

WOULD'VE BEEN A BETTER TERM THAN OUTREACH. IT IS NOT COMMUNICATING INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC. TONIGHT, TONIGHT'S MEETING, ANSWERING ALL OF THE QUESTIONS. COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS?

I JUST WANTED TO FOLLOW-UP ON THE MOBILE HOME PARK . IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT MANY OF THE MOBILE HOME PARKS ACTUALLY HAVE THE FOUR INCH METER SIZE. SO THE QUESTION I HAVE, I WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE BASELINE. I AM LOOKING AT A FOUR INCH HERE. THE CURRENT RATE IS 821. WE WENT FORWARD WITH WHERE WE ARE AT. THE RATES STARTING ON JULY 1st 20 15 2787. IF I AM CORRECT, WITH THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS THAT WE RECEIVED, THAT WOULD MEAN OVER 100% INCREASE IN THE RATES. IS THAT CORRECT? AM I OFF?

WHICH PAGE ARE YOU ON? MY QUESTION IS, WHEN THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THE BASELINE AND THE SUB METER. IF YOU'RE TALKING THE BASELINE FOR A FOUR INCH METER. IT IS -- CAN YOU EXPLAIN HOW THEY WILL BE CHARGED IF THEY ARE IN A FOUR INCH METER?

CERTAINLY. JUST DOING SOME MATH HERE. LOOKING IN OUR REPORT, THE METER GOES UP APPROXIMATELY DOUBLE, NOT QUITE BIGGER THAN ON ONE SCREEN. FOUR INCH METER AT 1527 VERSUS THE CURRENT EIGHT 21. MENTAL MATH, 90% INCREASE. THE WATER USE RATE WAS APPROXIMATELY 50% BECAUSE IT WILL BE CHARGED A COMMERCIAL RATE. THAT COMMERCIAL RATE, AS PROPOSED, A UNIFORM RATE, THAT YOU CURRENTLY HAVE. I'M SORRY. I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

THERE ARE TWO COMPONENTS TO A CUSTOMER BILL. A FIXED METER CHARGE AND WATER USAGE RATES. EXCHANGE IS GOING UP MORE, ABOUT 90%. IT HAS TO DO WITH RIGHTSIZING THE CAPACITY, THE POTENTIAL CAPACITY ON THAT FOUR INCH METER CONNECTION. TWO WATER USE RATE, WHICH THESE FOLKS WOULD FALL UNDER THE COMMERCIAL WATER USE RATE FOR EACH UNIT OF WATER WOULD BE CHARGED AT A RATE OF OF \$6.03 IN JULY. BURSTING THE EXISTING RATES OF \$4.52.

DOES THAT CLARIFY YOUR QUESTION, COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS?

BASED ON THE ANSWERS WE RECEIVED WHEN THEY WERE DISCUSSING THIS PARTICULAR. MY QUESTION IS, IS THAT ACCURATE? IF SO PEOPLE UNDERSTAND. THIS IS WHAT CAME UP FOR ME. THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES WHEN WE ARE DOING A 47% INCREASED PERCENTAGE IS PAIRED WITH I STARTED LOOKING AT THE MOUTH, THE FAMILY OF FIVE SAYING THEY SPENT TIME ON THIS AND THEY REALIZED HOW HIGH THE BILL IS GOING TO BE. I AM JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND FOR THIS FOUR INCH METER UNDER 100% INCREASE ACCURATE? DID YOU RECEIVE THOSE QUESTIONS THAT WE SENT? I AM NOT SURE IF WE RECEIVE THAT SPECIFIC QUESTION. WHAT I WILL SAY IS THE BILL IMPACT WILL ALWAYS DEPEND ON THIS SPECIFIC ACCOUNT. IT WILL BE THE SIZE OF THE METER CONNECTION. IT WILL DEPEND ON THE CUSTOMER CLASS. IT WILL DEPEND ON YOUR ACTUAL WATER USE. THAT WATER USE MAY DEPEND ON THE TIME OF YEAR. SO, I CANNOT REASONABLY ANSWER IF THIS PARTICULAR ACCOUNT WILL GO UP BY X PERCENT.

YOU ARE THE ONE THAT PROVIDED US WITH THE ANSWERS. HE RECALLED WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT? THIS IS FOR FIRCREST. THAT INFORMATION, I BELIEVE IT WAS TAKING A LOOK AT THE PROPOSED RATES, THE EXISTING CONDITION AND THE NUMBERS THAT WERE PROVIDED. THOSE WERE CORRECT. SO, I DON'T HAVE A RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME. BUT IF IT ENDED UP BEING 108% INCREASE FOR THAT PARTICULAR -- I DON'T LIKE TO USE SPECIFICS. IT IS A PRIVACY ISSUE AND WE PROBABLY SHOULD NOT BE TALKING ABOUT SPECIFIC PROPERTY OWNERS, BUT THERE WAS A PROPERTY OWNER THAT WE HAD REQUESTED, THAT HAD 80 UNITS AND THE INFORMATION THAT WE PROVIDED IS CORRECT. SO, THAT ONE WAS. BUT IN THAT PARTICULAR SITUATION, IF THE INCREASE WAS 108%, I DID NOT DO THE MAP IN TERMS OF THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE. BUT, THE NUMBERS WERE CORRECT THAT WERE PRESENTED TO YOU.

TONI MIGHT KNOW THAT I AM ESTIMATING THAT THIS ACCOUNT THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HAS A DEDICATED LANDSCAPE METER, AS WELL. SO, THEY HAVE A METER FOR DOMESTIC NEEDS. ONE AND A SEPARATE DEDICATION --

I DON'T BELIEVE THEY DO. I BELIEVE IT IS ALTOGETHER. THEY DON'T HAVE A -- IT IS ALL PART OF THEIR MASTER METER. I GOT THIS INFORMATION FROM THE FINANCE BILLING GROUP. SO IF I AM SAYING SOMETHING THAT IS NOT CORRECT, IF ANNA COULD CORRECT ME, PLEASE. IT IS NOT A SEPARATE IRRIGATION METER.

ANY CORRECTION FROM STAFF? OKAY. I AM HOPING WE CAN GET QUESTIONS ANSWERED PRETTY QUICKLY TO GET OUT TO THE PUBLIC. LET'S READ THAT WITH MORE QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO THROW THIS OUT THERE. WELL I AM GOING TO TONIGHT IN THE LAST PRESENTATION, WE COULD NOT TAKE THIS BY CATEGORY, RIGHT? YOU CANNOT JUST DO A CATEGORY OF RESIDENTIAL HOMES. YOU CANNOT DO A CATEGORY OF NONPROFITS. YOU CANNOT DO A CATEGORY OF THOSE THAT ARE SUBMETERED IN A CLUSTER. YOU CANNOT DO A CATEGORY AND BY AVERAGE AMOUNT. RIGHT? FROM WHAT I AM HEARING YOU CANNOT JUST DO THAT. YOU CANNOT PROVIDE AN AVERAGE NUMBER FOR THOSE SPECIFIC CATEGORIES. IS THAT RIGHT?

SO, SINGLE FAMILY, WE HAVE A LOT OF CONNECTIONS. WE HAVE A LOT OF SIMILARITIES . WE HAVE RELATIVELY THE SAME SIZE METER CONNECTION FOR ALMOST ALL RESIDENTIAL USERS. SIMILAR DEMAND THE WINTER AND IN THE SUMMER. GET INTO COMMERCIAL USERS AND IT IS MORE SPECIFIC TYPES OF DIRECT -- MIXED USE FOR RESIDENTIAL. BECOMES TRICKIER TO IDENTIFY UNLESS YOU CALL OUT SPECIFIC ACCOUNTS.

BASICALLY THE ONLY WAY INDIVIDUALS WITH THAT CLUSTER EFFECT CLASSIFICATION WOULD NO SPECIFICALLY IF YOU INVITED THEM IN AND EVERYONE CAME IN WITH THEIR BILLS. IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?

AND THE FOLKS KNOW BY THEIR BILLS, THEY KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE, THEIR WATER USE, THIS PROPOSAL WOULD IDENTIFY WHAT CLASS YOU FALL UNDER IF IT IS RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL FOR IRRIGATION.

SO, THE NOTICE. THE 218 NOTICES, THEY WENT OUT TO PROPERTY OWNERS. SORRY. SOMEONE NEEDS TO ANSWER THE QUESTION. I THINK I KNOW THE ANSWER. I THINK WE HAVE OVER 50% OF OUR POPULATION HERE THAT ARE RENTERS. WERE RENTERS NOTIFIED IN ANY WAY BY THE CITY WITH THE WATER AND SEWER INCREASES? THAT WOULD BE STAFF, I THINK.

CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG HERE. ALL NOTICES TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS. SINCE I HAVE BEEN HERE IN TERMS OF SOCIAL MEDIA PRIMARILY SOCIAL MEDIA. THEY HAVE COME WITH A COUPLE OF TIMES. THE LETTERS ARE PROBABLY THE MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED MULTIPLE WAYS TO CONVEY DECAY WHICH IS HOPEFULLY COMMUNICATED IN THIS.

I UNDERSTAND THE ANSWER. GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON.

FOLLOWING UP ON VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN'S QUESTION. WE LOOKED OVER THE COMPLEXES OF MULTIPLE UNITS WITH THE LIGHT ON ONE AND THE LANDLORD SPLITS THE BILLS. THAT IS A QUESTION. IF FOLKS WANTED TO APPLY, JUST FIRCREST AND BURBANK'S. THERE ARE OTHER COMPLEXES, AS WELL. COULD WE HAVE A RATE FOR THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE GENERALLY LOW INCOME AND COULD APPLY? I KNOW IT IS EXTRA FOR US. WORKED. THEY COULD BE IN A SPECIAL CATEGORY. THOSE PEOPLE FOR ME ARE -- IT MAKES SENSE THAT THEY ARE CHARGED ON ONE METER AND THEN THEY HAVE THE TEAR IN THAT IS NOT REALLY FAIR. THAT IS JUST LIKE 50 PEOPLE IN FIRCREST, RIGHT? WE COULD JUST KEEP THEM ALL AT YOUR ONE IF THEY APPLIED. I'M JUST WONDERING.

IS THAT A QUESTION FOR --

IT IS A QUESTION. CAN WE DO A CATEGORY? OR PEOPLE THAT APPLY I GUESS? THAT IS THE QUESTION TO TONI.

I THINK WE ARE GOING TO MAKE LEWIS -- COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS AND COUNCILMEMBER MAURER. IS THERE A QUESTION?? LET'S MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T LOSE TRACK OF COUNCILMEMBER HINTON'S QUESTION.

IT IS A POINT OF CLARIFICATION. I WAS TOLD RESIDENTS DO NOT PAY WATER BILLS. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT FIRCREST. BUT, YOU DO.

OH, OKAY.

THIS IS UNUSUAL, BUT COULD YOU COME UP TO THE PODIUM . WE HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE FIRCREST MOBILE HOME PARK WHO IS A RESIDENT. I'M SORRY, IS IT BURBANK OR FIRCREST? OKAY.

FIRCREST.

CAN YOU TELL ME HOW YOU ARE BILLED FOR WATER AND SEWER?

I AM BILLED TO THE PARK, THROUGH THE MANAGEMENT. THEY GO AROUND AND READ OUR INDIVIDUAL METERS.

OF INDIVIDUAL METERS . AND WHAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT OTHER METERS IN THE PARK POTENTIALLY.

OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE INFORMATION.

THERE ARE 87 UNITS IN PROBABLY ABOUT 100 PEOPLE.

OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WHERE AM I?

COUNCILMEMBER HINTON, DID YOU GET YOUR QUESTION ANSWERED? TRYING TO ANSWER. GOING TO TRY TO ANSWER THE QUESTION.

FROM AN INCOME BASE PERSPECTIVE, CHECKING IN WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY. WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO VERY LATE -- RATES BASED ON INCOME LEVELS, THAT IS ILLEGAL. SUBSIDIZE ANOTHER SET. OTHER CATEGORIES OF PROPERTY THIS IS SPECULATION ON MY PART. IF THERE ARE CHARACTERISTICS OF PROPERTIES THAT MAYBE WE COULD DO SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES, WE CANNOT DO IT BASED ON INCOME.

BY OTHER CATEGORIES, JUST A FOLLOW-UP, WOULD THERE BE A WAY TO ADJUST BILLING BASED ON THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS LIVING ON A PROPERTY OR THE NUMBER OF UNITS ON THE PROPERTY? WE HAVE HEARD FROM RESIDENTS THAT SAY THEY HAVE FIVE PEOPLE LIVING IN THEIR HOUSE. BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE, THEY WOULD GET A HIGHER TIER.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT NUMBER OF APARTMENTS. BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE HOUSE IS NOT SOMETHING I WOULD LOOK FAVORABLY UPON BECAUSE THAT CHANGES. IT COULD CHANGE FROM DAY TO DAY TO REAR TO REAR. MAYBE YOUR GRANDMOTHER MOVED IN OR WHATEVER. TALKING ABOUT TRACKING BY THE NUMBER. THE BEST WAY TO CAPTURE THAT IS BY USING VOLUME.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR OPINION IS THAT WOULD BE DIFFICULT. BUT IS NOT AN OPTION? BASING IT ON INCOME, WE DON'T HAVE A BASIS OF DOING THAT. AS TO BASING IT ON NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS, IT IS A MATTER OF POLICY AND YOU WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST IT?

I DON'T KNOW THE LEGAL RESEARCH INTO MAYBE SOMEONE MORE EXPERIENCED IN HIS INDUSTRY DOES. I WOULD IMAGINE THAT IT WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE OUR ADMINISTRATIVE COST TO SOMEHOW TRACK THIS WITH INTEGRITY AND ADJUST BILLS ACCORDINGLY. COUNCIL MEMBER Mc LEWIS. YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

I'M GOING TO THE PREVIOUS PRESENTATION TO EDUCATE MYSELF. CAN YOU REMIND ME WITH THE FIXED CHARGE THAT WE HAVE. WHAT IS THAT BASED ON? I'M SORRY. I HAVE A QUESTION TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT. BUT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT IS.

LEADING ON WATER? SO, OUR CURRENT FIXED AMOUNT ON THE WATER.

THE FIXED CHARGE RECOVERS PREDOMINANTLY MERE SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS CUSTOMER SERVICES. A SERVICE OF OUR EXTRA CAPACITY AS WE REFER TO THE PEAK DEMAND COST. CAN YOU TELL ME, IS IT POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, LOOKING AT THE DIFFERENT RATES, BUT IS ANYONE CHARGING LIKE A FIXED FEE EVERY MONTH FOR EVERY RESIDENT PAYING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE. THAT SOMETHING THAT ANYONE DOES QUESTION WHAT IS THE PRESIDENT FOR THAT?

THERE IS A HANDFUL OF AGENCIES WITH A SEPARATE CHARGE FOR CAPITAL. THE FUTURE CAPITAL NEEDS FOR A SEPARATE RATE COMPONENT. RATHER THAN HAVING A FIXED METER SIZE THEY MIGHT HAVE A THIRD CHARGE THAT IS FOR CAPITAL. THAT MIGHT BE PETER-BASED. I DON'T I KNOW ONE AGENCY THAT DOESN'T VOLUMETRIC WE. I CANNOT THINK OF ONE AGENCY, IF THEY STILL HAVE THIS, THAT IS PURELY VOLUMETRIC. IT CAN BE A DANGEROUS PLACE TO BE FROM THE STANDPOINT.

