These uncommon market changes have impacted nearly every aspect of our business, which we have absorbed. We're here tonight to talk about the shift in the labor market and the direct impact to the cost of the businesses we provide in Manhattan Beach. This is not just a waste industry issue and certainly not unique to WM. Every major industry and employer is experiencing a significant increase in their wages. I'm sure you've recently heard about Disney and their employees wanting a major wage increase. The Hollywood strike impacting our famous and lovely favorite TV shows. The doubling of minimum wage since 2017. And I know that you've seen this here, right here in the city, and I'm not going to provide any data on that since there's some in this room, but you guys have definitely seen the wage increases. In this region, WM has experienced a 25% increase in driver wages. We've already incurred over half a million dollars in labor expenses. And we're not seeking retro and a retro adjustment. We're just asking to be making made whole moving forward. So, what are we asking for tonight and how does it equate? This equates to \$7.50 per home per year. That's \$0.63 per month. Let's put that in comparison. Today, I was at Starbucks in Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Highland and I spent

\$6.25 on a venti caramel latte. Macchiato, sorry. It was nonfat, by the way. And that doesn't even include, that doesn't even include the tip. We feel that our request is reasonable and customary for the industry. And it is addressed in our agreement. And section 5.5 allows for consideration of your request. And let me kind of read the words. Cities shall review companies' request in its City's Sole Judgment and Absolute direction, Discretion, sorry. Make final determination as to whether an adjustment to maximum rates will be made. We respectfully request your consideration for this very important adjustment to allow us to maintain the high level of service, safety, and community partnership we've built together over many, many decades. We thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to present. And I have a whole team here that's ready and here to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. Council, any questions?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah, I have a question. Oh, I think I pressed it. Can you all hear me? I'm not sure who it is addressed to. With regards to residential food waste, is that proposed? Because right now there's no charge for that. But there will be a charge for that going forward.

WM AREA MANAGER ORT: No, that's okay. Our request is just an increase of \$0.63 month.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. All right.

WM AREA MANAGER ORT: And just to be clear, we don't want to talk about the diversion right now. That will be another discussion at a later date.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Thank you for that clarification. That was going to be another question. Thank you. That's all I have.

WM AREA MANAGER ORT: No, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your honor. So, the city staff, and maybe in particular to the City Attorney or to our Director of Public Works, why the discrepancy in the interpretation of the contract as far as whether or not it is expressly prohibited or allowed?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: So, the contract reads, no adjustments may be made for inaccurate estimates by company of its proposed cost of operations, unionization of company workforce, change in wage rates or employee benefits, or the implementation or discontinuation of mandatory recycle requirements. And then it goes on to describe how rate increases would be evaluated. And in that same section, then it talks about the sole and absolute discretion on the city.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Right. And so, my question to WM would be then, it started out as a request for a labor to address the increase in labor costs and other costs as well. And

now you're just saying you want an increase. Are you not tying it to anything? You just want an increase?

WM AREA MANAGER ORT: No, no, no.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And that's how it comes in under the contract language currently? Because if it expressly prohibits increases because of labor costs, then you're not asking for increase based on labor costs or just an increase in general?

WM AREA MANAGER ORT: Yeah, go ahead.

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: Good evening, honorable Mayor, members of the council. I'm Sandra Persley. I'm the Area Director of Public Sector Services for WM. I oversee all of our municipal agreements in Southern California. In terms of, we are seeking an adjustment of \$0.63 per, home per month for standard residential services. We did provide the labor wage increase as justification. Truly, since the start of the agreement, many of our cost factors have increased exponentially. Labor was the easiest to show on paper and to demonstrate, but we are seeking a \$0.63 increase, whether you want to tie that to labor.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I get it. \$0.63. I know you want to repeat that. I get it. 63, but. Okay. So, it's in general?

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: In general, we would like, we need an increase of the amount already stated multiple times.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: And what or how many requests, similar requests have you made to other cities that you work with?

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: First, I want to be clear that while the regular rate adjustment formula, there's an annual adjustment that's customary for all franchise agreements, whether they're with WM or any provider, there's an annual escalation process based off of CPI. So, we have had that adjustment on an annual basis. We have not made any extraordinary increased adjustments since the start of this agreement. We have made labor requests. This is really, we've made extraordinary increase requests in many jurisdictions during my nearly 20 years with the company.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I'm talking about because of these factors that you're saying are happening in Manhattan Beach or affect our collection, at least your contract. So, what other jurisdictions are you going and asking them for increase in right now?

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: The City of Santee approved an adjustment in January. The City of Mission Viejo just recently approved a very similar adjustment.

We requested the same adjustment in the City of Rolling Hills Estates. It's really based on the timing of our CBA agreements with the union. And we saw these increases specific to Manhattan Beach in October of 2022. We have been negotiating. Not all of our CBA agreements expire at the same time. So, I anticipate more requests, probably nine additional requests in future years, depending on the labor impact. It also is related to how recently the agreement was renewed. So, in some cases, you'll see an RFP or an amendment to accommodate for SB 1383. Manhattan Beach has always been very forward thinking. So, you addressed a lot of the changes in law early on, and you haven't required an amendment to your agreement where we would have had that discussion about labor at that time.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, thanks. Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I need to follow up because I have the same question, and I don't think you fully answered. Due respect, and that is the section 5.5 directly states, as our Public Works Director indicated, that no adjustments may be made for wage rates, change in wage rates, or employee benefits. So, how can you justify this as an extraordinary basis for a rate increase?

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: Well, it does say that our interpretation, looking at, and I'm just going to read it, is that the city shall review companies

requests, and in the city, that's you, and your Sole Judgment and Absolute Discretion may make final determination as to whether an adjustment to the maximum rates may be made. We have made adjustments with this type of language. The consultant was HF and H, that was the third party. We have had adjustments in jurisdictions with the same language because really, it's at the council's discretion on what they deem appropriate or what they'd like to consider. So, that language from the consultant is a guideline, sure, but you still, in our opinion, have the discretion to consider and review the request.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: In WM's opinion, how does this tie into a proposition, 218 process, which we had in adopting this agreement? I recognize it was for a five-year term, and now five years has elapsed. But can you explain the rationale of how we even look at this in terms of Prop 218?

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: That would be a question for your City Council. City Attorney, counsel not spelled c-i-l. Yeah, s-e-l.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Any questions? So, I have a question. What's the total impact for our residents? \$0.63. I mean, how many residents do you show in Manhattan Beach? Is it close to 13,000?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Was based on the parcel.

WM AREA MANAGER ORT: Yeah, I think, and I apologize, we don't have that exact number. But last time, it is approximately about 13,000. Correct.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so I just did the math, and that's \$0.63 per month, per home, that's \$8,500 a month times twelve. So that would be \$102,000 a year. That sound about right?

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: The entire increase, because there's a commercial impact as well, it's closer to 261,000.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: 260?

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: 261.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, what's the impact on the commercial though? If it's \$0.63 per month, is that applied to the commercial as well?

WM AREA MANAGER ORT: The commercial was the impact on a monthly was \$11.88.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: So, that's the additional cost.

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: On the most common size as a percentage, it's 5.4%.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, it looks like it's about 140,000. That's impacting the commercial.

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: That sounds right.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Could I tag onto that, your honor? So, what notice or heads up have we given to the chamber, to the Downtown Business Association, the north end business? Do they, how aware are they that this is a possibility?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: So, yeah, I can answer that. We've done no outreach on this. The request at the staff level seemed to not meet the criteria of the contract, and we denied it. And Waste Management has essentially appealed directly to the council on this. And that is why we're here tonight.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Your honor, question to make clarification.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Councilmember Montgomery.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: If the council moves this tonight and approves this, when would it take effect? Now, we have plenty of time and notice everyone in the world, but when would it take effect?

