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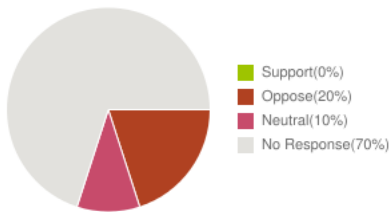
eComments Report

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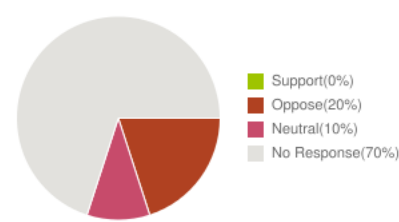
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J.1. 20-0968 For eComments and Emails Received from the Public	2	0	0	0
L.1. 20-0948 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2020-2025 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND BUDGET RESPONSE REPORTS	6	0	2	0

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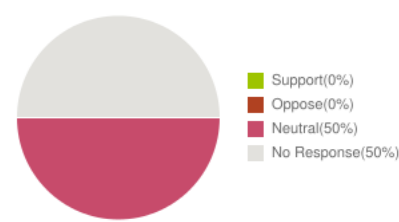
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Agenda Item: eComments for E. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

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John Parr

Location:
Submitted At: 5:36pm 05-22-20

Please read out loud after Chad K

What up council, my name is JT Parr. Chad just hit the nail right on the head and fired me up. He’s absolutely

right, we ARE in a pandemic, and Tom Cruise IS the hero we need right now.

Let me be vulnerable for a sec... this pandemic has scared me. And Chad says that's okay.

But growing up I didn't get scared of stuff like this. I was only scared of report cards and intimacy. But in general I would look death in the face. Like rip on a dirtbike, roll down a steep hill with my body limp. Or moon traffic. And it always fired people up. As I've aged I've noticed that I don't push it as hard. I worry I've lost my edge.

One person who sharpens my edge though is Tom Cruise. When I watch his behind the scenes training for Collateral, I suddenly forget what fear is and I take charge and hustle to a busy intersection to moon people. I feel whole again.

This may sound frivolous but there is power in letting it rip council. In these times more than ever we need someone to fill our hearts with courage. A symbol that says even if we're stuck inside, a determined human can still go farther than any other actor would dare.

My mom is from Colombia. When I came downstairs this morning for breakfast and told her about our plan for the space station she mentioned Tom Cruise is huge in her homeland and the world over. This is extra huge cause China and the US are beefing. Our mutual love of Tom could quell that. Maybe one day, Hong Kong's own adventurer thespian, Jackie Chan will go to space and we can name something after him.

Let's give the world something to look up to.

I'd also like to sing a song that always fires me up council

Three little birds sat on my window
And they told me I don't need to worry
Summer came like cinnamon, so sweet
Little girls, double-dutch on the concrete
Maybe sometimes we got it wrong, but it's all right
The more things seems to change, the more they stay the same
Ooo, don't you hesitate
Girl, put your records on, tell me your favorite song
You go ahead, let your hair down
Sapphire and faded jeans
I hope you get your dreams
Just go ahead, let your hair down
You're gonna find yourself somewhere, somehow

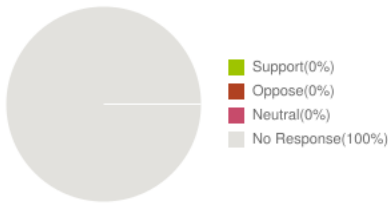
Chad Kroeger

Location:

Submitted At: 5:35pm 05-22-20

What up Council, my name is Chad Kroeger. I'm an activist and stoke lord. I come to you in the gnarliest of times. I don't know if you've looked outside... but it's pretty nuts. There's something called a pandemic going on. When the q-time first happened, I managed to stay stoked. I didn't have to work and the president gave me 1200 bones. But then, it started to kinda suck. The beaches closed, my buddy Dolan's gf broke up with him over his Call of Duty addiction, and J Crew went bankrupt. It was deleterious to my tan, my bro's love life, and my summer shirt collection. I was ready to throw in the towel and let rona sadness take over my body. And then something incredible happened. They announced Tom Cruise was making his next movie... in space. As soon as I heard this news I called my long lost love Lindsey Swirbalus and wished her all the best in her future endeavours. But back to Tom, he's not just an actor, he's something else. In a time when most bro's are trapped indoors, Tom Cruise is going into the ionosphere ... he's still crushing it 24/7, and observing the ultimate form of social distancing. He's made us realize there's nothing the c-virus or anything else can do to stop humans from persevering to the greatest of heights and accomplishments. This is why we need to honor this Maverick by renaming the International Space Station the Tom Cruise Space Station. Let this image enter your domes, council. We've got Tom Cruise floating out there in his suit, memorizing his lines, and what does he see? "Tom fricken Cruise" in big bold letters on the side. That's gonna fire him up to do a better performance, which will lead to a better film, which will lead to a happier planet. And, in all honesty, I believe a stoked Tom Cruise will bring Earth's vibrations back to an equilibrium. We can do this, America. All it takes is a rocket and some paint. It's now in your hands, city of Redondo Beach. Thank you.