DO YOU KNOW, IS THAT ANYTHING THAT WE HAVE LOOKED AT IN THE PAST. AS WE CHARGE PEOPLE MORE FOR THEIR WATER, IS THERE AN ARGUMENT FOR HAVING A FIXED CHARGE FOR EVERYONE AND THEN A FLAT RATE FOR WATER. THE WATER RATES AND HAVING THIS TIERED SYSTEM. I SPENT FALLING. I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND BECAUSE I LOOK AT THIS AND I FEEL LIKE WE ARE PENALIZING FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS AND A LOT OF DIFFERENT ENTITIES. SO I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND.

YES, WE ARE AND QUESTIONS.

I AM JUST ASKING, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE CONSIDERED IN THE PASTOR IS ASSUMING THAT DOESN'T WORK FOR US OR WOULDN'T WORK FOR US? IS EXEMPT IS THE QUESTION.

HAS IT BEEN EXAMINED IN THE PAST?

CARVING OUT A DISTINCT CAPITAL CHARGE OR SOME THIRD OR FOURTH RATE COMPONENT THAT IS NOT BEEN EXAMINED IN THE STUDY.

LOOK AT QUESTIONS ANSWERED. DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY PENDING QUESTIONS? OKAY. I DO HAVE A COUPLE OF PENDING QUESTIONS. THEN WE WILL GO OUT TO THE PUBLIC. WE CAN ALWAYS COME BACK FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION. WE HAVE THE PUBLIC THAT IS INTERESTED HERE. I AM CURIOUS ABOUT THE EQUITABLE QUESTION. THERE IS THE TARGET DOLLAR AMOUNT. IF WE ACCEPT THE TARGET DOLLAR AMOUNT, IS IT APPROPRIATE QUESTION MARK UP WE ALSO ACCEPT THAT THE TARGET DATE OR ACCUMULATING THAT AMOUNT IS APPROPRIATE. I THINK IT WAS THREE YEARS. ARE THERE DIFFERENT -- WHAT REMAINS FROM WHAT REMAINS FOR MY PERSPECTIVE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF COLLECTING ACCUMULATED THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY. THAT WILL MINIMALLY. THAT 3 MILLION EACH YEAR'S. IS THERE A WAY TO COLLECT THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY GIVEN WHAT WE HAVE LOOKED INTO INTO THE PAST WITH OTHER JURISDICTION, THAT IS MORE EQUITABLE, POSSIBLY, RATHER THAN THIS THREE-TIERED APPROACH THAT THEY HAVE RECOMMENDED. I GUESS EMBEDDED IN MY QUESTION IS, WHY DID YOU RECOMMEND THIS PARTICULAR THREE-TIERED APPROACH? WHY THIS ONE?

I WILL START BY SAYING THAT THE RECOMMENDATION IS NOT OURS ALONE. THAT WAS IN CONSULTATION WITH STAFF ALONG THE WAY. WE BELIEVE THAT APPROACH BEST FOR FILLS YOUR POLICY OBJECTIVES WHICH INCLUDE STABILITY, WHICH WE ACHIEVED IN PART WITH THE DEGREE OF FIXED CHARGES THAT WE RECOVERED. HAVING RATES BY CUSTOMER CLASS IS AN INDUSTRY STANDARD. LET'S THROW IT OUT THE WINDOW. WE ARE WELL OVER 70%, 75% OF AGENCIES THEY HELPED FULFILL -- THEY ARE A CONSERVATION TOOL LOW INCOME, LOW WATER USERS, FAIRNESS BETWEEN DIFFERENT CLASS AND WITHIN THE CLASS. IF YOU USE MORE, YOU PAY MORE. UTILIZING MORE OF THE FIXED INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS BUILT FOR YOUR SYSTEM. THE STORAGE FACILITIES, THE DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES. SO, WE ALLOCATE THOSE COSTS. IT IS OUR PREROGATIVE THAT IS THE REASON WHY WE RECOMMEND THE --

OKAY. I SEE THAT COUNCILMEMBER MAURER OF THE QUESTION. I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS.

WHAT DOES THAT STAND FOR? SO, IT IS 1000 GALLONS.

IT IS WHAT YOUR BILLING UNIT IS AND WHAT. FOR THE COMMERCIAL USERS, IT IS A DOLLAR 50 MORE EVERY THOUSAND GALLONS. IS THAT CORRECT? IT IS GOING TO COST A DOLLAR 50 MORE? YES? OKAY, SKIP THAT QUESTION. I'M GOING TO ASK ABOUT THE TIERED RATE.

KEVIN, I THINK YOU ARE TALKING THAT YOU ARE MUTED.

SORRY ABOUT THAT. THE CURRENT RATE IS 452 FOR ALL USERS. COMMERCIALY, 603. A DOLLAR AND \$.51 INCREASE.

INCREASE FOR EVERY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

REGARDING THE TIERED RATE SO, YOU HAVE THREE TIERS, YOU HAVE YOUR ONE FROM ZERO TO SEVEN THOUSAND GALLONS. THAT WOULD BE \$5.48. TIER TWO, IT IS \$8000-\$60,000 AND THAT WOULD BE \$6.99. TIER THREE WOULD BE GREATER THAN 16,000 GALLONS WILL BE \$9.71. SO, SAY I USE FOR EXAMPLE, 10,000 GALLONS. THEN, AM I CHARGED THE FIRST SEVEN OF THOSE AT \$5.48 AND THEN THE NEXT THREE AT \$3.99? OR AM I CHARGED \$6.99 BECAUSE I HAVE USED MORE THAN EIGHT?

THE FIRST SEVEN ARE THE TIER ONE AND THE NEXT IT TIER TWO. THINK MARGINAL TAX RATES. WE ARE NOT GOING.HIGHEST USE FIRST.

OKAY GOOD. THANK YOU.

I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION IN THE LET'S GO OUT TO THE PUBLIC . MY QUESTION IS HOW MANY CUSTOMERS ARE IN THE -- BASED ON YOUR NUMBERS, HOW MANY WOULD BE IN THE TIER ONE CATEGORY? ONLY BE TIER ONE CATEGORY. NOT GOING INTO TIER TWO. HOW MANY CUSTOMERS WOULD BE IN THE TIER THREE CATEGORY IN SOME WAY QUESTION MARK YOU THOSE NUMBERS?

I THINK I WOULD HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU WITH THOSE NUMBERS. I THINK WE MIGHT HAVE THE USE THAT FALLS IN EACH., BUT AS FAR AS CUSTOMER BILLS IN EACH. I THINK WE HAVE TO FOLLOW UP WITH AN ANSWER.

OKAY. THANK YOU. WE CAN COME BACK TO IT IF WE NEED TO. CAN WE GO OUT TO THE PUBLIC? ANY LAST MINUTE? *Agenda Item Number: 2*

I AM NOT SURE HOW LONG KEVIN CAN STAY WITH US BUT I KNOW IF WE DO PUBLIC COMMENT, IF IT DOES COME BACK, I'M NOT SURE HE IS GOING TO BE AVAILABLE. I WAS TOLD HE HAD ABOUT AN HOUR TO SPEND WITH EVERYTHING THAT WE ARE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD NOW. I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR BEFORE. HE IS GOING TO GO BEFORE WE LET THEM GO MAKE SURE YOU'RE SATISFIED.

THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER McLEWIS?

I AM JUST WONDERING, CAN YOU TELL ME WITH YOUR WORK FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA, WE DO NOT PURCHASE OUR WATER, BUT OTHERS DO. ARE OUR RATES IN LINE WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHO DO NOT PURCHASE WATER FIRST PEOPLE WHO PURCHASE WATER?

THAT IS A TRICKY QUESTION TO ANSWER. THAT IS BECAUSE EVERY AGENCY, THERE ARE LOTS OF VARIABLES. I DON'T KNOW IF I USE THIS EXPRESSION VERY OFTEN. IT IS NOT APPLES TO APPLES. YOU'RE PROVIDING THE SAME WATER SERVICE BUT PROVIDING THE SAME WASTEWATER SERVICE. THE SIZE OF THE SYSTEM IN THE METERED CONNECTIONS THAT YOU SERVE ON THE SCALE THAT YOU GET MATTERS. THE AGE OF THE SYSTEM MATTERS AS YOU POINTED OUT. SOURCES OF SUPPLY ON THE WATER SITE COME INTO PLAY EXTENSIVELY. IT MIGHT BE A PROPERTY TAX REVENUE BASE TO FUND THE CAPITAL NEEDS THAT KEEPS RATES LOW. UNFORTUNATELY, I CANNOT GIVE YOU AN ANSWER TO SAY TO OTHER WATER PROVIDERS ONLY HAVE LOWER COST OF SERVICE THAT IS REALLY GOING TO PENDING. GENERALLY, THE HIGHER COST OF WATER IS A HIGHER COST OF SERVICE. THE RETIREMENT ON THAT GROUNDWATER OR THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. IT REALLY DOES VARY.

I DON'T KNOW THAT IT IS A QUESTION THAT I WAS JUST ASKED , WHY ARE WE PAYING MORE FOR WATER WHEN THEY PAY FOR WATER?

SINCE WE HAVE HIM LEAVING SOON, I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS I WOULD LIKE TO POST YOU. ONE HAS TO DO WITH COST OF YOUR SERVICES. THE OTHER ONE HAS TO DO WITH POTENTIAL TIMEFRAME. SO, IF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL EXCEPT THE TARGET AMOUNT, THE THREE YEARS AT \$3 MILLION A YEAR AND THE TARGET DATE, THREE YEARS FROM NOW. IF THEY WANT RAP TELL US TO LOOK INTO OTHER OPTIONS JUST THE OTHER OPTIONS FOR DIFFERENT TIERS, WHAT IS THE STANDARD RATE. OTHER OPTIONS FOR ACCUMULATING THAT TARGET AMOUNT FOR THAT TARGET DATE, WHAT SORT OF EXPENSE ARE WE FACING FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FROM RAFTELIS , AS A GENERAL NUMBER? WHAT IS THE MINIMUM? CAN YOU GIVE US A SENSE OF IT? IF YOU WANT TO GIVE US A MAXIMUM TOO. BUT JUST SOME SENSE OF IT. WHAT IS THE EARLIEST THAT YOU ACTUALLY COULD GET THAT INFORMATION TOGETHER FOR US, FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD?

IT DEPENDS ON WHAT WE WANT TO EXPLORE. IT HAS ALREADY BEEN A NUMBER ON IT WITHOUT HAVING CLEAR DIRECTION. IF WE ARE SIMPLY UPDATING, GOING BACK TO A UNIFORM RATE, WE ARE UPDATING OUR MODEL OF REPORT AND NOTICING ET CETERA. WE ARE PROBABLY IN THE \$20,000 RANGE. IF YOU ARE STARTING OVER, ESSENTIALLY, WE HAVE EXISTING MODELS. HOW MUCH EFFORT IT WILL BE TO GET TO AN AGREEMENT THAT IS ACCEPTABLE.

SORRY, IS THAT THE TARGET AMOUNT 11 AND THE TARGET DATE ALONE. WE JUST ASKED YOU TO GIVE US OTHER OPTIONS.

ALL OF THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, IS A MOVING TARGET AS POINTED OUT BY YOUR CITY MANAGER. THAT IS BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT THE PROPOSED RATES, IF ADOPTED, WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ON JULY 1st. NOW, EVEN IF WE MOVE QUICKLY WITH AN ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL LET'S SAY WE HAVE A MONTH OR TWO OF WORK. THAT IS A 45 DAY PERIOD. WE HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING, WE HAVE THE WAITING PERIOD. YOU ARE GOING TO LOSE FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS IN REVENUE. THAT WILL CHANGE THE RATES. IT WILL CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS. IT MEANS THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO INCREASE THE FIRST YEAR MORE OR YOU ARE GOING TO BE IN A SLIGHTLY LARGER HOLE, IN THAT FIRST YEAR TO DIG OUT OF IT.

OKAY. IT SOUNDS LIKE A MINIMUM OF ONE TO TWO MONTHS OF WORK. THAT COST OF WORK FOR 20,000 MINIMUM TO \$50,000. IS THAT DOING A COMPLETE REASSESSMENT INCLUDING REASSESSING THE TARGET AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED. *Agenda Item Number: 2*
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WE DEFINITELY WANT TO GET OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT. BUT BEFORE FIVE LEAVES, THIS IS A COMMENT THAT I HAVE SEEN. WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS LAST TIME. THE FACT THAT EVEN THOUGH WE ARE SITTING ON AN AQUIFER, IT STILL TAKES MONEY TO GET IT OUT OF THE GROUND, TO BE ABLE TO USE IT. AS A RESULT OF THAT, PART OF THE COST IS PG&E, ELECTRICITY, ALL OF THAT STUFF. IS THAT RIGHT?

THAT IS TRUE. EVEN AGENCIES THAT HAVE ABUNDANT AND INEXPENSIVE GROUNDWATER, YOU ARE STILL PAYING ENERGY AND TREATMENT COST PRODUCE THAT WATER. THERE ARE SOME CASES WHERE AGENCIES HAVE VERY EXPENSIVE WATER. FOR A LOT OF AGENCIES IS NOT THE MOLECULES THAT DRIVE THE SERVICE. IT IS ALL OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS GET EVERYTHING THAT IS AGING AND OUT OF SIGHT AND HAS HAD DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AND DIFFERENT REPLACEMENT THAT UNFORTUNATELY, THE VILLAS COME DUE.

DO YOU REPRESENT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES WITH SOUTHERN AQUIFERS? AND WHAT I WORK WITH A LOT OF AGENCIES THAT ARE ENTIRELY GROUNDWATER OR HAVE A PORTION OF THEIR SUPPLY FROM GROUNDWATER.

BASED UPON YOUR EXPERIENCE, ARE WE OUT OF WHACK FROM THE OTHER ONES THAT SIT ON AQUIFERS?

IT IS HARD TO SAY AGAIN BECAUSE EVERYBODY'S SYSTEM IS DIFFERENT. BUT KNOWING THAT YOUR SYSTEM IS AGING AND YOU HAVE A RELATIVELY SMALL CUSTOMER BASE WITH WHICH TO SPREAD YOUR COST OVER, I WOULD SAY NO. YOU'RE NOT OUT OF LINE WITH OTHER AGENCIES.

THANK YOU.

MY QUESTION IS HE LISTENED TO THE CONCERNS, KEVIN, ABOUT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON HOMES WHERE THERE ARE MULTIPLE PEOPLE IN THAT HOME, USING MORE WATER. JUST BECAUSE THERE ARE MORE OF THEM IN THAT SAME SPACE THAN OTHER HOUSES MAY HAVE ONE OR TWO PEOPLE. YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE IMPACT ON MULTIPLE UNITS. WE DO HAVE A NUMBER OF PROPERTIES THAT HAVE A DO YOU -- NOT SURE ONE WATER METER DO YOU HAVE ANY CREATIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR US GIVEN YOUR EXPERIENCE ON WAYS THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ADDRESS IN AN EQUITABLE WAY, THESE CONCERNS.