WM AREA MANAGER ORT: We would really look for your guidance on that, hopefully sooner rather than later. But I mean, we're willing to work with Public Works and make sure that

residents and the commercial establishments gets plenty of notice before moving forward.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: As Councilmember Lesser mentioned, this is a fee that the council would enact that's subject to the proposition 218 process. The last process that was undertaken was for the first five years of the contract, and this extraordinary increase was not considered as part of that. And so, if the council was sympathetic to this request and wanted to enact it, you could enact it pending, essentially, it's a majority protest process, and all the ratepayers in the city would have the opportunity to protest the rates. And so, we would have to do that before the new fee could go into effect. And so, it's something if you wanted to do, we could come back with a timeline on how long that would take us to do on an expedited basis. But as I mentioned, we are, the first five years were already completed by the council. We are aiming, I think, February or March to come back to you for the next five years. And so, this is something that if you wanted us to do at that time, we could. I don't think that necessarily meets Waste Management's immediate request, but that would be the next logical time we were looking to do something like this.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Got it. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your honor, Mayor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: My other point is, if our business community has heard all along, hey, it's been rejected, staff level not going forward this sudden shift, I really would like to see outreach to our business because that's \$11.88, right? \$0.63 per month for residential, per home, great. \$11.88, we've got a bunch of impacted businesses as well, dealing with the same issues that you are. And so, I'm not saying I'm opposed to this. We've had a great partnership. I look forward to continuing that partnership. But I do think, in fairness, the business community deserves further outreach. So, you can explain to them the same way you're explaining to us what it would mean to them, so that each of them can calculate their own bottom line and provide input to us if they want to. And if they don't, you know, great. But, you know, we're in second meeting in August, vacations, all that. I know there's all sorts of excuses, but I think we should make a genuine effort to reach out to the business community, let people know how it's going to impact them, and then bring it back here for further discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Just a follow up question, your honor. So, to that point, they wouldn't do that yet if the council wasn't going to support it. So, I see where you're going, but why would I notify the business and the city if we're going to stop it? We're not even consider it. Why would I even notify them yet? So, my mind, first step, council say, hey, we

want to do this? Now, it's a matter of timing for 218 votes to go forward. Notify everyone in the city, residents, and business. Hey, council supports this idea. This what it would cost you per month, per year, business, residential, do you support it? There's your vote and notification. Why wouldn't notify me if it's not going to happen? I don't want to notify something that may not happen.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Well, because it's under consideration just like everything else that comes to us. And the problem with the protest vote is that they're outweighed by the homeowners who are only looking at 63%. And from experience, just to tell you we're not going to receive enough protests. So, the die is already cast in that way. I think it would be disingenuous to say we've agreed to this. This was going to happen. And you can protest if you want, but it's still going to happen because we already passed it. In this case, further outreach, I think, is warranted.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, I have another question. So, the \$261,000 in additional revenue, what percentage of that is the total that you collect, that you charge or receive from the city, both residence and commercial?

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: If we were to apply 261,000 across our entire revenue base, it's approximately 4%. Four.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: 4% revenue based from Manhattan Beach.

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY:

Correct.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so 4%. So essentially, we've given almost an average of that in the last five years. Right? To come to 25, 24.2% for all the increases. So, okay, great.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: So, Mayor, I just wanted. So, I did want to call your attention to the letter that we sent. It's dated 6-26.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Page?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: 244.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Thank you.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: I mean, this is exactly what the Director said. You could not approve this type of increase. There would have to be three steps. Step one. If this is the direction, that you can inform the businesses that this is something you're considering, but you need a contract amendment because the contract doesn't allow it at this point. It's just so clear. There's no ambiguity. It says no increases based on labor costs, which is what they agreed to. And we understand we're all sympathetic to the way things have changed, but there's a process. So, if you wanted to go in that direction, it would be, step one, would be to inform the business community.

This is something you're considering amending the contract, and then you have to go through the prop 218 process. But the contractor will go at the end of that process. It won't go before. You'd have to go through the whole 218 process. At that point, you could amend the contract.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Your honor, question again.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: So, you guys, other cities you work with that passed the same thing we're talking about tonight. Do they also go through a 218 process?

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: We have agreements with 67 jurisdictions, and they all have a different approach to Prop 218, specifically in the cities of Ridgecrest and California city, they had extraordinary increases for changes in the recycling market, and their language, probably very similar to yours, expressly prohibits an adjustment for changes in recycling markets. They both do follow a Prop 218 process for rate adjustments. This is several years ago now. The recycling crisis, I believe, was in 2018. So, several years ago, and I think it was just part of their regular Prop 218 process.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Your honor, if I could jump in on that. One of the things that had we known collectively, all of us known that the economy would shift so much over the

last five years. Had the city included, say, up to 10% over the life of the contract for extraordinary increases at the discretion of the council. If that had been embedded in our 218 process, you would have more latitude right now to respond to this request. But we did not do that.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Director Lee, you indicated that coming up next year be around March, April, February, March, April. We will be exploring a new RFP for a continuation of our Waste Hauling Agreement. Is that right?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: That's not correct. So, February, March, we're looking to come back to do another 218 process to cover the last five years, the maximum term under the existing contract with WM. So, we're going to have two more years that we're definitely under contract for, and then we've got three one-year extensions and that next 218 process would cover all five of those years.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: That's what I'm, Thank you.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: And then as it relates to that, I want to make sure the council is clear that CPI is a number that we hear a lot in government contracts. We heard lot on the radio, and oftentimes our contracts relate to CPI of the Los Angeles Long Beach Anaheim area, which for the period that we're talking about, the last increase that WM got for the LA

Long Beach Anaheim area after just general goods was 3.5%. But for our contract with, for solid waste with WM, we used the trash and garbage them, which is a much more specific number related to this industry and this line of business that we endeavor in. And that was a 7.3 increase. And so, I think, I want to make sure the council is aware of that because CPI is a lagging indicator. Obviously, COVID started in early 2020, and for fiscal year 21, we did a 3.5% increase based on that garbage and trash collection index. The next year was 3.5, the next year it was 4.7. The next year was 5.2. This last year was 7.3. And while, you know, nationally the economy hasn't fully recovered, I don't think anyone's touting that this trash and garbage number keeps going up. And so, I think that if this is something that the council wants to consider, one of the variables you need to consider also is come December 31, we're going to get a new trash and garbage collection number and we don't know what that is. And so potentially, if we go through a process to enact an extraordinary rate increase, that trash and garbage collection number could be higher than we've done and continue the upward momentum on that. And at some point, I would assume it will level off, but we don't know what that is and clearly WM doesn't know what that is too. But being that the lagging nature of that indicator, I think that's something that council needs to be aware of. And I hope I'm making myself clear. If you've

got questions about that, happy to talk about it, but I think what we could wind up is a situation where we're sympathetic and want to go for an extraordinary rate increase and then potentially end up in maybe a 9% increase next year, maybe an 8% the following year, and maybe 11% after that, because we don't know and we're going to be obligated for those annual increases based on the language we've already agreed to.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I have a question. Follow up. The response of the city thus far to waste management, or WM's request, has been to seek a contract amendment, right?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Correct.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Because this request for an extraordinary increase is not provided for under the current waste hauling agreement.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: For the reasons that

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: For the reasons that are in our list. What would that amendment include?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: I think it could be as simple as striking one sentence out of that 5.5 section that says the wage benefit issues are not allowed. If we struck that, then we could consider them.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Beyond our long-time partnership. Why would we want to do that?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Well, I would say that we certainly don't want them to lose money on our business because that's not good for them and, ultimately, it won't be good for us. So, I think that would be the reason. And so, while we do have a partnership, it needs to be advantageous enough for them that they want to do the work.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: To follow up. Oh go ahead.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Go ahead.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: So, what Councilmember Lesser is saying is we could give direction to seek an amendment striking that section in 5.5 to get rid of the, we won't allow it for wage and benefit increases. If that would be a remedy in this situation?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: It could be, but I would argue, and although I wasn't here when that contract was negotiated, that's a fantastic provision for the City Council to make sure that the contractor is sharpening their pencil and giving you the best bid that they can. And so, potentially, if you wanted to consider one time, maybe we could add a provision for a limited duration of twelve months, we would consider that. And that way it's not opening the whole rest of the contract to other wage and benefit increases.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your honor?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes. Councilmember Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you. And we've experienced this actually before, we can take the hard line, but when we've done that before, we've actually lost. Our street sweeping was an issue where they had to abandon because they were losing money at quite a quick rate and it wasn't sustainable and we've had to backfill and the costs going forward are going to be more than what we pay at the end of the day and will continue to be. So, I would say two things, and I can put it in the form of a motion, but one would be to instruct staff, comment on the motion, instruct staff to negotiate for an opening that is fair and addresses the needs of both the city and WM. Well, also concurrently, WM reaches out to the business community to inform them of what they're asking for, and then that can come back to council for approval at a later date. And again, all this is subject to public input that we're going to have. But I just want to get off some movement in some direction.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Your honor, if I can respond to that. The upside of that for the city is there's actually some service performance issues that we would like to address that we haven't. We've been reluctant to address them because it would essentially necessitate cracking over that

contract. And so, we would, we could talk about what makes sense for WM and the city at the same time.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Your honor, question. For WM, you heard the idea from my colleague. Is that acceptable? Something you guys would consider?