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Mel Samples

Location:

Submitted At: 5:49pm 05-26-20

Regarding Chief Metzger's comment on staffing the Truck Company.

What is the OSHA and NFPA stance on reducing the staffing for the ladder truck. How does this affect the response plans and safety of the citizens of the city?

Matthew Hinsley

Location:

Submitted At: 10:31am 05-24-20

My comment is about a lack of city revenue, any potential tax increase or assessment and the lack of compromise by this council.

And the March 2020 elections in CA show there is a growing weariness to approve tax increases. Post COVID-19 with an economy decimated there is even less of an appetite now. People's income are affected and a lot of people unemployed and scared.

Last December this council considered a Sales & Use Tax that could have raised up to ~\$7M per year if passed (0.75%). But due to the disfunction of the council and poor advice to start down that path without knowing that a 5-0 vote would be needed wasted a lot of time. At the December meeting both sides, "Let's do it now" and "Let's wait and see," were wrong. Last December in order to secure the 5-0 vote the "Let's do it now" faction should have agreed to finish the LA County Fire Study. Even if it showed no savings as you firmly believe I believe you would have gotten the proposed Sales and Use Tax on the March 2020 ballot. Both sides need to hold your noses more and vote for the good of the people rather than partake in punching each other on the nose, metaphorically. COVID-19 and all the negative effects show what can happen when you wait and see and fail to hold your nose and compromise.

In the current environment any ask of the residents would be difficult. If a sales and use tax or an assessment for the Street & Lighting district fee or something else, the city council and the Mayor need to be able to sell it to residents why it is important. The earliest any ballot measure could go to the residents is March 2021 when 3 council members are likely running for reelection as is the Mayor. What a great time to be explaining any potential ask of the residents.

And hopefully by March of next year both the economy and residents are back to near full health from COVID-19 pandemic impacts. That would be a great time to have a conversation with residents and explain that even before COVID-19 the city's finances were in a tough spot. But that conversation starts now, even in this most difficult time, knowing that in March 2021 something needs to be done.

Matthew Hinsley

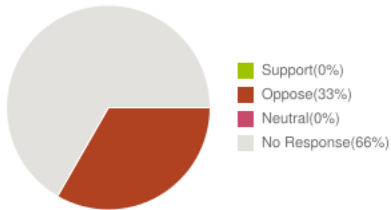
District 3

Agenda Item: eComments for L.1. 20-0948 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 2020-2025 CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND BUDGET RESPONSE REPORTS

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Jeff Ginsburg

Location:

Submitted At: 7:04pm 05-26-20

I am currently the President of the Riviera Village Association and a goal the RVA Board has had for a few years is the city completes its Capital Improvement Project (CIP) of replacing the old concrete sidewalks with the new pavers as the updates make the sidewalks ADA compliant while also making sidewalk dining possible which then provides the city with rental income for the areas restaurants expand onto...the great advantage of this for the city is how it will result as a Return On Investment (ROI) while also making the village safer...few CIP projects result in a ROI so hopefully this can be a prioritized project for this budget...thank you :)

Mel Samples

Location:

Submitted At: 5:53pm 05-26-20

If 1/3 of the staffing at Stn 3 is moved to other responsibilities, what does that do to the platoon schedule at FS 3? Will we only have FS3 open 20 days/month?

Mark Hansen

Location:

Submitted At: 4:47pm 05-26-20

To: Mayor, City Council, and Senior City Staff

From: Mark Hansen, King Harbor Boater

Please do not accept Decision Package #29, regarding a reduction in Harbor Patrol Staffing.

That proposal states that:

“This reduction would eliminate 1/3 of the staffing in the Harbor Patrol Division and...a 1/3 reduction in service hours.”

The City Manager’s message, of May 16, advises that:

“Non-Safety Departments were given a 15% targeted amount for reduction, while Safety Departments (Police and Fire)...were given a 5% targeted reduction.”

However, this proposal would reduce the Harbor Patrol by 33%.

Our Harbor Patrol officers have saved numerous lives over the years, including boaters, anglers, and harbor visitors.

During the current COVID-19 crisis, boaters will be endeavoring to engage in recreational boating, in a manner that is both safe and consistent with city and county orders. This will necessitate that various boat owners will not be able to man their vessels with their full regular experienced crews, but will be boating with fewer crewmembers and potentially less experienced household members.