NO. I WOULD SAY THAT WE THINK ABOUT EQUITY. SOMETIMES IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER. WE BELIEVE THAT THE SYSTEM IMPROVES FAIRNESS AND EQUITY PARTICULARLY WITHIN YOUR RESIDENTIAL CLASS. IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT UNIFORM RATES, WELL, UP TO THE AVERAGE, EVERYONE WHO IS GOING TO BE UNDER THE CHAIR WOULD BENEFIT. IT BECOMES PHILOSOPHICAL TO SOME DEGREE. YOU BELIEVE THAT THE MORE YOU PAY, THE MORE YOU USE, THE MORE YOU SHOULD PAY IF YOU WERE USING MORE OF THAT SYSTEM? SO, FROM THAT STANDPOINT, I BELIEVE THAT THE THREE-TIER SYSTEM THAT WE ARE PROPOSING FOR RESIDENTIAL USERS IS EQUITABLE. WHEN IT COMES TO THESE OTHER USERS, SOME AGENCIES PROVIDED THAT THEY HAVE DWELLING UNIT FOLLOWING WITH THE RESIDENTIAL TIER. THERE IS AN AVENUE TO INCORPORATE MULTI FAMILY, IF THAT IS APARTMENT OR MOBILE HOME, INTO A TIERED RATE STRUCTURE.

OKAY. I LIKE THE IDEA BUT I AM NOT FOLLOWING HOW THAT WOULD HAPPEN. SO, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

LET'S SAY YOU HAVE THE COMPLEX. LET'S SAY THERE IS A DOMESTIC METER AND A SEPARATE IRRIGATION METER. THE DOMESTIC METER WOULD GET THE BENEFIT OF THE TEARS FOR EACH DRILLING UNIT. IF YOU HAVE 10 DWELLING UNITS, YOU WOULD HAVE THE TIER ONE ALLOTMENT TIMES 10. SAME FOR TIER TWO. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO EXPLORE A MULTIFAMILY RATE THAT IS SPECIFIC. THOSE CUSTOMER CLASSES ARE VERY SIMILAR WITH OUR TRADITIONAL COMMERCIAL USERS. THEY ARE FAIRLY LOW PEAK DEMANDS. THE PROPOSAL THAT YOU DO WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL.

OKAY, THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? I DO SEE THAT WE HAVE DANTE IN THE ROOM HERE. OUR PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT. DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU WANTED TO SHARE WITH US OR ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU WANTED ANSWERED? BEFORE FIVE DEPARTS? OKAY. ALL RIGHT. IF WE COULD GO BACK TO PUBLIC COMMENTS, PLEASE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. THIS IS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE WASTEWATER ITEM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, GO TO IN CHAMBER FIRST AND THEN GO OUT TO THEM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT, I WILL JUMP IN WHEN YOU HAVE 20 SECONDS LEFT.

HELLO. OKAY. I AM CAROL CAPRIO. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE CITY AND CITY COUNCIL TO FIND A WAY GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE LARGE SENIOR POPULATION IN THIS CITY ON FIXED INCOMES NOT LOW INCOME, FIXED INCOMES. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE. I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE. I DON'T THINK IT IS SERIOUS. IT IS NOT TO NEGATE THE LARGE SCHOOLS. THESE ARE CATEGORIES. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. CAN YOU YOURSELF ?

HI, GOOD EVENING. I HAVE PEOPLE CALLING ON FIXED INCOMES THAT ARE JUST TERRIFIED OF WHAT IS HAPPENING LIKE THE FIRST SPEAKER SAID. WE NEED TO BE MORE CREATIVE WITH HOW TO RAISE MONEY. FIRST OF ALL, EVERY GOVERNMENT. THIS IS NOT SOME TRAGEDY. THERE IS A WAY THAT WE CAN DEAL WITH THE DEBT WITHOUT CARE OF OUR CITIZENS, WHICH IS YOUR NUMBER ONE DUTY. THERE HAVE BEEN DEFERRED REPAIRS. WHY IS THAT? WHO'S FAULT IS THAT? WE CANNOT AFFORD THIS. PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD THIS. WATER IS LIFE. THIS IS JUST UNCONSCIONABLE THAT YOU WILL NOT FIND ANOTHER WAY TO RAISE THE MONEY THAT IS NEEDED AND NOT BY RAISING OUR RATES THERE HAVE BEEN DEFERRED REPAIRS. THIS IS PROJECTED THAT WE NEED TO FIND ANOTHER WAY TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. SERIOUSLY. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. HELLO .

THIS IS DEBORAH CAPRIO. I WAS THINKING OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, I VOLUNTEER FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH THE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS. WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO FIND GRANTS. HAS ANYONE EVER LOOKED INTO GRANTS THAT WE CAN GET THE MONEY? IF WE NEED 9000, \$9 MILLION, GRANTS. THANK YOU. I CAN GO BACK OUT TO. CAN YOU AND YOURSELF, PLEASE?

I CAN HEAR YOU. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES I CAN. CREST MOBILE HOME PARK.

FOR YOUR CONCERNS AND YOUR QUESTIONS . MY MAIN QUESTION RIGHT NOW IS, WE TALKED ABOUT WATER RATES, BUT, I HAVE NOT HEARD ANY MENTION OF THE SEWER RATE. IF WE HAVE GOT A FOUR INCH LINE, WHAT I AM SEEING ON THIS CHART, THE CURRENT RATE IS \$1276 AND THAT IS GOING TO GO UP TO \$6307. THAT IS AN INCREASE OF 394%. SO, WHEN I HEAR THAT FIRCREST IS GOING TO GO UP. SOMEONE SAID HUNDRED AND 8%. IT IS GOING UP BY 394%. I AM LOOKING AT THE SHEET THAT WE HAVE FROM THE CITY. THAT IS MY CONCERN. HOW COULD HE BE GOING HUNDRED AND 8% WHEN THE FIXED RATE IS GOING UP AISLES WERE HUNDRED PERCENT. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT AND I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. IF THERE IS ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT.

GOOD EVENING. YES. I AM NO EXPERT, BUT I AM BUILDING TRADES. WHAT I AM PONDERING HERE IS THE ANTIQUATED SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE BEEN KICKING DOWN THE ROAD FOR YEARS ON END. TO UPGRADE IT, MAYBE IT IS THE MOST EXPEDIENT WAYS IS THREE YEARS AND \$9 MILLION. LOOKING AND FOCUSING ON THE MOST I SPREADING THIS OUT OVER A PERIOD OVER EIGHT YEARS AND THEN LOWERING THE WHOLE COST ANALYSIS. YES, IT MAY BE QUITE EASY TO LOOK AT IT FROM WHAT WOULD BE THE EASIEST TO GET US UP TO STANDARD? THE OTHER SIDE OF IT, YOU KNOW, IN A DROUGHT WE WERE CONSERVING WATER. SO, WE LOST REVENUE IN THOSE YEARS AND WE DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE GOING IN ALL OF THIS. THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE AND I AGREE. WE HAVE A CONSULTANT THAT HAS MORE EXPERTISE ON THIS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT OTHER OPTIONS ARE ON THE TABLE TO EXTEND THIS PROCESS AND LOOK AT WHAT NEEDS TO BE FIXED WITH ALL OF THE REVENUES. THANK YOU.

I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. KYLE, CAN YOU AND YOURSELF, PLEASE?

YES, I CAN.

THAT IS OKAY.

ONE OF THE FUNNY THINGS ABOUT THIS APPROACH SO WE HAVE BEEN TAKING ABOUT GETTING THESE KIND OF POWERPOINT SLIDES AND HOW WE GOT THERE IS WE SEEM TO

BE VERY FOCUSED ABOUT HOW WE GOT HERE. JUST IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW WE WANT TO PROCEED MOVING FORWARD. IT SEEMS TO BE MISSING FROM THE CONVERSATION, I'M GOING TO BE ASKING YOU FOR TRANSPARENCY. YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TRANSPARENCY. I WILL ASK YOU TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC POINTS. YOU ARE NOT GOING TO ADDRESS THOSE PRETTY WILL PICK AND CHOOSE THOSE POINTS THAT SERVE THE NARRATIVE IN THE CONTEXT THAT YOU WERE AIMING FOR. BUT, LET'S GO BACK A LITTLE BIT. THERE WAS A PROPOSAL, HOWEVER MANY YEARS AGO WITH THE INCREASED RATES AND IT WILL BE WORTH TALKING ABOUT HOW THAT DID NOT HAPPEN THEN. SO, THERE IS A MISTAKE. THERE IS AN ISSUE. IT IS OKAY TO LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES, BUT WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TO ADMIT THOSE MISTAKES. WE HAVE TO OWN UP TO THOSE MISTAKES. WE GOT AN INCREASED RATE FROM HOWEVER MANY YEARS AGO WHEN THERE WAS A PROPOSAL OF INCREASED RATES. OKAY. WHO IS THAT ON? I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE ARE ALLUDING TO THIS YEARS AGO THAT THERE WERE MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM ENTERPRISE TO THE GENERAL FUND. WE HEARD A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT TONIGHT, WE ARE NOT HEARING ABOUT IS HOW WE ARE GOING TO MAKE THAT RIGHT IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HAVING EXPENDITURES OF EXCEEDING REVENUE AND THERE IS A DIRECT LINK TO THE FACT THAT YOUR REVENUE IS BEING MISAPPROPRIATED YOUR GENERAL FUND, NOW YOU'RE ASKING US AS RATEPAYERS TO MAKE THAT RIGHT. WHEN YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO ADDRESS HOW MANY YEARS THAT MISAPPROPRIATION HAD BEEN HAPPENING. SO AGAIN, THERE IS MORE MONEY THAT NEEDS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR. BUT BY THE RATEPAYERS? I AM NOT SURE THAT IS NECESSARILY THE CORRECT ANSWER. THEN, THIS IDEA THAT SOMEHOW -- THAT IS TWO MINUTES.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS.

HELLO. THE PUBLIC WORKS PEOPLE ARE HERE. YOU KNOW, THE WORKS PEOPLE THAT KEEP EVERYTHING RUNNING. THAT IS A BIG DEAL. SO, I THINK THIS IS THE THREE POTENTIAL LAWSUITS HERE. WE HAVE TO GET IT RIGHT. MISAPPROPRIATION OF FEES UNJUSTIFIED WITH THE SET PRICING. THE TAXPAYER DATA FLOWS, WHERE IS IT? IT WAS ADVERTISED ON THE CITY WEBSITE, IT DOESN'T WORK. IT JUST TELLS YOU HOW TO HYDRATE. SO, I HAVE NO ACCESS TO MY WATER INFORMATION. THE VERIFIED DATA CENTER STEP BEFORE PROCEEDING. WE NEED TO FIND WAYS FORWARD. WE NEED TO MAKE SENSE OF CURRENT PROPOSALS. WE ARE A LONG WAY FROM CLARITY AND EQUITY MODELS FOR HOME AND BUSINESS TAXPAYERS.

I DON'T REALLY KNOW TODAY WE HAVE A RENTAL UNIT. WE CURRENTLY COVER THE WATER FOR OUR TENANT. THAT IS GOING TO BE A HUGE PRESSURE ON FUTURE RENTAL CARS IN THE CITY. HAVING TO COVER THE COST MAKING IT REGARDLESS. HIGH WATER VOLUME, CAR WASHES, RESTAURANTS, IT BECOMES UNTENABLE.

YOU ABOUT 20 SECONDS.

IF YOU LIKE THE DATA POLICY WAS ALL OVER THE MAP RIGHT NOW.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT AND I WILL GO BACK OUT TO THEM. LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE? LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE? THANK YOU. GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS SO TYPICAL THAT THE HIGHLY PAID -- BEFORE THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT, WE ARE NOT HEARD. WE ARE NOT ONLY NOT HEARD, WE ARE NOT CONSIDERED. THAT IS ONE BASIC THING WITH A GIVEN FACT, ABOUT 50% OF US ARE QUITTERS. I DID NOT GET ANY NOTICE, JUST LIKE THE BOGUS WATER SURVEY A FEW YEARS AGO TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THAT I DID NOT RECEIVE AGAIN THIS MONTH. ANYWAY, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT THE REST OF YOU THINK ABOUT MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT IN THE PIPELINE. ONE OF WHICH IS DOWN THE ROAD FROM ME WITH THREE AND FOUR BEDROOM UNITS WITH TWO CAR GARAGES AND ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, 10.2 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER A YEAR WITH THE WASTEWATER, SEWAGE, 1400 TONS OF WASTEWATER WITH ALL OF THE TRAFFIC.

YOU HAVE ABOUT 25 SECONDS.

I KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE IMPACT . I STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU SLAM THE BRAKES UNTIL YOU TAKE CARE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROBLEMS. THANK YOU. TRY LETTING YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT AND I WILL COME BACK INTO

CHAMBERS. THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT.

HELLO, COUNCILMEMBERS. CITY, STAFF GET MY NAME IS ANTHONY, I WORK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT . I AM THE SENIOR SANITARY SEWER OPERATOR FOR THE CITY. JUST A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME. I WORKED FOR THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA UTILITIES DEPARTMENT FOR 11 1/2 YEARS BEFORE I CAME HERE. I HAVE BEEN WITH ANY ALMOST SIX YEARS. MY PRIMARY FUNCTION IS SEWER. JUST TO GIVE YOU A SNAPSHOT OF HOW BAD THE SYSTEM IS, DURING A RAIN EVENT OR DURING A NORMAL DAY -- PRINT WHAT I'M GOING TO DROP YOU FOR JUST A MOMENT. YOU COULD FINISH AND ALLOW US TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE SPEAKER. ARE YOU DONE? THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE IT. DURING A REGULAR DAY, THE CITY CONVEYS ROUGHLY ABOUT \$400,000 OF RAW SEWAGE TO THE TREATMENT PLAN. DURING A RAIN EVENT LIKE WE HAD THIS WINTER, WE DID ALMOST \$2 MILLION A DAY. THIS IS NOT A COMBINED SYSTEM. WE ARE NOT LIKE SAN FRANCISCO. OUR WASTEWATER IS DIFFERENT THAN THE STORM WATER. IF YOU'RE SAYING THAT MUCH WATER IN FRUSTRATION AND YOUR SYSTEM YOU KNOW YOUR SYSTEM IS IN REALLY BAD SHAPE. I AM JUST LETTING YOU KNOW THAT WE CANNOT KICK DOWN THIS ROAD MOVING FORWARD. SO, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF ?

I WAS GOING TO MAKE A QUICK REMARK THAT I GOT A SMART READER, IT WAS A FEW MONTHS BUT I THINK I CALLED PUBLIC WORKS AND THEY SAID THEY WERE NOT READY YET. I EVENTUALLY WAITED A MONTH OR SO AND CALLED THE CITY AND THEY WALKED ME THROUGH. I PUT THE APP ON MY PHONE ABOUT HOW TO CONNECT MY BILL TO IT AND WHAT I REALLY LIKE ABOUT IT, I DON'T KNOW HOW ACCURATE IT IS, BUT IT IS TELLING THAT I HAVE NO LEAKS. THAT IS THE MAIN PART OF IT WITH THE MONTHLY WATER USAGE. I AM SAYING THAT THE SMART METER IN ONLINE WATER SYSTEM ARE WORKING FOR ME RATHER NICELY. THANK YOU A LOT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL GO BACK IN CHAMBERS. ANYONE IS IN CHAMBERS I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT?

MY NAME IS JENNA .

SEBASTOPOL IS NOT A BUSINESS MAKE.

I'M SORRY. CAN YOU PLEASE LEAN INTO THE MICROPHONE.