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: We appreciate any consideration and would be very open to having a dialogue about amending the agreement. As you mentioned, there are items the city would like to discuss and I'm sure we have a wish list as well. So, we would be in any adjustment, whether it's by regular CPI or CPI garbage and trash or this type of CPI. We always provide notification and that's Bobby's whole job is to work with the business community on diversion outreach and this type of outreach. So, we would absolutely reach out to the community, let them know the pain points of the agreement, and host workshops, whatever would be suitable.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: With lunch boxes?

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: With lunch boxes, sure.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so I'm going to open up public comments. Okay. So public comments, you're limited to two minutes, I believe. Anybody here to talk on this issue? It's not trash talk. Okay, how about online?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: We have Diane Wallace.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Hi, Diane, can you hear us?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We can't hear you. Hold on.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Diane, just hold on a second. Can we bump up her volume, please? Okay. Can you talk a little louder, Diane?

DIANE WALLACE: Yes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: There we go. That's good. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENTER DIANE WALLACE: Okay, great. Well, trash talk is one thing. I have a question for Waste Management or WM. I'm wondering if this request for an increase in the fees covering also a company goal to improve equipment that you're using for recycling, specifically in the area of plastic. You don't recycle a lot of plastic and some of us have a contract with TerraCycle to take all the other plastic that you don't take and send to them. And then with the food waste, there are companies that actually accept food waste in recycled plastic bags, and that requires new equipment. So, I'm just wondering if this request for an increase in fees would cover improvement in your technology.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: That's a good question.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you for your comment. Do you want to address that, please? Yes, please?

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: No.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: No. Okay.

WM PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICES AREA DIRECTOR PERSLEY: No. We are making significant investments in our facilities locally to enhance processing, but none of that expense is burdened within the rates of Manhattan Beach. This is entirely related to the cost of service right here in Manhattan Beach.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you. All right, so we're going to close public comments.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: We do have one more, Heather Kim.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, one more.

HEATHER KIM: Hi. As a resident and a business owner, I'm protesting now, saying no to this increase. The City Council works for us residents here. You're not working for WM, and this request from WM is a no go, according to the contract. As Attorney Barrow said, there is no ambiguity. One way for WM to save money would be to immediately stop giving out free lunch boxes. And I say that in air quotes. While cute, our community doesn't need it. We just end up with tons of used and unused and even unwanted lunchboxes. I have four children, and they do light up and they love getting more free stuff, of course. But, you can, I have so many lunch boxes piled up in my pantry that I feel bad getting rid of because this was from their kindergarten free lunch box thing. I just looked it up and they're called Go Green lunch boxes. They are anywhere from \$29 to \$40 a piece.

So, that is really expensive. It's a lot of \$0.63, whatever, \$6. I don't forget what the lady was saying. It's a lot of those added up. Maybe if they started there, that could help their bottom line. It's just a thought. I just don't think that we should bend over backwards to rejigger a contract with them. When a contract is a contract, you're not supposed to rejigger that. I say no as a resident, as a business owner, and no more free lunch boxes. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you for your comment.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There's no additional request.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so we'll close public comments. Council.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I'll start it off. So, those who live in a city long enough, you know how hard it is to have one vendor take care of most of what we have. Steep streets is one thing, narrow streets is another, trying to please Manhattan Beach residents. And one or the other is impossible. I will say this first and foremost, as my colleague Napolitano mentioned earlier, anytime a city got too big for its britches and decided to change contracts with vendors, we've come out the losers every single time. I've been on council almost 16 years, I've never seen a victory by holding a principal. Never. The last one we've seen here is a street cleaning sweeping. Yes, Director Lee

came and saved the day by moving that in-house. But it wasn't cheap and it wasn't quick, and we heard about it. That's one. And our two attorneys here will tell you, there's a spirit of the law and letter of the law. Sometimes, you follow the spirit of law, do the right thing, the contract says something else. You decide. Every time we follow the contract, we've lost by change of vendors. And who in their right mind is going to raise their hand right now in 2024 and say, in 27, the economy is going to be better and all our prices will be less expensive. Raise your hand, anybody? You're going to go out and get a new vendor, 27, and says, oh, yeah, we're going to get cheaper rates than we have now with someone that knows us and knows our streets, knows our city, knows what's going on. You're going to throw it all away on the what if portion. Who does that? And the second portion Heather mentioned, well, they should keep their sales of the contract because I don't want, as a resident and business owner, that's fine, you get your chance to vote like everybody else. But we have hundreds of residents saying just the opposite. They email to us saying, we want this. We want to keep them in play for what they've been doing and what they're trying to ask for. Director Lee gave you an option here. He said, look and see other options. Napolitano said we could bring this back in some way or form to make sure it's fair to both sides, we can address issues that Public Work has WM has. Would

you want to risk all of that because you're trying to follow a sentence and a contract? What's going to be more fund for the city? Taking a chance in 27? We're going to come right back here and say we should have done the right thing and fixed it back then and not took a chance. A new vendor is going to raise their rates up we have here. How many of you know what Senate Bill 1383 is? Or assembly bill, what is it, 1826, that requires, requires things to change membership and costs? How many people in this room know, not WM people, everybody else, what it is? Those cost books come from Sacramento down, not us up. We get all that coming to us. So, you have a choice. You could do the right thing. It doesn't sound right on paper, does it? Do the right thing and make a solution, equitable to both sides. Or say, you know what? They sign a deal, hold them to it. Whatever happened, 27 will pay the extra rate. But I think the solution this council can make is find a fair choice and not burn that bridge. 40 years of being here and take a chance in 27 that someone else will come here and double what you're paying now.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Is that a second?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Is that a second?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: My motion.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I made a motion.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: He made a motion.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Go ahead, make your motion.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: He made it.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I made it before. I'm sorry.

I don't want to jump in, except I just wondered if that was a second. Because the motion I made earlier was that we direct staff to negotiate an opener to the contract, which actually, it doesn't just meet the spirit law, it can meet the letter of the law if we choose to change it based on what the negotiation is. Because there's a list of things that we want to address. List of things they want to address, the costs included in that. And then also concurrently, go out to the business community, notify them of the increase. Because the increase on the residential. I get \$0.63 per month. Not a lot, but it is going to be something to the bottom line of businesses, some of whom I know are struggling. So, I think with those two things. And if anyone has a friendly amendment to that, I'm open to it. But that would be my motion to enter negotiations with WM.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I had comments, not quite yet a friendly. Thank you. Here's a, what I had kind of proposed was we go in and, it's a bit of a contract opener in that we kind of re-examined section 5.5. I worry about a true opener, and I'll tell you why. Because I think that we are, I hear that there's some service issues to address, but how much, when we go in and

open up the contract, are we even more vulnerable? Because, you know, it's the whole recycling of food organics. We're actually, I think, getting a deal on as residents and businesses. So, I worry that if we go in with openers, and I don't know how you do it legally, do we get two openers, three openers or whatnot? I think we're going to lose more on that. So, I would, I really do want to, I agree with what Councilmember Montgomery said. And actually, Councilmember Napolitano. The leverage we have here is not, yeah, pounding our fists isn't going to, really, is not a great idea. This is the largest contract we let in the city, and it's incredibly important. And it was amazing to me how many emails we got from residents saying how much they love Waste Management, how much they love what they do. That's great. You know, you don't often get that for trash. So, I just, can I ask a question to, Mr. Mayor, to Bobby? Because it was, yeah, have to go to the podium. Come on. Come on. It's just a question. I'll be nice. Do you, have you done any, I mean, have you done any outreach with the businesses to date or so far on this issue?