This is exactly the wrong time to reduce the staffing of our Harbor Patrol.

Please maintain this critical public safety service for our community, and do not accept Decision Package #29.

Sheila Lamb

Location:

Submitted At: 3:13pm 05-26-20

To: Mayor Brand and City Council Members

RE: Agenda Item L.1-Public Hearing to Consider Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed Budget

Covid 19, like a tornado, arrived suddenly and has changed our lives in so many ways. Some of these changes will be permanent but some will last a relatively short time. Change, nevertheless is always difficult, sudden change even more so. So first I want to express my appreciation to the council members and staff in their efforts to guide the our city forward during this difficult time.

I have read the budget and decision packages, most of which I support. RB residents support all efforts to save money, spend wisely, and balance the budget. However, below are my comments on five of the decision packages:

DP# 21-Vehicle replacement policy-it would be helpful for the residents if we could view the current policy and the method that determines vehicle replacement. Residents need to know that it makes economical sense to replace vehicles. If you are changing the policy to lengthen the life of vehicles now, why make it temporary? Why not permanent?

DP# 23-Budget and Finance Commission should continue to meet monthly, not every other month. Citizen commissioners with financial expertise provide an extra pair of eyes to assist the city in saving money. That can only be done by continuing the current practice of holding monthly meetings.

DP# 25-Continue Moss Adams audit services. Moss Adams has provided critical guidance and recommendations in streamlining practices and saving the city money. This service should be continued.

DP# 26-Continue Harbor contract auditing services. Outside auditors can bring objective eyes in reviewing contracts, catching details that may go unnoticed, saving the city money. This should be continued.

DP# 44-In general, RB residents would like to see greater transparency in vehicle replacement purchasing policies. Again, if the city is now extending the life of vehicles, why not make that policy permanent?

One comment/question: Of the 34 positions eliminated, please tell us how many of those positions were vacant or unfunded in the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

Sheila W. Lamb

Joe Lodinsky

Location:

Submitted At: 3:11pm 05-26-20

As a former City employee in Public Works I strongly oppose the elimination of the supervisor position in the Parks Division. This position serves the Parks Manager as the field lieutenant. Eliminating this position forever

will have a detrimental effect on the services that Parks employees deliver. The supervisor is the person in the field that oversees the daily hands-on operations. The playgrounds, the medians and the trees that grace the City. The Manager sees the "big picture". The budget, safety issues and citizen inquiries are just a few. The current virus situation will end and the City will return to normal operations. When this happens the "look" of the city will be important in bringing tourism and business back. I proudly served in both positions and understand the importance of both. I also understand the current fiscal climate and the need to reduce employee payroll. Perhaps restructure the position to make it more fiscally possible to keep it. The Parks Department is already losing a long time valuable asset in the current employee in that supervisory position. Don't let the retirement of this employee be the reason to eliminate this very important cog in the wheel that is the Parks Division and Public Works.

Matthew Hinsley

Location:

Submitted At: 10:08am 05-24-20

What is the city's long term financial plan? If the economy returns will the city re-hire and re-authorize the planned eliminated positions?

The city already has used too much cutting and eliminated the fat. You have now reached the bone.

Before de-authorizing ~30 positions and firing 9 people, 2 of which will be unemployed, an optional early retirement package should be offered to employees so those who may be close to retirement can be incentivized to retire and those who want and need to work can stay.

Why not consider a one time use of cash reserves reducing the one month reserve money from ~\$8M to \$6M. The one month cushion is nice and well earned by conservative choices by the city but it should be considered as other cities operate with less cushion.

The following decision packages are not in the best interest of the city and other options need to be found:

(No) Decision Packages #16 (Reducing Library hours) as a lot of residents including kids use the library after school and closing Mondays and at 6:00pm leaves them no where to go.

(No) Decision package #23 (Changing most commission meetings to bi-monthly) This is also not a wise investment as it is difficult enough for commissioners to do a good job and get staff support at the current meeting schedule. Referrals take too long to come back and discussions move at a glaciers pace. This package would make that problem even worse.

(No) Decision Package #21: Rather than extend one-year again after doing the same last year, a better choice would be to change the mix of vehicles purchased. Currently, the city is purchasing very expensive and excessive fully electric vehicles at full MSRP (Not receiving the Federal or State credits that bring down the costs) and using those vehicles for currently 12 or 13 years. What do you think a Chevy Bolt EV will be worth 13 years from now? Instead consider purchasing other less expensive vehicles this round or consider a municipal lease program to transfer the risks of devaluation while keeping green and zero or low emissions fro your city fleet.

I am in support of Decision Package #4 and #24.

Thank you for your time.

Matthew Hinsley
District 3