BUSINESSES THAT ARE SO LONG AND SUCCESSFUL ARE STRUGGLING. HOT MONK CHARGES AND INITIATIVE FEE. IT IS SOMETHING ON TOP OF -- I CAN BARELY AFFORD MY HEALTHCARE NOW I AM HAVING TO PAY ANOTHER BUSINESS IS BECAUSE THEY CHARGE US FOR THAT OR THEY HAVE TO CLOSE. I KNOW THAT YOU SAID YOU HAVE TO WILL BE BACK, BUT WHEN WE HAVE EMPTY HOLES TOO AND IT IS COMING OUT OF OUR POCKETS CREDITING WE ALSO HAVE AN ONLINE BUSINESS THAT DOES VERY WELL COMPARATIVELY SPEAKING TO A STOREFRONT. WHAT IT IS MAKING ME BELIEVE IS THAT ONLINE IS THE WAY TO GO. SO, MAYBE WE WILL NOT HAVE A STOREFRONT. THEN THE DOMINO EFFECT WILL BE, MAYBE EVERYBODY IS GOING TO GO ONLINE. YOU KNOW? SOMEBODY DID IT. THEY ARE DOING EXCELLENT. MAYBE THEY ARE NOT SPENDING IT ON WATER OR RENT. I THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE A DOMINO EFFECT. WE WILL SEE MORE PEOPLE GOING HOME. WHAT THEN? WE WILL HAVE EVEN LESS MONEY COMING IN. BUSINESSES WERE CLOSED.

THAT'S IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. ROBERT, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

HELLO? AND YOU HAVE A QUESTION MARK

CAN YOU HEAR US? WHAT HELLO?

HELLO, KENNY HARRIS, ROBERT?

HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

YOU CAN HEAR ME, ROBERT. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

HELLO? I TURNED UP MY SPEAKER. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I --

GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE PICK

OKAY, THANK YOU. A COUPLE OF THOUGHTS. ON THIS QUESTION OF HOW WE GOT HERE, THE 2019 RATE STUDY, THE WATER RATE THAT WAS SET AT THE TIME ACTUALLY WENT

DOWN IN THE FIRST YEAR AND THEN EASED BACK UP. IT LOOKS LIKE THE REVENUE MATCHED WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE ISSUE AS FAR AS THE WATERSIDE IS EXPENSIVE. IT STARTED GOING UP THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO. CONSISTENTLY DOUBLE DIGITS. YOU DO THAT YEAR AFTER YEAR, AFTER YEAR. THE COMPOUND EFFECT OF THAT IS PRONOUNCED. THAT IS THE PROBLEM. SOMEHOW WE HAVE TO LOOK AT WHAT THOSE EXPENSES ARE PAYING FOR WE KEEP HEARING THEY NEED A LOT MORE MONEY. THE SECOND PART OF IT ARE THE SEWER RATES. THE SEWER RATE STUDY WAS DONE IN 2019. THE RATES ARE NEVER INCREASED. YOU SEE WHERE IT WAS WITH THE SCENARIO WHERE THERE WAS NO RATE INCREASE IN THAT STUDY. SO, COMPOUNDING THE FACT THAT RATES NEVER WENT UP AND EXPENSES WENT UP BY DOUBLE DIGITS FOR THAT, ALSO. WHY ARE THE RATES GOING UP IN WIRE THE EXPENSES IS SO HIGH? IT WILL BE EASIER FOR YOU THAN IT IS FOR ALL OF US WATCHING. IT IS A VERY COMPLICATED THING. PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO WORK ON IT. THE CITY COUNCIL CANNOT DO THAT ONCE EVERY TWO OR THREE YEARS ARE NEARLY -- NEWLY ENACTED -- ELECTED MEMBERS WOULD BE TO FIND A WAY TO GET A DEDICATED GROUP THAT LOOKS AT WATER AND SEWER AND THE CUSTOMER WATER AND SEWER. THE BROWN ACT MAKES IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE IF YOU HAVE EIGHT INTELLIGENCE INSIDE THIS MEETING.

THAT IS TWO MINUTES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. MARY? GOOD EVENING. AND YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I JUST WANT TO APPRECIATE, I AM REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC WORKS STAFF, THE ONES WHO DO THE WORK TO GET A DAY OUT. THEY SEE THE CONDITION OF OUR SYSTEM. THEY SEE THE CONDITION OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE THAT IS ONLY GOING TO COST THE RATEPAYERS MORE MONEY DOWN THE ROAD IF WE CONTINUE TO KICK THIS CAN DOWN THE ROAD. THEY DID DECLARE A FINANCIAL EMERGENCY AND IT HAS BEEN ONGOING. THIS PAST YEAR WE HAVE BEEN HAVING DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE WATER RATES. MORE AND MORE WE KICK THIS CAN DOWN THE ROAD. IT IS ONLY GOING TO COST MORE MONEY. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL. FOR EXAMPLE, MOST OF THE FIELD REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE MARINA WATER DISTRICT, THEY INCREASE THE RATES BY OVER 40% LAST YEAR. IT IS PARTLY BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE REGULAR RATE INCREASES TO KEEP UP WITH INFLATION. FOR EXAMPLE, PIPES. THEY WENT UP 30% FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT. THE CITY DID NOT RAISE RATES THROUGH THE PANDEMIC. ALL OF THIS HAS COSTS. I THINK THERE IS A MENTION, WELL, IT IS NOT THE SAME SYSTEM AS SEBASTOPOL. SEBASTOPOL IS THE SAME SYSTEM. IT DOESN'T RELY ON SONOMA COUNTY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WASTEWATER. SO, THIS IS ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH. IF WE DON'T HAVE ADEQUATE FUNDING, IT WILL COST MORE MONEY DOWN THE ROAD. IT WILL BE MORE PAIN IF WE DON'T ADDRESS THIS NOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND AGAIN, STAFF WANT TO DO THE BEST JOB THEY CAN TO DO THE WORK.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT.

SEEING DONE, I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBERS. ANYONE WANT TO RAISE MONEY -- SPEAK FOR THE COMMON?

HELLO. WE JUST HAVE SOME BASIC QUESTIONS. HOW MANY METERS ARE THERE IN SEBASTOPOL AND HOW MANY LATE NOTICES ARE GOING OUT EVERY OTHER MONTH? WHAT HAPPENS WITH THOSE LATE FINES? IT'S GOOD TO BE LATE FUNDING SCHEDULE THOSE ARE JUST MY QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT AND I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. IS THERE ANYONE I LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT? CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF? [CAPTIONERS TRANSITIONING]

IF THE CITIZENS OF SEBASTOPOL PAY, WHY WOULD WE INCREASE THE AMOUNT WE CHARGE OURSELVES TO \$10.86 AND THEN \$12.60? WILL SEBASTOPOL BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO WATER THE PARKS DURING THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS? WHY WOULD WE INCREASE THE RATES ON OURSELVES TO A LEVEL THAT IS NOT SUSTAINABLE? MY THIRD QUESTION, WHY ARE OUR RATES 30% HIGHER THAN --, WHEN A HALF TO SPEND FEES ON PURCHASING WATER. SEBASTOPOL SITS ON A HUGE AQUIFER. IT IS A COMMUNITY RESOURCE. WE DO NOT NEED TO CONSERVE WATER. A KEY FACTOR IN CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE URBAN CANOPY. TREES, SHRUBS, PLANTS, GRASS, GARDENS. ALL OF THE PLANT LIFE IS CRUCIAL TO KEEPING THE TOWN COOL. SHADING OUR HOMES, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS AND PARKS. ALL OF THE PLANT LIFE HOSTS INSECTS AND OTHER ANIMALS.

HAVE THREE PEOPLE IN THE FAMILY AND A GARDEN IN THE FRONT AND BACK. WE FOUND WAYS TO REDUCE THE WATER USE AND MAINTAIN OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDEN AND OUR TREES AND WE HAVE A APPLE TREE AND FIG TREE AND GARDEN. SO I THINK IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE CONSERVATIVE AS WELL. THOSE ARE MY THOUGHTS.

THANK YOU, I THINK COUNCIL MEMBER HAS BEEN WAITING VICE MAYOR. GO AHEAD. I DID NOT HAVE AS MANY QUESTIONS THIS TIME, I FEEL LIKE WE HAD A THOROUGH PRESENTATION PRIOR AND MADE A VOTE AND NOW IT HAS BEEN RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC AND OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS, WHICH IS WHY HE WAS BROUGHT BACK TONIGHT TO ADDRESS, I WILL NOT CHANGE MY VOTE. I THINK WE HAVE KICKED THIS CAN DOWN THE ROAD, WE HAVE OLD PIPES WHICH HAS BEEN POINTED OUT A PUBLIC WORKS, PIPES COST MORE THESE DAYS, EVERYTHING COSTS MORE. I LOOK AT MY USAGE ON THE CITY WEBSITE, I CAN SEE THE USAGE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THIS MORNING I USED A BUCKET, I LIKE TO TAKE A BATH AND I TAKE THE BUCKET AND TAKE THE WATER OUT AND WATER MY PLANTS, IT IS NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL. I BELIEVE IN A TIERED APPROACH, I HAVE RAISED A FAMILY, I ALSO HAVE A LITTLE RENTAL, THEY USE MORE, I DO NOT HAVE A SUB METER, IF YOU WANT TO SEPARATE OUT IF YOU ARE A LANDLORD YOU GET A SUB METER, THAT IS WHAT YOU DO OR YOU FIGURE IT OUT. I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF OLD BUILDINGS, I HAVE BEEN A BUSINESS OWNER AND A LOT OF THE BUILDINGS SHARE WATER AND THE LANDLORD BILLS AND THEY HAVE TO FIGURE IT OUT. WE NEED TO DO IT AND NOBODY WANTS TO PAY MORE BUT I AM SORRY, WE HAD THIS DISCUSSION AND I SAT ON THE COUNCIL AND WE PROBABLY DID NOT RAISE THE RATES AS MUCH AS WE SHOULD AT THAT TIME. SO THAT IS WHERE I AM GOING TO SIT TONIGHT.

ON THE ISSUE OF THE 20,000 SINCE YOU HAVE THE MICROPHONE?
I FEEL LIKE WE CANNOT NOT PAY SOMEONE FOR THE TIME BUT I DO AGREE THAT WE DID ADEQUATE PUBLIC OUTREACH. WE SENT THE LETTERS AND DID OUTREACH AND I FEEL BAD BUT I DO KNOW AND I HAVE SPOKEN TO OTHER RESIDENTS NOT IN THE ROOM TONIGHT THAT SAID I AM OKAY WITH IT. WE GOT A DEAL AND NOW WE HAVE TO PAY AND THAT IS WHERE I SIT TONIGHT.

THANK YOU, I THINK WE HAVE THE VICE MAYOR I THINK AND THEN COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS.

I APPRECIATE HEARING FROM MY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS AND I DID VOTE FOR OPTION ONE FOR WATER BEFORE HOWEVER AND I AM APPRECIATIVE OF COUNCIL MEMBER Mc LEWIS AND MAYOR RIDGE FOR DIGGING MORE INTO THE QUESTIONS AND I THINK THE PAIN WAS NOT SOMETHING I REALLY ANTICIPATED BUT THEN HEARING FROM THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS I AM LIKE THIS WILL BE BAD BUT I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF OPTION TWO FOR BOTH AND I DEFINITELY WANT THE TEARS, I AM SORRY, IT IS TRUE, WHAT WAS THE PHRASE? YOU PAY TO USE, OR WHATEVER, I DO AGREE WITH THAT AND NO I AM NOT VOTING FOR THE -- THING. I APPRECIATE THE WORK BUT IT IS NOT MY FAULT IT WENT OUT OF SCOPE.

COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS?

I DID VOTE FOR THE RATES BEFORE AND I AM ONE OF THE REASONS IT IS BACK HERE TONIGHT BECAUSE OF MY CONCERN AND I UNDERSTAND PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTING THE TEARS BUT HAVING A FAMILY AND TALKING TO MANY FAMILIES I DO NOT THINK IT IS FAIR TO PENALIZE PEOPLE WITH FOUR KIDS IN THE HOUSE THAT NEED TO BATHED AND HAVE SHOWERS AND I APPRECIATE THE CONSERVATION EFFORT PEOPLE MAKE BUT NOT EVERYBODY CAN DO THAT WHEN YOU HAVE WORKING FAMILIES, PARENTS WORKING AND RAISING CHILDREN, I HAVE MY OWN CHILD, I CANNOT IMAGINE DOING A LOT OF THESE CONSERVATIONS, IT IS NOT REALISTIC FOR MY LIFESTYLE BUT HAVING SAID ALL OF THAT, I PERSONALLY DO NOT FEEL WE DID EXPLORE ENOUGH, I WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THE FIRST STUDY THAT CAME BACK AND I AM NOT SUPPORTIVE OF PROVIDING THEM MORE MONEY THEY NEEDED TO FIX WHAT THEY DID NOT TO CORRECTLY IN THE FIRST PLACE. I AM NOT HAPPY WITH THE RESPONSES I RECEIVED WITH THESE QUESTIONS, I THINK IT WAS FLAWED, I WILL BE THE FIRST TO CRITICIZE ON THAT SO I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF GIVING MORE MONEY BUT I AM ALSO IN FAVOR OF FLATTENING THE CURVE A BIT. WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS WHEN I LOOK AT THE ACCELERATOR OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS AND WHERE THE RATES WILL GO. THE THIRD TIER THAT THIRD TIER IN A COUPLE OF SHORT YEARS, AT \$11. RIGHT NOW WE ARE PAYING \$4.60 SO DO THE MATH

THERE, I THINK, I WISH THE EXPERTS WOULD HAVE SPENT MORE TIME AND PERHAPS OUR EMPLOYEES SPENT MORE TIME EXPLORING OTHER OPTIONS RATHER THAN THE TWO. I FAVOR A TWO-TIER APPROACH, I LOOKED AT A LOT OF DIFFERENT CITIES IS SO THAT IS WHERE I AM AT, I WILL NOT SUPPORT WHAT WE ARE CURRENTLY DOING BECAUSE I CANNOT LOOK AT MY NEIGHBORS IN THE EYE AND SAY I THINK THAT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND THAT IS HOW I VOTE, SO I CANNOT SUPPORT THAT NOW.