BOBBY BELL: On a price increase? No, ma'am.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. That's all. Thank you. So, but he would. So, I do think, so I absolutely agree with you, Councilmember Napolitano. I want us to do outreach to the

businesses, but I also, I support this increase, and I worry about a true contract opener that we would lose.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Put guardrails on it. It doesn't have to be everything. Direct staff that it's either going to be limited or --. The other thing is bring us back updates as to what the issues are. I don't expect to see much more from WM. If you want what you want. If we want a few things extra, because you're asking for an extraordinary increase, we get to ask some extraordinary issues as well. If I were you, I wouldn't go out and ask for a whole lot more.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Could I just make a comment? Okay. So, as my colleagues have expressed, WM is a great partner. I like the fact that they're moving to a fleet that's, you know, is it all-natural gas or is it? Yeah, all-natural gas. Okay. So, not only are they considering what they're cleaning up on the streets, but they're not adding, you know, pollution. And that's forward thinking, you know, regardless of the fact that they don't put in this equipment about the recycling and that's a market driven thing, right? They probably don't recycle every single piece of plastic because China, who was buying that, doesn't buy that anymore. And those calculations were made maybe a decade ago when that recycled plastic market might have been more robust and there was a market for. Now, there isn't. So, we have to recognize that they're a business, and they're. And

they're in it to make money and to deliver a good product. But I'm just circling right here on my paper the price increases we've given over the last five years, with the last one being 7.3%. You know, there's an old finance rule, the rule seven. That at 7%, money will double in seven years. Well, so will expenses. So, we've given them a total of 25, 24.2% over these last five years. That means ultimately, our rates, I don't even know how to calculate that, but it's going to be a lot higher than when we started in this contract. Nobody had a crystal ball in 2020, but nobody had a crystal ball for our residents. Nobody had a crystal ball for our restaurants. And overall, I calculate that this increases 4% of the contract. That's something possibly they could absorb. I don't think they're doing this capriciously. There's obviously some needs there. So, I am in favor of Councilmember Napolitano's motion to go to our, go to the businesses here in Manhattan Beach. Listen, we've had a really busy summer. A lot of things have come up, including parking and things like that. So, maybe it hasn't risen to their attention level. I also kind of want to think that Waste Management can do a better job of outreach. Nobody likes to go there, hat in hand and say, hey, we're going to increase your rates, but, you know, let's work together on this. Let's be open communications. Let's be all good partners and negotiate in good

faith, and then we can maybe bridge, you know, where we are here and find a happy medium. Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: With due respect, I'm a no. I am a no in moving forward in this direction. This is an end run around the contract that we negotiated as a city. Four of us on this council negotiated this agreement, approved it in 2019. Absolutely. Who could have anticipated the economic increases that occurred in the interim? The costs, the loss of the market in China for many of the recyclables, of course. But we had other vendors that were coming to bid on this contract through an open bidding process that indicated that this contract would be difficult for Waste Management. Then was their name to sustain. This was the bargain we struck. This was the language that we worked on to protect our residents. I read 5.5 as our Public Works Director and our City Attorney has described it. It does not allow this type of extraordinary increase as has been indicated, and that was just indicated by the Mayor, there have been steady increases over the term of this contract for the last five years, which will continue in the coming years that are commensurate with the increase of the costs of their doing business. Increases on the basis of labor costs is not permissible under the terms of the contract. I'm not in favor of amending that. I agree with the Mayor Pro Tem. Even though we may have service issues that we want to raise to the extent that

we reopen this contract, I think there may be other issues that we are going to experience. So, with respect, I understand why there might be interest in this council to continue our longtime partnership with WM. They do serve our community well and have for many years. But I do not agree with this approach to upend the financial agreement that we had struck.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great, thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Let me make that clear. Another way is that I'm open to the idea of the guardrails that Steve talked about. I didn't know what they are. And then what time frame are we talking about? We don't kick the can in 2027, next thing you know, next council's going to sit on it for three years and we're right where we were before.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Timeframe is as determined between the parties. If people are motivated to come to an agreement, and then they'll do that. And as far as outreach goes, I would start yesterday. That ball is in their court. And I think we want proof of service that they've done the outreach. I think they should be copying our staff on outreach to the chamber, Downtown Business Association and the North, NBID, so that we know that they provide them the information to distribute to their memberships.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: One more thing, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Councilmember Lesser talked about the fact that the Waste Management knew what they were getting into when we made the contract years ago, the prior council, which is true, and I was on that council. It was talking about the fact that the bid that they solicited was millions below the next highest vendor. Those of you paying attention to the council meetings, pull that meeting back up. Find the next highest bidder. Look how many millions of differences there were between one and the other. Look at that. Now you can, like I said, we can figure out a way to get to solve for X here, where both parties can find a fair agreement going forward. But don't fool yourself. There's no way in hell that we're going to find someone else to give us back where before and take a chance in 27, unless both parties come to a fair agreement. Fair. I'm not saying unfair to one or the other. We're being fair. Need to find that spot. And Steve's right. The impetus is on Director Lee and Public Works in the city and WM to come back and say, hey, times of essence for you and for us, find a fair agreement, we move forward. If you don't, we don't. We're looking for someone new, and so will you. A new home in 27, and we're all going to pay that price.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Would you repeat your motion?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: We have a motion.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: No, I can't remember. Yes. The motion is to direct staff to enter negotiations with WM regarding their request for an increase. WM's responsibility. And in that negotiation, I see it more as one side. We know what they want. You want to bring stuff up, bring it up at your peril. I don't know what we want, but you should listen to them and concurrently, reach out to the business community and let them know how they're going to be impacted. Be very, very transparent.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I would second that.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, we've got a motion by Councilmember Napolitano and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Howorth. A vote, please.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Franklin?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Pro Tem Howorth?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Montgomery?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: No.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Motion passes, 4-1.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Your honor, can I ask a question related to that direction? Does the council want us to come back with a negotiated amendment for your consideration, or is there any desire to assign maybe the utility subcommittee of the council to work with staff to make sure that any proposed amendment comes back?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: As long as I'm not on that subcommittee, yes.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Me neither.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Full disclosure. I am on that subcommittee. You can't imagine what my position will be.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: We might be stuck for a long time on that one.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I like the balance.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That would be a great combination, I think.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah, that's fair.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: No voter and a Yes voter.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Okay, then we start tomorrow.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Do I agree?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I think they said, yes.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEE: Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Sure, but my position is fairly strong.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I'm speaking for them, but --.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: I think your arm is sufficiently twisted

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: It's good. It's fair.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Good. Okay. Thank you. Okay. Item number 10, Update Regarding the City's Legislative Positions on Bills from the Current Statewide Legislative Cycle. George, you have five minutes.

ACTING CITY MANAGER MIRZAKHANI: Good evening, honorable Mayor and Councilmembers. I would like to turn it over to Assistant to City Manager George Gabriel for this presentation this evening.