ALL RIGHT, I THINK WE NEED TO GET FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER. I HAD A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. I DID WANT SOMEONE HERE, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF METERS IN THE CITY, IT IS A NUMBER THAT IS AVAILABLE SO IF SOMEBODY ON STAFF CAN COME UP WITH THAT, THAT WAS A QUESTION ASKED BY THE PUBLIC. CLOSE TO 3000 IS WHAT I AM HEARING AND I SEE DANTE NODDING HIS HEAD SO I WANTED TO GET THAT ANSWERED. SO I AM TORN BY THIS ISSUE. WHAT I LOOK AT IS, I AGREE, GIVEN THE INFORMATION WE RECEIVED AND ALSO LISTENING TO THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT, WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WEIGHED IN ON THIS SO WE HAVE THAT 3 MILLION A YEAR FOR THREE YEARS, I ACCEPT THAT, I ACCEPT DENISE TO HAPPEN WITHIN THREE YEARS. I AM UNHAPPY ABOUT IT BUT I ACCEPT IT. THE QUESTION BECOMES, WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO ACUTELY THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY? I WISH WE HAD TIME. IN A PERFECT WORLD I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THE OPTIONS BEFORE US AND I GUESS THAT IS ONE THING I WOULD SAY TO STAFF, AS ONE CITY COUNCILMEMBER, I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED -- THIS IS A COUNSEL THAT LIKES OPTIONS. I WOULD HAVE LIKED THE OPTIONS LAID OUT TO US, TO TEARS WITH THREE TIERS, NOT STAFF DIRECTING TO THE CONSULTANT THAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE THE THREE-TIER APPROACH, THE OPTIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL AND THEN I WOULD HAVE FELT COMFORTABLE WITH THE OUTCOME. I AM ECHOING BACK WHAT WE ARE HEARING FROM COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS AND WHAT WE HEARD FROM COUNCILMEMBER MAUER WHEN THIS WAS DISCUSSED BUT WE ARE WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROBLEM I FACE AS A COUNCILMEMBER REPRESENTING THIS WONDERFUL CITY WITH MY ONE VOTE IS TO DELAY IN ORDER TO GETTING THE OPTIONS WILL COST MORE MONEY. IT POTENTIALLY RAISES THE RATES WE HAVE TO IMPLEMENT FOR THE RATEPAYERS AND IS THAT NOT IRONIC AND ALSO DELAYS THE ACCUMULATION OF THE MONEY DELETE NEEDED. EITHER WE ACCUMULATE THE THREE YEARS WORTH OF MONEY LATER THAN WE WOULD IF WE STARTED ON JULY 1 OR ESCALATE THEM HIGHER TO MAKE UP FOR THE LOST TIME PLUS WE ARE PAYING FOR A CONSULTANT. OUR STAFF CANNOT DO IT, WE HAVE TO PAY FOR A CONSULTANT TO REASSESS SOMETHING OR ANOTHER AND THAT WILL COST AROUND 50,000, SO IT IS NOT A PERFECT WORLD. THAT IS THE QUANDARY I FACE. I WISH WE HAD MORE OPTIONS AND I SAY TO STAFF WE SHOULD HAVE HAD MORE OPTIONS. WE SHOULD HAVE HAD THAT AVAILABLE EVEN IF IT TOOK A COUPLE WEEKS LONGER TO GET INFORMATION, ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS WE SHOULD HAVE HAD IT. WHAT DO WE DO NOW? I GUESS I HAVE A QUESTION THAT WILL HELP ME DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH MY VOTE, WE DO NOT HAVE BEFORE US AND IF WE DO PLEASE DIRECT ME WHERE I WOULD LOOK, WHAT THE RATES WOULD BE IF WE WENT WITH OPTION TWO FOR WATER AND OPTION TWO FOR SEWER? DO WE KNOW WHAT THAT NUMBER IS? IS IT SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE SEE ON PAGE 26 OF THIS STAFF REPORT WHICH LAYS OUT OPTION ONE FOR WATER AND OPTION TWO FOR SEWER?

DID WE HAVE THAT SLIDE LAST TIME? CAN THEY BRING IT BACK UP SO WE CAN SEE IT? TONY DO YOU HAVE THE ANSWER?

I THOUGHT WE HAD RESPONDED TO THAT IN ONE OF THE QUESTIONS, LET ME SEE IF I CAN SEARCH FOR THAT. IT WAS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT. IT WAS LOWER THOUGH.

OUR COUNCILMEMBERS ARE CORRECT THERE WAS A SLIDE THAT WAS IN THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT IS ON PAGE 18 OR SLIDE 18 OF THE SLIDE SET FROM THE APRIL 23 COUNCIL MEETING WHICH IS PAGE 15-43 AND I HOPE STAFF CAN BRING THAT UP. COUNCILMEMBER, SINCE YOU ARE LOOKING AT IT, WHAT DOES IT GIVE US IN TERMS OF THE AVERAGE? I WILL LOOK AT PAGE 26, THE REASON I ASK THE QUESTION IS NOT TO DELAY A DECISION BUT IF IT DOES NOT MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF RATEPAYERS AND GREATER RISK FOR THE CITY THAN IT SEEMS LIKE THAT IS WORTH KNOWING. COUNCILMEMBER?

IN THE FIRST YEAR ON OPTION TWO IT IS A 37% INCREASE IN THE SECOND YEAR IS 4% AND THE THIRD IS 4%. OPTION ONE WITH A 50% INCREASE THE FIRST YEAR, 16 THE SECOND AND ONE AND A HALF THE THIRD. SO THAT IS JUST WATER.

WE SEE THE COMBINED WATER AND WASTE SINGLE-FAMILY BILL SO I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE ANSWER TO THAT. I KNOW THERE WAS A SLIDE IN THE ORIGINAL.

THE CITY MANAGER EARLIER SAID IF YOU CHOSE OPTION TWO, IT WOULD SAVE \$10 A MONTH, IS THAT CORRECT OR IS IT \$10 A BILL?

I BELIEVE IT IS \$10 PER BILL BUT I WOULD LIKE TO VERIFY THAT OR MAYBE TONY KNOWS THAT READILY, SHE HAS BEEN IT IS MORE DEEPLY THAN I HAVE.

SO THAT WOULD BE 60 A YEAR INSTEAD.

SO I AM LOOKING AT THE CURRENT ON PAGE 26 OF 83, THE CURRENT COMBINED BILL FOR THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOOKS TO BE 20 AND 28 UNDER THE PROPOSAL WE AGREED TO, IT WOULD BE 314.

IT IS 10 A MONTH I HAVE WRITTEN DOWN, SO MAYBE IT IS LOWERED BY \$20, MY FINAL OPINION ON THIS IS I WOULD BE IN SUPPORT OF OPTION TWO, CONTINUING THE 218 PROCESS IT IS NOT MAKING ME HAPPY BUT I WOULD BE IN SUPPORT IN TERMS OF THE CITIES NEEDS OF ALLOWING THE 218 PROCESS TO MOVE FORWARD BUT OPTION TWO FOR WATER AND OPTION TWO FOR SEWER RECOGNIZING THAT IF WE WANT TO REDO THE STUDY AND SPEND 50,000 IN ORDER TO REDO THE STUDY THEN WE CAN DO THAT DOWN THE LINE. IN TERMS OF THE 20,000, I WOULD ASK FOR A FINAL COMMENT FROM THE CITY MANAGER BUT I AM HONESTLY NOT COMFORTABLE ALLOCATING THAT MONEY.

CAN I ASK A QUESTION ABOUT THAT MONEY? WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE DO NOT PAY FOR THE WORK THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE? ARE WE GOING TO COLLECTIONS?

I DO NOT THINK THEY WILL PURSUE US TO COLLECTIONS, I THINK THEY WILL STILL BE HERE ON JUNE 18 FOR THE HEARING, I WOULD SUGGEST WE PROBABLY NEED TO STOP ASKING QUESTIONS THAT REQUIRE THEIR ASSISTANCE, THEY PUT MORE INTO IT THAN WE PAID THEM FOR, I THINK THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT FLAWS IN THE FALL AND THEY HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT, I THINK WE HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT, BUT THAT WOULD BE MY WORKING ASSUMPTION AND I WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME PRESSING THEM TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS THEY HAVE BEEN.

I THINK YOU ANSWERED THE QUESTION. ANY OTHER COMMENT OR DISCUSSION FROM COUNCILMEMBERS? ANY FINAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF BEFORE WE BASICALLY MAKE A DECISION HERE? NO.

I HAVE A QUESTION, I AM TRYING TO FIND IN THE REPORT, HOW DOES THIS IMPACT THE DISCUSSION AROUND THE DIFFERENT, I WAS TRYING TO FIND THAT IN THE REPORT, -- YOUR QUESTION?

THE RATES -- YOU SAID OPTION TWO, I AM LOOKING FOR THE DEFINITIVE.

I AM LOOKING AT A COUPLE DIFFERENT DOCUMENTS, FROM THE PRESENTATION A MONTH AGO, THE COMBINED SINGLE-FAMILY WILL -- NOT WHAT I AM ASKING.

THAT IS A QUESTION THAT I ASKED. COMBINED AND OPTION TO DITCH -- FOR THE COMBINATION WE APPROVED 314 AND \$.51, IF WE GO OPTION TWO ON BOTH IT IS \$304, SO IT GOES FROM 315 -304, THERE WAS A QUESTION PENDING FROM COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS WHICH IS WHAT DOES IT DO TO THE COMMERCIAL RATES? YES I AM TRYING TO FIND --

MAYBE STAFF WERE TONY CAN LOOK FOR THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION AND VICE MAYOR?

I AM GOING TO GO AHEAD AND MOVE, I THINK IT IS OPTION 3, BUT OPTIONS ARE LAID OUT IN THE STAFF REPORT, PAGE 4-83 --

I AM GOING TO STOP YOU BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A PENDING QUESTION --

I AM GOING TO INTERJECT BECAUSE I AM A LAWYER AND I CAN MAKE A MOTION ANYTIME --

IN TERMS OF PROCEDURALLY, WE HAVE A QUESTION PENDING FROM A COUNCILMEMBER, IS A MOTION ALLOWED FOR THE QUESTION IS ANSWERED? YES OR NO? YES.

GO AHEAD VICE MAYOR.

SO THE BEST I CAN COME UP WITH, BUT I AM MOVING IS OPTION THREE ON PAGE 4-83 WHERE STAFF HAS LAID OUT DIRECT STAFF TO REDUCE RATES TO THE AMOUNT LESS ON WHAT WAS APPROVED ON APRIL 23 2024, AND CONTINUE WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 18 2024, WITH OPTION 2 FOR BOTH WATER AND SEWER AND NOT PAYING -- THE 20,000.

I WILL SECOND THAT.

WE DO HAVE A PENDING QUESTION, PROCEDURALLY CAN WE GET THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION BEFORE WE TAKE A VOTE? OKAY, TONY DO YOU HAVE A ANSWER? IT WOULD BE FROM THE APRIL 23 REPORT, UNFORTUNATELY I CAN ONLY FIND IT FOR THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, WE LOOKED AT OPTION ONE VERSUS OPTION TWO. I CANNOT SEEM TO LOCATE THE ANSWER FOR WHAT IT WOULD BE FOR THE DIFFERENT METERS. I AM STILL SEARCHING FOR THAT.

ANYBODY ELSE ON STAFF HAVE A ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION?

IT IS IN THE APRIL --

IT IS NOT I HAVE IT RIGHT HERE.

IT IS PROBABLY ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT BUT ANYWAY --

SO, COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS, I THINK WE HAVE TO GO FOR IT WITH A VOTE ON THIS ITEM WITHOUT YOUR QUESTION BEING ANSWERED, CAN WE PLEASE HAVE STAFF PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO COUNSEL AT SOME POINT? ACTUALLY I THINK WHAT COUNSEL WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IS WHAT THE NEW RATES ARE GOING TO BE IN ALL CATEGORIES IF WE ARE GOING WITH OPTION TWO ON WATER AND SEWER? CAN WE MAKE THAT PART OF THE MOTION?

SURE.

WHO HAD THE SECOND?

THAT IS FINE, WE CAN HAVE THAT FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION SO WE CAN RESPOND TO PEOPLE THAT ASKED QUESTIONS.

DO WE NOT EVEN KNOW ON WHAT RATES WE ARE VOTING ON?

WE KNOW WE ARE VOTING ON RATES THAT ARE OPTION 2 IN WATER AND SEWER.

COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS HAS A GOOD POINT.

WE ARE VOTING ON SOMETHING AND NOBODY CAN TELL ME WHAT THEY ARE THAT SEEMS BIZARRE TO ME.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS, THE QUESTION YOU ARE ASKING --

I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE RATES ARE.

WHAT THE RATES ARE FOR THE 4 PIPE --

NO FOR ALL OF THEM.

I THINK THE REASON WHY IS BECAUSE THE DIRECTION WE GOT WAS FOR OPTION ONE AND OPTION TWO SO THE FINANCIAL PLAN IS BASED ON THE DIRECTION WE GOT AT THE TIME SO THERE WAS NOT ANOTHER ANALYSIS ON WHAT IT WOULD BE FOR OPTION TWO FOR BOTH BUT I KNOW WE ANSWERED IT IN ONE OF THE Q AND A SHEETS WE HAVE BUT I HAVE TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THE EMAILS TO FIND THAT RESPONSE.

THANK YOU TONY. WHAT WE HAVE TO DECIDE INDIVIDUALLY AS COUNCILMEMBERS IS HOW WE ARE GOING TO VOTE GIVEN WE DO NOT HAVE THAT PARTICULAR PIECE OF INFORMATION BUT I SEE MARY MAY HAVE A ANSWER.

MY ANSWER WOULD BE TO TAKE A FIVE-MINUTE BREAK AND ALLOW STAFF TO FIND THAT INFORMATION SO THE COUNCIL CAN VOTE ON THE ITEM.

THAT SEEMS THE ETHICAL DECISION. I LOVE THAT MARY. FIVE-MINUTE BREAK. WE WILL COME BACK PROMPTLY IN FIVE MINUTES SO WE CAN GET THROUGH ADDITIONAL ITEMS. THANK YOU.

ALL RIGHT EVERYONE, WE ARE GOING TO RECONVENE AFTER A BRIEF FIVE-MINUTE BREAK. WE DO NEED TO POOL THIS PARTICULAR ITEM TO COMPLETION, DO WE HAVE STAFF INFORMATION ON WHAT THE OPTION TO DIG FOR WATER WOULD BE? ANYONE?

I WANT TO CLARIFY THE QUESTION, ACCORDING TO THE ANSWERS SO THE PUBLIC KNOWS, THE COST TO THE CITY WILL GO FROM 96 THOUSAND A YEAR TO 214,000 A YEAR FOR WATER, THAT IS THE ANSWER WE RECEIVED, I FELT LIKE I ASKED THE QUESTION AND I DID NOT GET THE FULL ANSWER BUT I LOOKED IT UP SO I WANT PEOPLE TO REMEMBER THAT WHEN WE ARE GOING THROUGH THE BUDGET AND WE ARE CHARGING OURSELVES MORE THAN 100% MORE.

THANK YOU. WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND, DO WE HAVE A ANSWER TO THE QUESTION THAT WAS RAISED? IF NOT I THINK WE NEED TO JUST GO FORWARD WITH A VOTE HERE. STAFF, ANY ANSWER?

UNFORTUNATELY IT IS NOT IN THE FINANCIAL PLAN, THAT WAS NOT ONE OF THE OPTIONS SO WE WILL HAVE TO GET THE INFORMATION FROM --, IT IS IN ONE OF THEIR MODELS BUT NOT IN THE FINANCIAL PLAN ITSELF.

OKAY, WE DO KNOW, I AM CERTAINLY CAN INCLUDING THAT THE OPTION TO DIG AMOUNT FOR WATER IN TERMS OF THE IMPACT ON RESIDENTS WOULD BE LOWER THAN THE OPTION 1 AMOUNT FOR RESIDENTS. SO COUNCILMEMBERS NEED TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE COMFORTABLE VOTING ON THIS ITEM WITH THAT PIECE OF INFORMATION BUT WITHOUT THE SPECIFICS.

BEFORE WE VOTE I WANT TO SAY FOR ME I THINK IT IS UNETHICAL FOR US TO VOTE ON SOMETHING AND WE DO NOT EVEN KNOW THE NUMBERS WERE WHAT THE RESIDENTS ARE GOING TO EXPERIENCE. THAT IS MY COMMENT, I THINK IT IS RIDICULOUS BUT LET'S MOVE FORWARD.

THANK YOU, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE COUNSEL NUMBERS ARE ELECTED AND SHARING THEIR PERSPECTIVE ON HOW THEY FEEL, A DECISION WILL AFFECT THE COMMITTEE AND WHETHER THEY FEEL THEY HAVE THE CORRECT INFORMATION IS RELEVANT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE. EACH OF US NEEDS TO VOTE BASED ON THE INFORMATION WE HAVE AVAILABLE. WE DO NOT HAVE SPECIFIC NUMBERS ON OPTION 2 FOR WATER BUT WE DO KNOW THAT OPTION 2 HIS LOWER THAN OPTION WITH EACH ACROSS THE BOARD FOR WATER. TONY, I AM MAKING THAT ASSUMPTION, IS THAT CORRECT?

I AM PRETTY SURE THAT IS CORRECT, THE DOUBLE DUTCH EXPENDITURES ARE LESS. I AM NOT HAPPY WITH PRETTY SURE.

I AM SURE.

I DID VERIFY THAT WITH --, TO ENSURE WE COULD DO THAT, IF THAT WAS NOT THE CASE WE WOULD HAVE TO STOP THE 218.

THIS GOES TO THE POINT I ALREADY MADE, HAVING COMPLETE INFORMATION FOR THE CITY COUNCIL ON DECISIONS THAT ARE THIS IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY -- I AM HOPING WE HAVE THAT IN THE FUTURE.

I HAVE TO SAY I AM REALLY FRUSTRATED, I ASKED FOR A SLIDE TO BE PUT UP FROM OUR PRESENTATION THAT AT LEAST SHOWS PERCENTAGES, SO WE MAY NOT HAVE THE EXACT NUMBER BUT WE NEED TO SHOW THE PUBLIC AND WE SAW THAT ANOTHER COLLEAGUE OF MINE HAD THE SLIDE AND THIS IS WHAT WE VOTED ON TWO WEEKS AGO SO I THINK WE SHOULD SHOW THE FOR THE PUBLIC, I THINK WE ARE FUMBLING HERE AND IT FEELS FRUSTRATING AND I AM NOT SURE I WANT TO GO FORWARD WITH MY SECOND TO BE HONEST. I AM REALLY DISAPPOINTED IN STAFF RIGHT NOW AND OUR CONSULTANT GOT OFF EARLY AND WE HAVE ONE REMAINING QUESTION AND WE ARE VOTING ON SOMETHING DIFFERENT FROM TWO WEEKS AGO AND IF WE CANNOT SHOW THE PUBLIC WHAT THAT EQUALS, I AM GOING TO WITHDRAW MY SECOND.

OKAY, WE DO KNOW FROM THE COUNCILMEMBER, SHE DID FIND FROM THE APRIL 23 STAFF REPORTS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING, THE SLIDE SET FOR AGENDA ITEM 1, PAGE 15-43 WHICH IS SLIDE 18 WHICH I WOULD HOPE WE CAN SHARE HERE, IT IS THE BEST INFORMATION WE CAN GET IN ANY OF OUR DOCUMENTATION REGARDING THE OPTION TO DITCH WATER CHARGE. I WOULD HOPE SOMEBODY ON STAFF COULD CONVERT THIS TO A DOLLAR AMOUNT ESTIMATE FOR US, THESE ARE PERCENTAGES AND THEY ARE SHOWING A REVENUE ADJUSTMENT OF 37%. SO A 37% INCREASE IN YEAR 1 AND TONY, WHAT WAS THE REVENUE INCREASE FOR OPTION ONE? IN YEAR ONE?

EXCUSE ME, THIS IS JUST THE REVENUE ADJUSTMENT, THIS IS REALLY NOT THE COST OF SERVICE, THEY ARE SEEING REVENUES HAVE TO INCREASE BY THIS AMOUNT IN TOTAL FOR EVERYBODY SO MY UNDERSTANDING IS YOU WANT THE SPECIFIC RATES FOR THE CUSTOMERS AND UNFORTUNATELY THAT DOES NOT SHOW THAT SO THAT IS SOMETHING WE WILL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON.

SO WE HAVE IMPERFECT INFORMATION, WE HAVE A SECOND THAT IS WITHDRAWN, COUNCILMEMBERS WITH COMMENTS, GO AHEAD.

WE NEED TO KNOW HOW IT WILL IMPACT OUR BUSINESSES AS WELL. WE HAD PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT IT AND NOW WE WANT TO VOTE ON SOMETHING WE HAVE NO CLUE ABOUT? I DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO SAY AT THIS POINT. I AM SO FRUSTRATED WITH THIS.

UNDERSTOOD, COUNCILMEMBER.

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I WANT TO POINT OUT OPTION 1 WAS APPROVED ON APRIL 23 SO THIS IS ON THE TABLE AND THAT IS MOVING FORWARD INTO 18, THAT IS ALREADY A DONE DEAL, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TONIGHT TO TAKE IT DOWN TO OPTION 2 WHICH WILL REDUCE THE COST FOR OUR RESIDENTS SO YES, WE DO NOT HAVE ALL OF THE DATA HERE BUT WE HAVE THE ADJUSTMENT, FOR OPTION ONE IT WAS A 50% INCREASE THE FIRST YEAR AND 16 FOR THE SECOND, FOR OPTION TO DITCH IT IS A 37% INCREASE FOR THE FIRST YEAR AND 4% THE SECOND YEAR, IT IS LESS. THAT IS WHAT IS NEEDED. SO DEFINITELY OPTION 2 IS A LOWER LEVEL FOR WATER. SO IF WE DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION TONIGHT, THEN OPTION ONE WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD AND OUR RESIDENTS WILL PAY MORE THAN IF WE TOOK A ACTION TONIGHT TO LOWER THE RATES.

I DO THINK WE HAVE ANOTHER OPTION, TO BUMP IT OR PUT THIS ITEM ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING WHICH I THINK IS JUNE 4 AND THE STAFF REPORT WAS DUE YESTERDAY, I AM JUST SAYING THAT. TO PUT THIS ITEM BACK ON THE AGENDA ON JUNE 4 WHICH WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE JUNE 18 PROP 218 PROCESS TO COMPLETE AND WE CAN ASK FOR NUMBERS TO COME BACK TO US THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE IMPACT ON RATEPAYERS OF OPTION TO DITCH, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT BY THE WAY THAT THE 37% IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT NEEDS TO BE COLLECTED AND OPTION TO DITCH, IT IS NOT THE RATE IMPACT NECESSARILY. ANNA, DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT?

YES MAYOR, ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR OPTION TO DITCH? OPTION 1 IS \$5.48? IS THAT WHAT WE ARE SEEING? OPTION ONE, \$5.48, \$6.99, \$9.71.

WHAT PAGE ARE YOU ON? ARE YOU ON A PAGE OF THE STAFF REPORT? YES, IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, WHAT IS BEING ASKED IS WHAT WOULD THE WATER RATES BEFORE THE AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL USER FOR OPTION 2.

WHAT I FOUND IN MY FILE, WHERE IT SAYS OPTION TO DITCH WHICH IS LOWER LEVEL OF SERVICE IT IS LISTING OUT THE TEARS, WILL THAT BE HELPFUL? OR IS THAT NOT WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

THAT WOULD HELP.

DO YOU HAVE ONE LIKE SLIDE 32? FIVE-YEAR SCHEDULED WATER RATES BASELINE, THAT IS OPTION ONE I AM ASSUMING.

COULD YOU PLEASE SHARE WITH US?

SO THE TIER ONE WITH THE LOWER LEVEL SERVICE IS \$5.01.

TIER 1 WITH OPTION TO DITCH.

YES.

IS THAT FROM TWO WEEKS AGO?

I NEED TWO WEEKS AGO SENT TO ME AGAIN OR PUT ON THE SCREEN. I CANNOT FIND IT. THANK YOU.

COMBINED WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES, IS THIS FOR OPTION ONE OR TWO?

IT IS 31. ORB PAGE 22-43.

IN THE APRIL 23 STAFF REPORT?

YES.

MARY, COULD YOU PLEASE EMAIL THAT TO COUNCILMEMBERS? I AM SORRY, WHICH SLIDE IS THAT? 22? OKAY.

DO YOU HAVE IT FOR THE OTHER SIZES AS WELL? METER SIZES?

I AM SORRY WHAT SLIDE IS THAT? I CANNOT READ IT, 31. OKAY. ALL RIGHT, THIS IS SHOWING WATER USE COMPARISON FOR BASELINE OPTION ONE AND LOWER SERVICE OPTION TO AND IT SHOWS THAT TIER 1 A SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED RATE. GOING ALL THE WAY DOWN. COUNCILMEMBER, THOSE THIS PROVIDE YOU WITH THE INFORMATION YOU ARE LOOKING FOR?

I AM SORRY I AM TRYING TO LOOK AT IT.

WHAT IT DOES NOT PROVIDE US IS A COMPARISON OF THE IMPACT ON THE AVERAGE USER.

IT DOES NOT PROVIDE OTHER METER SIZES EITHER.

I THINK I HAVE THAT FOR THE AVERAGE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

I KEEP ASKING ABOUT OTHER METER SIZES, WE KEEP GOING BACK TO THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, IT IS RIDICULOUS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE ALL THIS INFORMATION, I FIND THIS SOMA INCOMPETENT AND INSANE.

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A LOT OF FRUSTRATION HERE.

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DO WE NEED TO VOTE TONIGHT? IS IT POSSIBLE TO LOWER THE RATES BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 18? WE ARE STARTING TO LOOK GOOFY HERE.

I AM NOT EXPERT BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS YOU DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE THE FINAL DECISION UNTIL THE 18th AND YOU CAN CHOOSE TO GO TO OPTION TWO FOR BOTH WATER AND WASTEWATER ON THE 18th, THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING.

YES.

SO WE COULD TABLE THIS ITEM AND REQUEST THAT STAFF COME BACK WITH THE FULL INFORMATION ON OPTION TO DITCH FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES ON THE 18th. IS THAT WHAT I AM HEARING?

STAFF WOULD COME BACK THE FIRST MEETING OF JUNE AND THEN WE MOVED TO THE 18th.

IS THAT WORKABLE? WHAT I HEARD CITY MANAGER SAY AND I WANT TO DOUBLE CHECK, IN FACT THOSE NUMBERS COULD BE BROUGHT BACK ON THE 18th AND THE CITY COUNCIL AT THAT POINT BASED ON THOSE NUMBERS MAKE A DECISION TO REDUCE TO OPTION TO DITCH ACROSS THE BOARD, IS THAT CORRECT?

I SAID YOU HAVE UNTIL THE 18th TO MAKE THE FINAL DECISION, I DO NOT WANT TO COMMIT TO HAVING THE PARTICULAR DATA IN ADVANCE OF THE 18th.

THEN I WILL ASK THE FOLLOW-UP QUESTION, CAN WE COME BACK ON JUNE 4, CAN STAFF BRING BACK ON JUNE 4 THE INFORMATION CANCEL IS ASKING FOR ABOUT THE VARIOUS WATER RATES INCLUDING COMMERCIAL AND IRRIGATION AND RESIDENTIAL FOR OPTION TO DITCH ACROSS THE BOARD?

I DO NOT KNOW, TONY MAY BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO ANSWER THAT.

YES WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION. IT IS IN THE WATER MODEL BECAUSE WE LOOKED AT IT, IT JUST WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE REPORT BECAUSE THAT WAS NOT WAS SELECTED.

SO MY PROPOSAL IS THAT WE DIRECT STAFF TO RETURN TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 4 WITH SPECIFIC DETAILED RATES FOR OPTION TO DITCH ACROSS THE BOARD SO THE COUNCIL CAN THEN MAKE A INFORMED DECISION. IS THAT ACCEPTABLE TO EVERYONE? OKAY, DO WE NEED A MOTION TO MAKE THAT OFFICIAL OR IS THIS DIRECTION?

IT IS DIRECTION BUT I WOULD DO THE MOTION TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE ALL --

SO I WOULD AMEND THE MOTION TO STATE THAT WE WILL NOT PAY THE 20,000 TO --, RECOGNIZING THAT A PORTION OF THAT IS FOR SERVICES ALREADY RENDERED AND A PORTION FOR FUTURE SERVICES. SO NO 20,000 AMOUNT TO --, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU GUYS WERE GREAT. DO RETURN ON JUNE 4 WITH THE OPTION TO DITCH NUMBERS ACROSS THE BOARD, WATER AND WASTEWATER. I AM LOOKING FOR A SECOND ON THAT MOTION.

I AM HAPPY TO SECOND.

CAN WE DO A ROLL CALL PLEASE?

DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO RETURN TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 4 WITH VARIOUS RATES FOR OPTION TO DIG ACROSS THE BOARD FOR RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS AND IRRIGATION. COUNCILMEMBER?

YES.

YES.

YES. TALK MAC YES.

YES.

THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

ONE OF MY FAVORITE COMMENTS FROM FORMER MAYOR PATRICK SLATER IS NOT OUR PROUDEST MOMENT SO THANK YOU TO THE PUBLIC FOR BEING THERE FOR US AS WE WORK THROUGH THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS DISCUSSION FOR ME IS IT A MAN STREETS ONCE AGAIN THAT WE HAVE A'S AMAZING CITY COUNCIL THAT INSISTS ON HAVING ACCURATE AND FULL INFORMATION BEFORE ANY SORT OF DECISIONS ARE PLACED ON THE SHOULDERS OF OUR RESIDENTS. I AM PROUD OF THAT. SO NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA, WE REORDERED ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, THE NEXT ITEM IS GOING TO BE THE SALES TAX ITEM. MRS. ITEM NUMBER 11 ON THE AGENDA.

BALLOT MEASURE INITIATIVE, SALES TAX MEASURE, RECEIPT OF INFORMATION ON POTENTIAL SALES TAX BALLOT MEASURES. TIMELINES FOR PLACEMENT OF A BALLOT MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 5 2024 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND

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CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR EDUCATION AND OUTREACH SERVICES, PLUS CAMPAIGN, PULLING CONSULTANT. ESTIMATE, 30,000. I BELIEVE THIS IS BROUGHT TO US BY OUR CITY MANAGER.

CORRECT, ONCE AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THE SCREEN AND WALK THROUGH A BRIEF PRESENTATION.

I AM SORRY TO INTERRUPT, JUST FOR PURPOSES OF THE PUBLIC, THE NEXT ITEM WOULD BE THE TREE APPEAL AND WE WILL TRY TO DO OUR DARNDDEST TO GET TO THE ITEM BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND IT IS TIME SENSITIVE, IS THAT CORRECT?

I DO NOT KNOW PROCESS WISE.

NO IT DOES NOT NEED TO BE DECIDED, ONCE IT IS OPENED AND YOU HEAR THE APPEAL, THE COUNCIL HAS 30 DAYS FROM THAT DATE TO MAKE THE DECISION. YOU CAN OPEN IT TO CONTINUE IT BUT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DECIDE IT TONIGHT.

ALL RIGHT, I GUESS THE TREE PEOPLE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL PEOPLE SHOULD PROBABLY STICK AROUND, JUST STAYING.

META-MAYOR, CLARIFICATION, I KNOW THERE ARE A FEW PEOPLE HERE IF NOT MORE FOR AGENDA ITEM 12, ARE WE SAYING IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WE ARE NOT GOING TO -- IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT WE WILL GET THROUGH SALES TAX ITEM, THE TREE AND THE POOL PLUS THE LIBRARY IN THE NEXT HOUR AND A HALF.

I HAVE SPOKEN WITH MARY AS HAVE HAVE TO PEOPLE THAT DRAFTED THE REPORT, MARY, CAN YOU STATE WHAT YOU RECOMMENDED IN THE LAST BINNING WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN IF WE RAN OUT OF TIME TONIGHT?

I AM SORRY. IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING IF WE DID NOT GET TO THIS ITEM THAT WE WOULD BRING IT FORWARD TO THE JUNE 4 CITY COUNCIL MEETING, THAT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING.

THAT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THE LAST MEETING.