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL: Thank you. You said five minutes? Can you hear me? All right. Assistant to the City Manager George Gabriel. I'll try to be as brief as I can on this. I know we have another important item following this, but let me try to bifurcate this legislative update into two parts. One is on Assembly Bill 2309, and the other one is regarding updates to legislation going on through the statewide cycle right now. And so, we do have a legislative ad hoc subcommittee with a platform guiding them, and that was approved earlier this year. And so, with that guidance, a lot of these legislative

advocacy items are under that purview. And so big thank you to Councilmember Lesser and Mayor Pro Tem Howorth for their assistance throughout this process. So, first off, on the assembly Bill 2309 process, or bill, I should say assembly Bill 2309, for the public's knowledge, was sponsored by the City Council to support or to authorize a City Attorney of any general law city or chartered city to prosecute state misdemeanors. The bill had great momentum in the beginning. It went through the state assembly, passed there without any amendments. However, when it reached the state senate, it got a variety of amendments, none that were ideal for the city and the goals. I won't go into all the details, but it significantly narrowed the scope of the bill. While the city was not ecstatic over those amendments, it was in conformance with the council's work plan on homelessness diversion. And so, the city proceeded with that. And then, most recently, the council or the bill went to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Last week. When it got heard, it got held in the committee, and therefore, the bill is no longer continuing and is what is colloquially known as the bill is dead. And therefore, AB 2309 will not proceed within the state legislature, unfortunately. The reasoning behind that is that there were some costs that the Senate appropriations committee highlighted, particularly as it relates to court costs. And while we do not have any specific reasons as to why

the bill did not move forward because there was no public discussion, our state lobbyist suggested that it's likely due to the costs and the state budget deficit that is currently going on right now. So, that's on the AB 2309 front regarding legislative positions that are taken by the city. Just as a reminder, these positions are taken with the authority granted by the City Council to the legislative ad hoc subcommittee. The subcommittee has met three times or so within the past couple months, and they've taken positions on one letter of support for one bill in support of, and five bills against. I won't go into every single bill. But the one that the city has taken in support of is related to e-bikes, and it's trying to enhance a lot of the regulations surrounding e-bikes. And this county in San Diego is trying to sharpen up a lot of the regulations into trying to create a pilot program, and therefore, in the hopes that that pilot program, where those regulations can be sharpened, can be extended to LA County or City of Manhattan Beach in the future, the ad hoc subcommittee took the position of support on that bill. There is another corresponding bill that Marin county is also considering as well. The ad hoc subcommittee is likely supporting that bill as well because it shares the same goals and the same aims as that bill and San Diego County. On the opposition front, there are five bills that the council opposed, and they're all related to local control

and housing, particularly. This is mentioned all throughout our legislative platform that was adopted by the City Council. And that legislative platform highlights a lot of the concerns that the City Council has indicated on the state's approach to housing, particularly. And, most concerning a lot of the bills that are coming forward now are addressing the coastal zone and every bill that addresses local control issues that impacts the coastal zone and the City of Manhattan Beach. The legislative ad hoc subcommittee has supported opposing those bills. And so, some of those bills, just for quick reference, are AB 1886, removing a fundamental provision of housing element law that allows the city to disagree with the state Department of Housing Community Development. Another one is AB 3093, requiring, basically, changing the calculation for defining extremely low-income households, and acutely and extremely low-income households as a special housing need going forward. Another one is sponsored by State Senator Wiener, and that would basically, for a jurisdiction within the coastal zone that has not identified adequate sites to accommodate the locals housing need for a designated income level, require completion of any necessary local coastal program. So, that would require a lot of changes to the city's Local Coastal Program. And the last one is SB 1037, which would allow the Attorney General to take legal action against the city and seek a fine up to \$50,000 a month

for failure to adopt a compliant housing element for the city. I'm sorry, I didn't mean to go into each individual bill, but I thought it showcased some of the tenor of these bills that are coming out of Sacramento and the concern, not only for the City Council's reference and notification, but also for the community's notification as well. Additionally, the subcommittee did consider the most recent statewide proposition that is coming to the statewide ballot on November 5, and that is Proposition 36. For reference, Proposition 36 is an initiative that passed that is related to Proposition 47 that passed in 2014, and Proposition 36 proposes to allow felony changes and increases in sentences for certain drug and theft crimes. The legislative ad hoc subcommittee recommended this go before the entire City Council and, therefore, this consideration of Proposition 36 will be at the September 3 City Council meeting. With that being said, that concludes my report and the staff recommendation is to receive and file. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Any questions?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Would you like me to say something on behalf of the subcommittee?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: If you want to say something, you go first.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I mean, I want to thank George and Patty Mattson for the, they research, like, so many bills

that are coming before us, and we really, David and I spend a lot of time, but we're looking at the platform that all of us agreed to. So, especially, when it relates to local control or issues of housing, etc. And we also ask our department heads, and especially for these housing bills, we asked Director Mirzakhanian to weigh in, would this actually affect us? And it's like, uh-huh, yes, quite a bit. And so, it's important for us to take a stand, and it's the least we can do, and maybe we can even do more. But I think it's really important. So, thank you for the excellent report.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Councilmember Lesser.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Just a general open comment is, I want to echo what Mayor Pro Tem Howorth just said, and that is thank you to the staff for spending the amount of time that we have and taking this so seriously. I think our approach towards this is to be judicious, to really pick those key pieces of legislation that have a direct impact on our community, where it's important for us to stand up and try and change the course of the legislation if we can, because I think we also have a healthy skepticism of how powerful the Almighty Manhattan Beach City Council's position is on these pieces of legislation. If we pick fewer pieces of legislation where we choose to take a position, I think we have greater authority. We've also, as you

just heard, are indicating that those pieces of legislation or ballot propositions should be brought to the full council for determination and not just subject to what the guidance was that we received as a subcommittee. So, that's all.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Councilmember Napolitano.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you, your honor. Of course, shout out to staff, but I don't, I'd be remiss if I didn't give a big shout out to our Assembly Member, Al Muratsuchi, for pushing forward the bill that we wanted. It didn't end up to be the one that we wanted and didn't end up making it through. But before he was an assembly member, he was a prosecutor. So, he understood what the issues were that local communities like us were facing, especially those here in LA county who weren't being allowed to prosecute certain crimes that we felt certainly needed to be prosecuted because of repeat offenders, because of the impact on the local economy, the impact on shoppers having to have things opened up and everything like that. And, he got it. And it was just a tool to have in our back pocket. Unfortunately, their revisions that were made were too many to make it effective at the end anyway. So, even if it had moved forward, it was in no way, shape, or form. The bill that, vision at the beginning, that happens, I get it. But unfortunately, it would have been ineffective to the point of meaningless and put all the costs and burdens on the

cities. And again, you know, we'll see what happens in November on several different levels and maybe that gets addressed there. But I appreciate that he even took the time and the effort, made the effort to bring it up because he did believe that it was necessary and good. So, and, you know, us being the sponsor of it or anything was the right thing to do as well. And so, something to keep in mind in the future, if there's any legislation we want to see, reach out to our local area. That's the importance of having good relationships with these folks. Whatever side of the aisle you're on, work together on local problem solving, not a matter of partisanship. And that's what he did, and it's very much appreciated.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I want to add to that is that, although some people said, why are you wasting city time and money on this? I'll remind, we're the one city that made that effort to fight for LA county. Cities that joined us from Beverly Hills on down, other cities across the state joined our efforts and saw, even though they weren't going to partake of it, they still jumped in to support our requests to have this happen. Were we surprised it got killed? No. But the good thing is we made an effort and tried. Now, people are more aware of it. To Steve's point, maybe we can all make their own decisions

in November when it would be moot point. But either, even though that happened in November, it gets the right way in the right circumstance, the solution, I should say, gets done in November. The good thing is now they know we pay attention. They know what we did and tried. Yeah, we didn't get there, but they all saw what happened. We got from zero to the finishing line. That's where it got cut off, but we still got there. Other cities didn't do that. So, from ICA, contract cities, all the people that can and joined us. Thank you, League of Cities. Everyone else was behind us. That's important. But down the road, they're going to remember that we took a chance and put our name out there. So, we may not win every single round, but we were out there. We were on the field, at least. So, we'll see what happens. Thank you, your honor.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you. And I'd like to add my thanks to Chief Johnson. Chief Johnson accompanied me up to Sacramento to testify to the Public Safety Committee on behalf of this bill. And it passed the, you know, by a very positive vote on the Public Safety Committee. And then, Chief Johnson went up again to testify as it went through the various committees and steps and things like that. So, that showed that we were serious about prosecuting our state misdemeanors. You know, I think, fortunately, for many of us, our opportunity to correct this comes in November. And that's an obvious choice

that the council decided with two votes over the past couple of years, once we saw where the prosecution was going or not going for crimes. And that was a vote of no confidence. And then also, then followed by a vote of the support to support the recall of George Gascon. So, now it's up to you, the voters. Make sure you learn about it and make what you feel is the right decision to protect your families, to protect your city, and to protect your friends. So again, my thanks go to Chief Johnson. And she made very compelling arguments from the law enforcement side. So very much appreciated. Thank you.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Public speak on the file.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And so, public comments. Any public comments here on this? No. Online?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There's no request on Zoom.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so closing public comments, and we'll accept it and file it.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: You can receive and file. Order of the chair as well.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Number 11, Consideration of a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bay Club Company regarding Construction and Operating of an Aquatic Facility. So, I have acting City Manager Mirzakhonian.

ACTING CITY MANAGER MIRZAKHANI: Thank you, Mayor.

Again, I'd like to turn it over to George Gabriel for the presentation. We also have members of the Bay Club present this evening.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: And they're still here. Thank you. Thank you.

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL: Okay. Honorable Mayor Franklin, members of the City Council. So, this is consideration of a memorandum of understanding with the Bay Club regarding the operation of an aquatic facility. It's a related project in cooperation with the city as well. And I'll go into more details on that. But a couple, some background on this. Obviously, the City Council has been discussing Begg Pool and just aquatics in general. And so, that actually happened at the most recent meeting on May 7. And one of the key directions that the City Council gave to staff was continue discussions with the Bay Club regarding their proposal for a new community pool. And so, this memorandum of understanding is reflective of that. And so, the MOU has a variety of provisions. I'm going to highlight some of the notable provisions for council's reference here, and we have representatives of Bay Club and they can provide remarks on their behalf as well. Some of the key provisions of the MOU would, number one, the Bay Club would construct two swimming pools, one junior pool and one competition pool at various

depths at 98 Park Place, Manhattan Beach. The funding for the project to build the aquatic center is estimated between 10 and \$15 million. Bay Club will work with city staff in developing the program experience, including accommodating select city programming. The aquatic center will be owned and operated by the Bay club with special privileges for city residents. Bay Club will enter into a long-term ground lease for the property on terms mutually agreed upon by the parties. City residents will be eligible to use the aquatic center for a daily walk up fee only available to city residents with first priority for programs at the Aquatic Center for city residents. Bay Club will be willing to partially fund a solution for the Begg Pool with a contribution of up to \$1 million, and that's the related project I was referencing in the agenda title. Upon signing the MOU, the Bay Club will order phase one and as needed, phase two, environmental reports on the real property at the Bay club's expense. The city and the Bay club will be solely responsible for each of their reasonable costs, including, without limitation, expense of legal counsel and other advisors. And lastly, Bay Club in the city will work to immediately address whether sufficient parking exists for the Aquatic Center and, whether after installation of an appropriate accessibility ramp, the initial proposed location of the Aquatic Center to be acceptable. So, these proposed terms I should highlight are

proposed terms. They are laid out in the MOU, but obviously, there's another, this, all this says is that there's going to be another agreement that has to be considered by the City Council. And so, this sets the framework of that agreement that with that are not necessarily binding per se. In fact, it actually says non-binding on the front of the MOU. But that being said, it's a spirit of cooperation between the Bay Club and the city in order to proceed with the next phase of considering aquatic facility. With that being said, I'd like to pass it to Matthew Stevens, the President and CEO of the Bay Club Company, if council would like. Is that okay?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Questions now or questions after his talk?

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER GABRIEL: Maybe you want to just receive some remarks from Matthew Stevens and then questions. We have him on Zoom tonight and I should say that EVP. I'm sorry, EVP construction is the constructing apparatus for the Bay Club Company. And Matthew Stevens is actually on the east coast on Zoom right now.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Do you want to?

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: Sure. Can you guys hear me? We're good?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: That sounds good. Thank you.

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: Okay. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: A little late there. Sorry about that.

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: No problem. Good evening, honorable Mayor and Councilmembers. My name is Matthew Stevens, President and CEO of Bay Clubs. I've been in the sports, outdoor recreation, and active lifestyle business for 38 years. Doing business in the Manhattan Beach area for over 20 years now. And we, as you know, we have been the owners of the Manhattan Country Club since 2017. My apologies for not being in person. Family vacation in Cape Cod. So, apologize. I wasn't able to be there in person, but we do have three senior leaders of the team in person to be available to answer questions, and I can do so also here by Zoom for you tonight. As we've discussed with staff, we did have the opportunity to go over to Begg Pool at the request of the staff, as well as spend multiple hours with the city staff talking about potential solutions for the Aquatic Center, ideas that people have brought forward. As we have discussed with staff, the Bay Club Company operates over 100 pools throughout the west coast, up and down the west coast, from San Diego up to Seattle, throughout our 27 clubs that we have in market, we believe there's an opportunity to leverage this experience and work with the city to expand the aquatic programming through the creation of a new aquatics program at 98 Park Place. We look forward to continuing working with the city. First step, we were told, is let's get this memorandum of

understanding in place and then roll up our sleeves. As George has stated, we are willing to take on the cost for the environmental phase one, phase two, and some of the initial testing. No expense to the city to try to make sure that this is a viable option. And we needed this step-in place to take to move forward with those other components. I also have Chris Birdwell, our chief development officer, available if needed. In the room, you have Pete Jones, who's my EVP of construction and development for everything in Southern California, and is also the founder of the Bay Club Company, starting it in 1977. And you have two of our senior leaders from the operations side, Annie Batista and Ann Wharton, who have, you know, Ann has been involved for over a decade and is one of our lead people that works on the head foundation wine auction every year. So, I know most of council is very familiar with her. So, thank you for the opportunity to discuss this topic. And at this time, we'll take any questions.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes, Councilmember Montgomery.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Hey, Matt.

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: Hello, sir.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Hey. On your item number 1, staff report, it talks about everything else but operations. Going forward, let's say the pool is built tomorrow. Bay Club cover all operating expenses once it's constructed?

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: Correct. It's owned and operated by Bay Club with benefits for the residents of City of Manhattan Beach. But all expenses, both the capital and operating expenses, are Bay Club's responsibility.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: That's only what is missing was operating expenses from that line. But thank you very much, Matt. Get to sleep.

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: Okay.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Councilmember Lesser.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Go ahead.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Mr. Stevens, thank you very much for staying up late and for your availability this evening. This potentially answers a number of the desires of our community for a community pool. But I want to make sure conceptually for the community, we understand what the Bay Club would be getting out of this. The concept, if I'm understanding it, is that the Bay Club members would be able to utilize the pool during set hours. Can you articulate what you see as the benefit for your Bay Club members out of this agreement so we as a community could better understand it?

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: Great question. The structure that we brought forward is that this is a similar to our land lease that we have in operating the Manhattan Country Club. This is a land lease that we would do with the

city of Manhattan Beach to build a private aquatic center owned and operated by the Bay club. And then, inside of that agreement would include benefits for the city, the residents of the City of Manhattan Beach. As stated, a walk-up fee, a guaranteed walk-up fee that exists at Begg Pool, would be available at the new Aquatic Center. Programming that's available at Begg Pool would be available at the new aquatic center, but different than Begg Pool. Begg Pool is a facility that's owned, I believe, by the school district on state land, and has an agreement with the City of Manhattan Beach. This is an actual private facility owned by Bay Club with benefits that are specific for City of Manhattan Beach residents. And Bay Club will also sell membership access, like we do for all of our facilities in the area, whether or not that's Manhattan Country Club, Bay Club El Segundo, Bay Club Redondo Beach. Does that help?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: That helps. Questions I've already received have to do with parking for the village field. Even though it's not expressly indicated, I imagine that level of detail will come up later, as well as impact on the Manhattan Beach senior villas and construction and otherwise. Any assurances you can offer on that as well as, I understand there's some provision for helping us, helping the school district with regard to Begg pool. Can you articulate those three issues, please?