WE WERE HOPING TO OPEN THE ITEM TONIGHT TO GIVE GENERAL INFORMATION TO THE COUNCIL AND RETURN IT TO THE JUNE 4 MEETING FOR DISCUSSION.

BUT IT DOES NOT SOUND LIKE WE WILL EVEN GET TO IT.

I WILL NOT SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL BUT THE PROTOCOLS SAY IF YOU HAVE FIVE MEMBERS THAT WANT TO GO BEYOND 1030 YOU CAN. I AM NOT GOING THAT DIRECTION BUT I AM SAYING THAT IS A OPTION. WE WILL NOT KNOW UNTIL 1030.

YOU CAN BUMP IT.

BECAUSE OF THE TIMING AND THE LATENESS OF THE HOUR, YOU CAN BUMP THIS ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING.

YOU ARE THE COUNCILMEMBER THAT REQUESTED IT.

I DO KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE AND I DO NOT WANT THEM TO SIT UNTIL 10:30 PM ONLY TO HEAR WE WILL NOT GET TO THE ITEM SO WE WILL CONTINUE IT TO THE JUNE 4 CALENDAR CORRECT?

SO WE WILL REMOVE THE LIBRARY ITEM ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA AND MOVE IT TO JUNE 4. WE ARE CONTINUING IT TO JUNE 4 BECAUSE OF THE LATENESS OF THE ITEM AND THE OTHER ITEMS TAKE PRECEDENCE.

TAKE YOU.

TAKE YOU, WE WILL TRY OUR BEST TO GET TO THE ITEMS. SO IN THAT VEIN LET'S GO TO THE SALES TAX ITEM PLEASE. CITY MANAGER.

I AM GOING TO KICK THIS OFF AND WE ARE ALSO JOINED BY ALEX FROM THE REDWOOD LOG GROUP THAT WILL ESSENTIALLY BE PICKING THINGS UP ABOUT HALFWAY THROUGH. THIS IS TO TALK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SALES TAX MEASURE AND CONTACTS, I WILL GO DO IT QUICKLY, THE GENERAL FUND, LONG-TERM PROSPECTS AND ROUGHLY 4 .3 MILLION A YEAR IS WHAT WE NEED TO FILL THE GAP AND MAINTAIN OUR ASSETS PROPERLY AND KEEP OUR ROADS AND IMPROVE THEM MODESTLY. I DO NOT THINK THERE IS ANYONE FIXED TO THE FISCAL EMERGENCY, WE NEED A MIX OF STRATEGIES INCLUDING A MIX OF NEW REVENUES. IF A TOT COMES IN, AT LEAST WHAT I HAVE SEEN, IT COULD BE AROUND 2 MILLION A YEAR WHEN THEY ARE FULLY OPERATING. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT YEARS BEFORE THAT COULD COME TO FRUITION. MORE THAN SPECULATIVE, LESS THAN DEFINITIVE, THEY ARE LOOKING A LITTLE BETTER THAN THEY WERE A FEW MONTHS AGO BUT NOT SOMETHING WE SHOULD BUDGET AND COUNT ON FOR SURE. OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY TO BRING MORE TAXES AND REVENUE TO THE CITY FOR BUSINESS ATTRACTION, HAVING FEES THAT D A

BETTER JOB OF COVERING COSTS, WE WILL BRING ITEMS TO YOU IN THE NEXT MEETING ON THAT AND THEN FIRE CONSOLIDATION IS A KEY STEP BECAUSE IT DOES PLUG A BIG FINANCIAL HOLE. THOSE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH. YOU CAN SEE THE ONGOING NEED AGAIN, 4.3 MILLION+. THE HOTELS IF THEY COME TO FRUITION ARE AROUND 2 MILLION PER YEAR. QUARTER SENT WITH HOTEL AND SALES TAX FILLS ABOUT 40% OF THE GAP AND THAT COVERS 80%. WE ARE LOOKING AT COST SIDE AS WELL. BACK IN MARCH WE LOOKED AT TALKING ABOUT TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHY OUR COST PER CAPITA WAS HIGHER THAN OTHER SMALL CITIES IN THE COUNTY. VEHICLES, CONSTRUCTION COST, LIABILITY, THEY GO IN THE WRONG DIRECTION FOR OUR FINANCIAL BENEFIT AND WE ARE LOOKING AT OTHER SERVICE MODELS, FIRE CONSOLIDATION IS A EXAMPLE OF THAT AND THEN CONSOLIDATING APARTMENTS. WE ARE BRINGING A PROPOSAL THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS TO CONSOLIDATE ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS AS A EXAMPLE. WHAT WE ARE FACING IS A PREVIEW OF WHAT I AM LIKELY TO INCLUDE IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAJOR CUTS. IN THE BUDGET PROCESS. POTENTIALLY ONE MIGHT THINK ABOUT THE CUTS, A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE IF WE ARE ABLE TO INCREASE THE REVENUES ON THE OTHER END OF THE BRIDGE, WE HAVE TO REALLY TIGHTEN THINGS UP DRAMATICALLY FOUR YEARS BEFORE THAT HAPPENS. A SALES TAX MEASURE MAKES THAT TIMEFRAME A LITTLE SHORTER AND LESS PAINFUL. WITH THAT I WILL STOP AND TURN IT OVER TO THE ATTORNEY HELPING US OUT ON THIS AND ASK ALEX TO PICK IT UP FROM HERE.

THANK YOU, GOOD EVENING MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. I KNOW SOME OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS INFORMATION BUT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC I WILL RUN THROUGH IT ONCE AGAIN. SALES TAXES IN CALIFORNIA ARE SET TWO DIFFERENT WAYS. FIRST THERE IS A STATEWIDE SALES TAX OF 7 1/4% WHICH APPLIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES ARE ABLE TO ENACT THEIR OWN SALES TAXES. SO IN THE CITY THERE IS CURRENTLY .7 SALES TAX, A QUARTER PERCENT ADOPTED IN 2005 1/2% ADOPTED AND APPROVED IN 2013. ON TOP OF THAT THERE IS 1.4 TO 5% COUNTYWIDE OF ADDITIONAL SALES TAXES AND THAT IS A MIX OF SALES TAXES FROM THE COUNTY, THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, SMART, AND ALL OF THOSE COMBINED. TOGETHER THAT HAS A OVERALL SALES TAX RATE OF 9 POINT TO 5% IN THE CITY CURRENTLY. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. LOCAL AGENCIES LIKE THE CITY HAVE AUTHORITY IN A COUPLE OF WAYS TO ENACT SALES TAXES. ONE THERE IS A GENERAL AUTHORITY AND THAT ALLOWS CITIES OR COUNTIES TO ENACT SALES TAX WITH A COMBINED RATE OF UP TO 2 PERCENT. SO EVERYBODY'S RATE NEEDS TO BE UP TO 2 PERCENT. UNDER THAT GENERAL AUTHORITY THE CITY HAS ABOUT 1/4% AVAILABLE IF THE CITY WANTS TO PURSUE A ADDITIONAL SALES TAX INCREASE. ON TOP OF THE GENERAL AUTHORITY THE LEGISLATURE HAS FROM TIME TO TIME AUTHORIZED CITIES AND DISTRICTS TO ENACT ADDITIONAL SALES TAXES ABOVE THE 2% CAP. IN SONOMA COUNTY IN 2017 IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRES THAT HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, THE LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZED THE COUNTY OR ANY CITY WITHIN THE COUNTY TO ENACT A SALES TAX OF UP TO 1%. UNDER THAT AUTHORITY THERE IS AT LEAST A QUARTER OF A PERCENT AVAILABLE TO THE CITY FOR POTENTIAL SALES TAX MEASURE. NEXT SLIDE. TWO OPTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE TO PURSUE A BALLOT MEASURE TO INCREASE THE SALES TAX, THE FIRST IS TO USE THE GENERAL AUTHORITY, THAT WOULD BE A QUARTER PERCENT SALES TAX OR COMBINING IT WITH THE SPECIAL AUTHORITY THE LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZED, COMBINED THAT IS A HALF A PERCENT SALES TAX. SO AS THE COUNCIL KNOWS, THERE ARE GENERAL TAXES AND SPECIAL TAXES. A GENERAL TAX IS A TAX THAT CAN BE USED FOR ANY GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE. A SALES TAX IS, EXCUSE ME, A SPECIAL TAX IS A TAX WHERE THE MEASURE RESTRICTS ITS USE TO A SPECIFIC PURPOSE. THAT MAY BE A TAX FOR FIRE SERVICES FOR EXAMPLE. IT IS A SPECIAL TAX BECAUSE IT IS LIMITED. GENERAL TAXES REQUIRE A 4/5 VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AND SUBMITTED TO VOTERS, ONCE ON THE BALLOT THE ONLY REQUIRE MAJORITY, 50% PLUS ONE TO PASS. HOWEVER GENERAL TAXES ARE REQUIRED TO BE CONSIDERED AT A ELECTION, A REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION WHERE A COUNCIL MEMBER IS UP FOR ELECTION, THAT IS NOVEMBER OF EVEN YEARS FOR THE CITY. SPECIAL TAXES ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY REQUIRE TWO THIRDS VOTE FOR APPROVAL, SO 66.7%. THEY CAN BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AT ANY TIME. IN THE GENERAL NOVEMBER THE PRIMARY OR AT A SPECIAL ELECTION. WHEN A SPECIAL TAX IS A SALES TAX IT STILL REQUIRES 4/5 OF THE

VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AND PLACED ON THE BALLOT. OTHER TYPES OF SPECIAL TAXES ONLY REQUIRE THREE VOTES FROM THE CITY. THE SALES TAX WOULD REQUIRE 4/5. REGARDLESS WHETHER IT IS A GENERAL OR SPECIAL TAX. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. STATE LAW ALLOWS, AND IT IS COMMON FOR CITIES TO RETAIN PROFESSIONALS TO DO A COMMUNITY SURVEY OR RESEARCH WHEN THEY ARE CONSIDERING A POTENTIAL SALES TAX MEASURE, THAT IS ALLOWED UNDER STATE LAW AND IT IS COMMON. THOSE CONSULTANTS USE SCIENTIFIC POLLING METHODS WITH STATISTICAL MEASURING TO GAUGE SUPPORT FOR A MEASURE. IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAUGE THAT SUPPORT AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO ALLOW THE COUNCIL TO GAIN INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT PRIORITIES ARE IN THE COMMUNITY FOR SPENDING THE MONEY, WHETHER IT IS PARK IMPROVEMENTS, ROAD REPAIRS, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE THAT THE COUNCIL WANTS TO GAUGE THE COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT FOR AND HOW THE REVENUE FROM A MEASURE MAY BE USED. THAT IS SOMETHING A COMMUNITY SURVEY CAN TAKE INTO ACCOUNT. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, IF THE COUNCIL DECIDED IT DID NOT WANT TO RETAIN A CONSULTANT TO DO THAT SORT OF SURVEY, THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT COULD BE AROUND 30,000 WHICH WILL COVER THE COST OF THAT KIND OF SURVEY, THOSE KINDS OF SURVEYS ALSO GAUGE SUPPORT FOR A MEASURE AFTER BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED ABOUT THE SURVEY SO YOU GET A TRUE SENSE OF HOW THE COMMUNITY FEELS ABOUT A PARTICULAR MEASURE. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO TONIGHT THERE ARE A FEW ISSUES FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER. THE FIRST IS, IS THE COUNCIL INTERESTED IN PURSUING A LOCAL SALES TAX MEASURE AS PART OF THE BUDGET STRATEGY TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES THE CITY MANAGER REFERENCED EARLIER. THE NEXT IS, IS THE COUNCIL INTERESTED IN RETAINING A CONSULTANT TO PULL THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR A POTENTIAL SALES TAX MEASURE. THEN, IF THAT IS SOMETHING THE COUNCIL WANTS TO DO, THE THIRD AND FOURTH ISSUES TO CONSIDER ARE WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE SURVEY. SO FIRST, DO YOU WANT TO SURVEY BOTH THE QUARTER SENT AND HAVE SENT OPTION FOR SALES TAX? ALSO, DO YOU WANT TO GAUGE VOTERS OPINIONS ON HOW THAT MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT AND LAST, HE JUST HAD A THOROUGH DISCUSSION ABOUT POTENTIAL UTILITY RATES, POLLS COULD TAKE IN FACTORS LIKE OTHER MEASURES COMING UP WAR IMPACTS TO VOTERS THAT ARE PRESSING AT THE SAME TIME. THE QUESTION MAY SAY IF HE KNEW THE COUNTY HAD THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT AT THE SAME TIME, IS THAT MAKING YOU MORE OR LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT? IF YOU KNEW UTILITY WATER AND SEWER RATES WERE GOING TO INCREASE, WOULD THAT MAKE YOU LESS LIKELY TO SUPPORT THE MEASURE? THAT IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT CAN BE INCLUDED IN A SURVEY IF THAT IS SOMETHING THE COUNCIL DESIRES. THOSE ARE THE FOUR GENERAL HIGH-LEVEL ITEMS TO CONSIDER TONIGHT AND I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL ON THIS MATTER. I WILL TURN IT BACK OVER TO THE CITY MANAGER.

THERE REALLY CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATION. HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. AT THE HANDS RATE ALREADY. I AM NOT SURE WHO WAS FIRST. VICE MAYOR.

THANK YOU. I DO NOT KNOW WHO TO DIRECT THIS TO, MARY SENT US SOME INFORMATION VIA EMAIL TO ALL OF US AT 1:52 PM THIS AFTERNOON, I THINK MARY YOU GOT IT FROM THE LAST POLLSTER, DANNY, CAN YOU SPEAK CLOSER?

IF YOU ARE ASKING ABOUT THE LAST SURVEY RESULTS, THAT WAS FROM THE FORMER -- YES THE EMAIL YOU SENT OUT.

THERE WERE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS, THE ATTACHMENT THAT SHOWED THE POLL RESULTS FROM THE MEETING, I FORGET THE DATE, I DO HAVE THE CONSULTANT ON THE LINE THAT DID THE FORMER SALES TAX, I HAVE HIM HERE TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING POLLING IN EDUCATION. ROB, LET ME SEE IF I CAN UNMUTE YOU. HOLD ON AND SEE IF YOU CAN ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS.

VICE MAYOR, YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE SURVEY?

YES IN THE CONTENTS OF MARY'S EMAIL, IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE SUMMARIZED SOME OF THE CONVERSATION.

I DID. CAN YOU HEAR US ROB?

YES I CAN.

THEY HELPED US WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT THE LAST SALES TAX MEASURE AND HE WAS THE ONE I ADDRESSED THE QUESTION TWO REGARDING HIS THOUGHTS ON THE POLLING. HE CAN ADDRESS SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

JUST SO I HAVE CONTEXT AND THE PUBLIC THOSE AS WELL, THIS PARTICULAR PERSON WE ARE SPEAKING TO WAS WORKING WITH DANNY, NO, NOW I AM GETTING CONFUSED. DANNY DID THE SURVEY, THE COUNCIL HIRED DANNY TO DO THE SURVEY, THAT WAS TOTALLY SEPARATE. THEY WERE WORKING WITH US ON THE LANGUAGE, THE RESOLUTION AND ALL OF THAT. THERE WAS TWO DIFFERENT THINGS GOING ON AT THE SAME TIME. HOWEVER THIS IS ONE OF THE COMPANIES WE ARE LOOKING FOR IF THE COUNCIL IS READY TO GO FORWARD WITH PULLING. WE CAN POTENTIALLY CONTRACT WITH THEM TO DO THE OUTREACH.