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: Yeah. So, the first step as far as parking and accessibility is what we've addressed in the MOU is to address that immediately. In all the different conversations we've had with city staff, no one knows whether or not this can be done yet. We're willing to dig in, spend the money, do the work, and determine whether or not we can meet the parking requirements that everybody would like to see, and be able to have the turf field and the aquatic center be able to exist there. We would do the work meeting with both the village and the senior housing to make sure that they're comfortable that this is a positive versus a negative. We're not trying to stir up trouble. We're simply trying to see if we can provide a solution to the situation that the city finds itself in with the Begg pool renovation. And so, it was brought to our attention that this might be a site that could be solved, and we've got our hand up to potentially be able to solve that process. So, I think that addresses parking and the senior housing side of the world. And then as far as Begg Pool, look, we are, you know, we operate over 100 pools. We've got a lot of expertise on it. We're not attempting to say that, you know, up to a million dollars will renovate Begg Pool for the next 20, 30, 40 years. It just won't. But we also know that there needs to be some give back. When we sort of listened into the May 7 City Council meeting, you know, there were certain immediate

needs that needed to be addressed. And so, we're also trying to be good corporate citizens by putting our hand up and saying, we're very fortunate to be the operator of Manhattan Country Club. This would be a good operation for us as well. We know we need to continue to give back to the city. We try to do that through the head foundation structure. But we are very, very appreciative of the opportunity to do business in the city of Manhattan Beach. And we're trying to figure out how do we help in this situation, given our expertise.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you. Mr. Stevens. I have a question for our Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Leyman. And that is, what is the status of the Begg Pool plans that we just authorized on May 7? What stage are they in? Because we gave direction to develop those plans, even though obviously there's not a funding source there.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Correct. And so, the most recent direction was to place that on hold and move forward with negotiations with the Bay Club.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, Mayor Pro Tem.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Hi, Matt. Just a quick, quick ticky tacky question. Two swimming pools. One is a junior pool, depth of three or 4ft. But you mentioned competition pool of five to 6ft. But folks that I've talked to that do kind of water

competition say it really should be six to 7ft, though. Is there, was that a conscious choice to make it five to six, maybe, in terms of cost, or is that an open, you know, because we're trying to get more lanes for things like water polo, etc. So just want to be sure that satisfies that.

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: I think it's an open topic to a certain extent. We have stated that we need to make the pool depth for the competition pool at a level that would allow, during social times, for the community and the members of Bay Club to be able to use the pool in a social environment. If the pool depth is too deep, it eliminates that and, therefore, makes it a much more difficult economic business proposal.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay. That's fair. That's an answer to the question. Okay. What? No, I'm good. I'm good. I'm good.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Anybody else? Nope. Okay. So, hi, Matt. Joe Franklin here. Just want to ask a couple of questions. First of all, thank you for discussing this in good faith with us and potentially helping us through a very difficult situation. We value our pool time and we value the training of our children to be water safe, especially with the oceans so close by. So, it's really important. So just take me through what a typical day might look like where we have Begg

Pool and all of its programming. How is that going to lay over on the new aquatic center and then give your, you know, then the interaction with your club members?

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: So, the generic answer I would give you on the operation of a pool, whether or not it's been Begg pool, a pool at Redondo Beach, a pool I have in San Diego, a pool that I have in Seattle, Washington, they all have very similar programming sort of demands to them. And so what we promised is to work out a deal, a situation through a sublease, a land lease with the City of Manhattan Beach that sort of walks through the operational plan for the pools and making sure that, whether or not if Begg Pool is operational, plus these pools, that the amenities such as lap swimming, children's lessons, water aerobic classes, etc., that those services are provided and they're available. What we put forward as the initial concept is that City of Manhattan Beach residents would have first priority for booking those amenities, followed by Bay Club members. If you happen to be a Bay club member and a City of Manhattan Beach resident, that's good. You're fine. You still have all City of Manhattan Beach residents would have the same ability to get booking. That feels like it's the same, at least to the best of my knowledge, of what's happening at Begg pool. So, we would program them. You know, there wasn't anything that I've seen in the Begg pool programming that is any

different than we do from San Diego up to Seattle, Washington, as far as the operating of pools. Does that help?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, that does. Thank you very much. And I would assume that there are not really any competitive swim meets that could be conducted there.

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: The goal is that because of the senior center there, that this would not be constructed with the concept of being able to accommodate swim meets of any size or scope from that perspective.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, great. Good. And then, so in the parking, that would have to be, I'm sure, reconfigured of that and that section of village. I mean, do you anticipate, I didn't see it in the MOU, but would Bay Club members be able to use that parking even if they're going to, you know, the club or is?

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: So, I think the, we've got a different project in front of the Planning Department and City Council, which is a renovation of Manhattan Country Club. The concept is we have plenty, we'll have plenty of parking to accommodate our demands at Manhattan Country Club, which is next door. They can park in the Manhattan Country Club parking lot and access the aquatic center through a gate. But the concept isn't that Manhattan Country Club members would be parking in the aquatic center, at least logistically. That's the thought process right now.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, great. Thank you, Matt. And to Parks Recreation Director Leyman, do you see sort of a straightforward pull up the programming from Begg and put it right down into this new proposed --?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: There's absolutely plenty of demand. There's absolutely plenty of demand, again, from swim lessons to junior guard to our Manhattan Beach Dolphin Swim Team to aqua aerobics, there will be ample opportunity and we will cherish every hour that we were able to have some community use at the Bay Club pools as well.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. So, and just on a practical standpoint, the reservation of time, you know, in there, Bay Club members can use it and Manhattan Beach members, Manhattan Beach residents get the priority. Does that just say, okay, there's, let's just say five slots available for Bay Club members. So, they get to use those five slots, or?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: I think all of these are still to be determined during the discussions. But again, similar to our registration process, all Manhattan Beach residents would have a two-week lead time for registrations of activities.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: That model.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Is that what they have now?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Correct.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Two weeks, you can reserve?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: Prior to non-resident registration, correct.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah, yeah. Okay, got it. And then my understanding is that this is not going to be available for non-residents. Is that correct?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR LEYMAN: I think that's, again, something to be discussed.

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: If it's okay for me to speak up on this, just so we don't have get off on the wrong foot on it, is that we have agreed that the City of Manhattan Beach residents would have first priority to booking, then followed by Bay Club members. We have agreed in concept that no non-member that is not part of Bay Club and is not a resident of the City of Manhattan Beach would not be able to access the facility. We have not discussed the two-week concept, though. That would be, that's something that we would be working on. That's not part of the, that has not been part of the dialogue right now. In our case, it would be a much tighter time frame. It would be, you know, that you can book a reservation and then it'll be maybe a three-day window, a five-day window, but it wouldn't be two weeks. But that's what this MOU allows us

to do is start to work out all of the specific details, if that helps.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: And Matt, back to you. That \$15 per day for Manhattan Beach residents, you said, for example, so that's not cast in stone.

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: Correct.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: We have not worked, we have not finalized any of those details. We felt like we were far enough along in the conceptual. We did schematic drawings of the pools. We got initial pricing of the pools. That gave us confidence that we would be, this would be a good use of everybody's time to take the next step and see if we could pull this off.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, great. Colleagues. No more questions?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: No. Well, because I want to leave it to the MOU negotiation. I could ask questions all day long, but they're going to get into the details of the negotiation. Right?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Right. Okay. Well, we want to bring forth the salient points here, so. Okay. So, we're looking for a motion.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: No. Public comment.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Oh, I'm sorry. Public comment. Yeah.

KAREN KOMATINSKY: Hi, everybody. Karen Komatinsky. I happen to be a Parks and Rec Commissioner, and I also happen to be sitting on the Begg Pool Project for the last year. Just to give you an FYI, I know at the beginning of this discussion of the MOU, Mayor Franklin, you brought the word competition pool. That is a word that the public has been really bristling at. When we looked at the Begg Project, that the survey, all the public commentary, all the feedback that we've gotten through the whole year of conversation about Begg was that, no, the residents in town did not want a competitive pool. They wanted, specifically, a municipal pool. So, I just, as you look at this MOU, I just want to make sure that you think about where that word falls in your language of that document, because it's not what the public has been telling us with Begg. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you. Any other comments? Here? Online?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: We have Diane Wallace.

DIANE WALLACE: Good evening, again. You can hear me, right?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

DIANE WALLACE: Okay. So, Mr. Stevens, thank you very much for joining our meeting, both you and George. And in the MOU, there is an address used 98 park Place in Manhattan Village

HOA. There is a street called Park Place, but the addresses are two through ten. And when you google 98 Park Place, the location of your facility ends up basically at 10 Park Place inside Manhattan Village. So, I'm sure my neighbor, Ginger, would not like it on top of her house. And I'm sure it's not, that's not the right address, but I'm wondering, where exactly will this facility be located?

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: I can answer the question.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Sure. Yes, go ahead.

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: So, the current proposed location, again, apologize if the address is incorrect. That's a communication error, and so we apologize. It is meant to be adjacent to the Manhattan Country Club fence so that almost the two facilities are abutted up against each other, from that perspective, is where the current location is going to be explored.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Hey, Matt, since there is a restroom facility there, I mean, is it north of that then, would you say? Quite north? You know, that restroom facility for Village soccer field?

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: Yeah. So, it's, there were, there are about 50 spaces that are, were once upon a time assigned to Manhattan Country Club. Then with the

associated Manhattan Village construction project, sort of went back to the city. They're meant to be, the layout of the facility is designed to be and where those 50 parking spaces are.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, got you. All right. Thank you. Any more public comments?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: Yes, we have Jeanne Fratello.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, go ahead, Jeanne.

JEANNE FRATELLO: Hello? Can you hear me?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: There we go.

JEANNE FRATELLO: Here we go. Hi, it's Jeanne Fratello. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The thing that really caught my attention was the \$15 a day daily use fee. You know, I make a lot of noise about this. I do swim a lot. I know a lot of people who are very interested in swimming, but I don't think very many of us are interested in staying all day. And the \$15 just doesn't really match up with anything that we're paying now. As you know, the hourly rate for swimming at Begg is \$5 for residents. And over at the new El Segundo pool, it's \$7 for residents. And you can trim that down a little bit if you buy a punch ticket. So, as you go forward in the negotiations, I would consider, give more consideration to the idea of an hourly rate and also the idea of a punch ticket where you could buy a series

and also the ability to reserve lanes for swimming. And again, I saw the \$15 per day, and that's not really computing for me because I don't know who's going to use that to stay at the pool all day.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, great. Thank you.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: Next, we have Lee.

LEE: Hi. I submitted public comments on this issue. I would like to have the Manhattan Village HOA and the senior village noticed about this. I don't think there's awareness that this is going on. Secondly, the address, as Diane mentioned, is not on Google Maps, so it's not clear where it is exactly. Is it left of the Bay Club or is it the lower mall parking lot? And I was listening. I wasn't quite clear, would there be a competition pool or not? And I think that's it. I think just noticing the residents, we're aware of what's going on, and we can be engaged. Thank you very much.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great. Thank you, Lee. Yes. And we did hear it's not going to be a competition pool, and it's going to cover those 50 spaces that are on the far east end of the village before you get to the soccer field.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: North. It's north of the soccer field. It's not east.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: No. But those parking spaces that are east.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: West of the fence.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: They're west of the fence.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Going towards the mall.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: West of Bay Club. North of the bay.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Well, okay. My perspective was here that it's the eastern edge of that. Yeah, same thing.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Okay.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yeah. It's the western edge of the Bay club. It's the eastern edge of the park.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We're both right.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: We're both right. Okay. So, and one other concern she had. I think we addressed, yeah. It's not competition swimming. It's social swimming.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Is there more?

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK ALVAREZ: There's no additional request.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I did have a question.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, we're going to close public comments.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: I'll make a motion after your question.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yeah, thanks. I think Karen brought it up. It does say in the language, competition pool, which was the pool I asked about. So, it says competition pool, but I heard Matt say no swim meets. And so, I think, you know, I'm prepared to support the MOU, but I do think we want to drill down on that. You know, it's one thing for the city swim club to, you know, swim against itself, but, you know, we don't want to have that.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Your honor, I'll make a motion here, kind of bring us back full circle. Hey, Matt, I appreciate you answering the questions, having your staff here. I know it's early in the process. We're not down to the, in the weeds yet about cost per day or hourly or anything else. This is just the first step, folks. We're not talking grand design here. Just get us off the launching pad and that's a give torus in the mouth. You're going to pay city money to do this. Now, someone else has stepped up. Yes, it's on public property, but there's a trade-off here. So, you want to use our money to pay for it or you want to use their money to pay for it, and get the benefit from happening here. So, we're not talking about depth or pools or timing, all that. It's just get us off the ground. Conceptual design, worry about the weed stuff, details later, and everyone that's a thousand feet will get a notice, right? 500ft notice. Wait, 500ft notice when it goes out. So, here's a resolution I'm

going to propose. Adopt Resolution No. 24-0094. And that's our motion.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: 2nd, 3rd, 4th. I think I was first.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: What was the other item, though, that Ms. Phillips brought up, was notification?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: 100%.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: So, notification. I also think we want to give direction to come up with some preliminary proposals to ensure we have parking, access to the field. We're clear about that. And then also the question of the fees that would be paid. There needs to be some discussion for the community and outreach. We really do need to notify the public that this discussion is occurring. We had some great outreach with regard to Begg pool. We need to have some greater public outreach regarding this possibility.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: As a maker of the motion, I'm going to make it clear we're going to notify everyone.

500ft. Is that the rule? 500ft?

ACTING CITY MANAGER MIRZAKHANIAN: That is correct.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: So, everyone going to notice 500ft when this actually gets started, folks. We're just off the launching pad. We're not doing it building tomorrow. Everybody get noticed when it gets ready. This is just moving it forward. First step. Stay up, Matt. A little bit longer.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Just a little. He's gone.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: All right, so we have a motion by Councilmember Montgomery, seconded.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: And Mayor, before the vote, staff had recognized, just like two speakers, that the address is incorrect. Staff has informed me it's 1304 Parkview Avenue in three different parts of the MOU.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Excellent.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: So, no to the motion.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Thank God for GPS.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. And seconded by?

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: You, I thought. You said.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Me? Oh.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: You said you thought we were first.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. By Mayor Franklin. Yeah.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Call for the question.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: For God's sake.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Napolitano?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Lesser?

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Franklin?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Mayor Pro Tem Howorth.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Yep.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Councilmember Montgomery?

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: Absolutely, yes.

CITY CLERK TAMURA: Motion passes, 5-0.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, moving on.

BAY CLUB COMPANY PRESIDENT STEVENS: Thanks, everyone.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Thank you for your time.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Thank you, Matt. Get me a lobster roll.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you all very much.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yes. Thank you. Thank you all. And so now we've got item L, AB 1234 reports.

COUNCILMEMBER MONTGOMERY: None.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: None. Okay. Item M, future agenda items.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: I have one. We as a council need to have a discussion about Manhattan Beach neighborhood watch. Its future and some requests from city support. And I wanted to get a second.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER LESSER: Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem. Thank you.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Mayor Pro Tem.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Your honor, I have one as well.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Yep.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I would like to bring a discussion of a moratorium on the trash enclosure requirements that are triggered when business --.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Second.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Thank you. Okay.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: I'm sorry. I should have let him, I mean.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: No, it's fine. No, yeah, it's, I like to bring back to council a discussion moratorium on trash enclosure requirements related to permits and other changes that might be called. We've got so many old buildings, that's near impossible. I just, I think it needs another look.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Holistic.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Good.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: Thank you for bringing that forward.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: So, proposed by Councilmember Napolitano, and seconded, you get your second vote from Mayor Pro Tem. Any more future agenda items?

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: I remembered.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: City Manager report.

ACTING CITY MANAGER MIRZAKHANI: Nothing from me this evening. Just that I am honored to serve you in my new capacity.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: City Attorney Report.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Nothing tonight.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Informational items, item P. So, we are going back into closed session.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: Now at this time, we're going to adjourn.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay, so we're going to adjourn.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: At 4:30. Oh, four o'clock. Four o'clock.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Four o'clock, September 3. Four as well.

COUNCILMEMBER NAPOLITANO: Four o'clock?

MAYOR FRANKLIN: 4PM, September 3.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: That's to consider the lean on the Mr. Victor's house.

MAYOR PRO TEM HOWORTH: We did. We put that on for four. Yeah.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Great.

CITY ATTORNEY BARROW: We're trying to work it out with the trustee, but we'll see what happens.

MAYOR FRANKLIN: Okay. Thank you all.