THE GENTLEMAN ON THE LINE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH JULY?

THEY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE POLLING.

SO THIS IS A FRESH NEW PERSON.

CORRECT BUT THEY ARE EXPERTS IN THAT, THAT IS WHY I ASKED THE QUESTION WHAT THEIR THOUGHTS WERE REGARDING THE OTHER ITEMS, LIKE THE ZERO RATES AND PARTIAL TAX AND ALL OF THAT, THAT WAS THE RESPONSE ON EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.

SINCE ALL OF US HAVE THE EMAIL, I WILL SHARE, AT 1:52 PM. SORRY, ANYWAY I AM HAPPY TO ASK A QUESTION OF THIS GENTLEMAN ON THE LINE, BASED ON WHAT YOU HEARD FROM MARY, WE HAVE A LOT OF COMPETING THINGS, A LOT OF THINGS ARE HEADING OUR COMMUNITY. PENDING PRIOR CONSOLIDATION, A PARCEL TAX OF \$2.55 COMING AT SOME TIME, PENDING GARBAGE WE DO NOT KNOW THE OUTCOME OF AND AS YOU JUST FIGURED OUT, THE WATER AND SEWER THING. THOSE THREE THINGS WERE CONSIDERED, I AM CONCERNED BASED ON WHAT WE HEARD EARLIER TONIGHT, FIXED INCOME ELDERS, WHAT ARE YOUR GENERAL THOUGHTS KNOWING THAT?

I HAVE THE BENEFIT OF LISTENING TO THE CONVERSATION EARLIER, WHAT I WOULD SAY IS YOUR CITY IS NOT UNIQUE IN FACING THESE LAYERED COMPETING NEEDS. I AM WORKING IN OTHER MUNICIPALITIES WHERE THERE IS SIMILAR ISSUES REGARDING WATER, SEWER, SOMETIMES CITIES RAISE PARKING FEES, A LOT OF CITIES ARE FACING THE SAME FISCAL PRESSURES YOU ARE AND YOU ARE LOOKING AT MULTIPLE DIFFERENT REVENUE STREAMS SOME OF WHICH ARE BEYOND YOUR CONTROL AT THE COUNTY AND SCHOOLS ARE IMPOSING THINGS. SO IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR A MUNICIPALITY TO GO FOR MORE INCREASES SUCH AS A SALES TAX ALONG WITH THE OTHER INCREASES BEING ENACTED SIMULTANEOUSLY. IN A PERFECT WORLD IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE ONE PROPOSAL IN FRONT OF VOTERS AT ONE TIME BUT UNFORTUNATELY THAT IS NOT THE WORLD MOST PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN. IS A LONG WAY OF SAYING YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN FACING THESE CHALLENGES AND THERE IS MANY OTHER MUNICIPALITIES STILL PURSUING THE REVENUE ENHANCEMENT BECAUSE ULTIMATELY IT COMES DOWN TO FUNDING FOR DIFFERENT SERVICES. THE WATER RATE HIKE IS VERY SPECIFIC TO THAT SERVICE, THE SALES TAX WOULD SUPPORT THE GENERAL FUND WHICH WOULD GO TO FIND ALL OF THE IN THE STRUCTURE AND SERVICES CONTAINED THEREIN. PRIOR TO REFERRAL IT WOULD EDUCATE THE RESIDENTS ABOUT WHAT IS COVERED BY THE GENERAL FUND AND EDUCATE THEM ON THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THOSE SERVICE LEVELS.

CAN I ASK A FOLLOW-UP? A SICKLY YOU ARE SAYING WE ARE NOT ALONE, THAT MEANS IF WE DECIDED TO FOR SOMETHING IN A VERY YOU COULD COPY AND PASTE FROM THE OTHER JARRED FISHING'S AND LET US KNOW WHAT OURS SHOULD LOOK LIKE?

I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THERE IS MORE TO IT THAN THAT. I HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR 15 YEARS. THERE IS A PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW IN TERMS OF DEVELOPING THE MEASURE AND I THINK IT IS A LITTLE BIT OF ART AND SCIENCE TOGETHER COMMITTEE FEEDBACK. THERE IS A WINDOW BEFORE THE CITY, IF IT WERE TO REFER THE MEASURE AND TAKE STEPS TO PLACE THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT, OR YOU HAVE A WINDOW TOGETHER COMMITTEE FEEDBACK AND CONDUCT PUBLIC INFORMATION EFFORTS, THAT EFFORT CAN BE INSTRUCTIVE IN TERMS OF THE POTENTIAL VIABILITY OF THE MEASURE, COMMUNITY RECEPTIVITY AND SHAPE THE MEASURE TO PRESENT IT TO VOTERS. ULTIMATELY IT IS THE VOTERS CHOICE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT TO GRANT THE CITY REVENUE BUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL PRESENTED TO VOTERS YOU HAVE A WINDOW TO

ASSIST THE ENVIRONMENT, HOW MUCH DO SOME OF THE OTHER ISSUES IMPACT VOTERS THINKING ABOUT GRANTING THE CITY REVENUE AND WHAT IS THE VOTERS ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND ARE THEY WILLING TO STEP UP TO SUPPORT THEM?

COUNCIL MEMBER Mc LEWIS HAS A QUESTION.

I AM SORRY I DID NOT SEE THE COUNCILMEMBER. GO AHEAD.

SO WHAT DOES IT COST TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT? DOES IT REQUIRE A SUNSET DATE? MEASURES DO NOT REQUIRE A SUNSET DATE, IT CAN BE SOMETHING YOU BAKE INTO IT, IT IS OPTIONAL FOR THE CITY TO INCLUDE A SUNSET, IN TERMS OF THE COST, THAT IS SOMETHING YOU ARE CLERK OR OTHERS WOULD HAVE TO ADDRESS.

THE QUESTION IS BASICALLY ABOUT THE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INITIATIVE, IN ORDER TO PROTECT IT, IF WE DID DO IT TO PROTECT IT, DOES IT NEED A SUNSET DATE?

THAT IS A GREAT QUESTION. SOME PEOPLE HAVE INTERPRETED THE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE AS REQUIRING A SPECIFIC SUNSET IN NUMBER OF YEARS, THAT IS NOT HOW MOST MUNICIPAL ATTORNEYS ARE INTERPRETING IT, MOST ARE INTERPRETING IT BY CONTINUING TO ALLOW A SUNSET DEFINED AS UNTIL ENDED BY VOTERS, THAT WOULD DEFINE WHEN IT ENDS BY THE VOTERS OF COURSE. SO THE COUNCIL COULD PUT IN A SUNSET IN TERMS OF YEARS AS WELL.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO PUT ON THE BALLOT?

I DO HAVE THAT. WE HAVE PROJECTED FROM THE COUNTY, FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION, WITH THE TWO SEATS WE HAVE ON IN THE MEASURE, IT WILL BE ABOUT 30,000 PLUS.

THAT INCLUDES THE TWO SEATS AS WELL?

THAT INCLUDES THE TWO COUNCIL SEATS THAT ARE OPEN. THAT IS THE LOW END, IT RANGES ANYWHERE FOR A BALLOT MEASURE, CORRECT ME IF I AM WRONG, IT WAS 20-50 AND IT DEPENDS ON THE NUMBER OF MEASURES IN VOTERS, WE ARE TAKING A ESTIMATE BASED ON OUR PAST, WE ARE SAFE IN SAYING IT IS ABOUT 30,004 ONE MEASURE IN TWO SEATS.

THANK YOU. GO AHEAD COUNCILMEMBER.

I WANT TO EXPAND A LITTLE BIT THE VICE MAYOR'S QUESTION, I SAT IN A MEETING ON FRIDAY WITH OUR LEGISLATIVE GROUP AND HEARD A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ON A TAX MEASURE, THE DISCUSSION AND FOR THOSE THAT DO NOT KNOW, IT IS HOW CITIES AND AIDS FROM VARIOUS CENTERS, BUT THE GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS VERY CONSERVATIVE AND THE TAX CAME UP FOR A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT CITIES THAT ARE LOOKING AT IT IN ADDITION TO THE ROUNDTABLE SO THE QUESTION I HAVE IS, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU ARE LOOKING LOCALLY BUT I AM THINKING GLOBALLY. THIS IS GOING TO BE A LARGE PACKET IN NOVEMBER. THE DISCUSSION AROUND THIS WAS, WE NEED TO BE CONSERVATIVE, WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT A TAX MEASURE BUT HAVE YOU LOOKED BEYOND OUR OWN ISSUES BUT KNOWING WE HAVE THE STATE ROUNDTABLE AND WE ALSO HAVE THE COUNTY, OUR KIDS, OUR FUTURE, THERE WAS A CONSERVATIVE APPROACH AND WE DID NOT KNOW IF ANY OF US SHOULD DO THIS ATTITUDE, SO I'M CURIOUS FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE LOOKING BROADER FROM COUNTY TO STATE, HOW DOES THAT LOOK FOR YOU THEN? WHOEVER WANTS TO ANSWER.

I WILL SAY THE COUNTY MEASURE AS A SPECIAL TAX, THAT IS MUCH MORE VULNERABLE WITH THE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE ITEM BECAUSE THE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE WILL CHANGE THE LAW SO THE SPECIAL TAXES THAT ARE PUT ON BY THE VOTERS THROUGH THE INITIATIVE PROCESS, RIGHT NOW THEY CAN PASS WITH A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE, THE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE WILL CHANGE THAT TO SPECIAL TAXES, EVEN IF THEY ARE PLACED ON THE BALLOT, THE INITIAL PROCESS WILL REQUIRE TWO THIRDS OF THE VOTE FROM THE VOTERS SO FOR EXAMPLE THAT ISSUE IS MUCH MORE VULNERABLE TO BEING ALL ON AT THE SAME TIME, HOW IT WILL AFFECT THE CITY'S MEASURE, GOES BACK TO WHAT THE POLLSTER MENTIONED, THERE CAN BE A EFFECT WHEN THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT MEASURES ON THE BALLOT AT THE SAME TIME, THERE IS LIKELY TO BE -- I SEE YOU RAISING YOUR HAND.

IF I CAN ADD TO THAT, THIS IS SOMETHING WE CHARACTERIZE AS THE BALLOT ENVIRONMENT, YOUR MEASURE WILL NOT EXIST IN THE VACUUM. IT EXISTS IN THE CONTEXT OF OTHER MEASURES IN THE BUSINESS MULTIPLE MEASURES YOU MENTIONED IS A BIG ONE. THEY COULD ENGENDER A STATEWIDE CONVERSATION ABOUT TAX

BURDEN AND SO FORTH, IT IS WEEKLY TO ENGENDER A OPPOSITE CONVERSATION FROM OPPONENTS TO THAT MEASURE BUT LOCAL SERVICES, IT IS HARD TO DIVIDE HOW THAT WILL PLAY. AS I MENTIONED TO THE OTHER COUNCILMEMBER, WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT LOCAL MEASURES, IT IS ABOUT THE NEXUS BETWEEN THE FUNDS AND SERVICES THEY WOULD PROVIDE. THAT IS ULTIMATELY WHAT IS FOREMOST IN VOTERS MINDS IN MY EXPERIENCE. VOTERS ARE TYPICALLY MORE SUPPORTIVE OF REVENUE THAT STAYS LOCAL FOR THEM THEN GOES TO THE COUNTY OR STATE AND IF THERE IS A STRONG NEXUS BETWEEN NEED AND VOTERS PERCEIVE THE NEED FOR REVENUE TYPICALLY THEY ARE WILLING TO GRANT -- SO AGAIN IT GOES BACK TO THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE REVENUE YOU ARE SEEKING AND THE SERVICES YOU FIND.

THANK YOU, ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

GO-AHEAD COUNCIL MEMBER.

FROM THE CONVERSATION, CAL CITY DISCUSSED THE PULLING AND WHAT YOU MENTIONED WAS CORRECT BUT THEY SAID THE CHALLENGE THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH AND I AM ASKING IF YOU ARE CONCERNED, IF THIS ROUNDTABLE IS OUT FUNDING, THEY HAVE RAISED SO MUCH MONEY THAT CAL CITY CANNOT KEEP UP WITH IT. THEY ECHO YOUR THOUGHTS, AND THEY PULL PEOPLE AND ASK THEM ABOUT THE ROUNDTABLE, IF THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE LOCAL IMPACT THEY ADMITTEDLY THOUGHT IT WAS A GREAT THING BUT AS SOON AS THEY WENT DEEPER INTO IT AND EXPLAINED IT IT MADE SENSE TO THEM SO MY QUESTION IS, IS THERE A WAY, I AM JUST CONCERNED ABOUT THE STORY WE TELL AND HOW WE DO THAT, IS THERE A MAGIC FORMULA FOR US TO EDUCATE PEOPLE?

I DO NOT KNOW IF THERE IS A MAGIC FORMULA BUT THERE IS A PLAYBOOK THAT OUR FIRM HAS FOLLOWED SUCCESSFULLY IN MANY COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE STATE OF SIMILAR SIZE TO SEBASTOPOL. IT IS A FACTUAL AND NEUTRAL CASE YOU HAVE TO PRESENT TO VOTERS AND RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO TOUCH ALL CORNERS OF THE CITY AND BRING TO THEM I THINK A FRANK PRESENTATION OF WHERE THE CITY IS AT FISCALLY. VOTERS NEED TO BE REMINDED THAT THE CITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MULTIPLE SERVICES BECAUSE PEOPLE DO NOT WALK AROUND THINKING ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT IT IS THE CITY OR THE COUNTY OR THE STATE THAT PAYS FOR THE ROADS. YOU HAVE TO OPEN A CONVERSATION WITH THE COMMUNITY ABOUT WHAT THE CITY MAINTAINS, HOW THE REVENUE STREAMS ARE DOING, THERE IS A LOT OF IMPACTS TO THE ECONOMY AND A LOT OF VOLATILITY IN REVENUE STREAMS. SAY IN VIEW OF THESE WE ARE CONSIDERING BRINGING A REVENUE ENHANCEMENT TO THE VOTERS AND HERE IS WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE.

I AM GOING TO INTERRUPT YOU, I AM LOOKING AT THE CLOCK AND REALIZING WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD. I THINK THAT WAS A VERY COMPLETE ANSWER. I THE COUNCILMEMBER WITH A QUESTION.

DID SEBASTOPOL USE A PULLING CONSULTANT IN THE LAST TWO TAX INITIATIVES? THE ONES THAT PASSED?

NOT THAT I AM AWARE OF.

MY FOLLOW-UP TO ROB, YOU WERE FORWARDED THE PULLING WE DID IN JULY, I THINK IT WAS TITLE FORWARD OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. YOU FORWARDED THAT LAST PULLING TO US RECENTLY, I AM FORGETTING THE NAME ON THERE. MARY?

LET ME PULL IT UP, I DO NOT HAVE THE TITLE IN FRONT OF ME.

GIVEN THE FACT WE ALREADY DID PULLING LAST JULY ABOUT WHAT OUR COMMUNITY VALUED, WHETHER IT BE POLICE, LIBRARIES, WRAPAROUND SERVICES, GIVEN THAT IS YOUR RIGHT STILL 30,000?

A COUPLE OF THINGS, I THINK THERE ARE TWO ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE SEPARATED, THE SCIENTIFIC PULLING THAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT AND THE COUNCIL CAN DECIDE IF IT WANTS TO RELY ON PULLING FROM A YEAR AGO. TYPICALLY A LOT OF THINGS CHANGE IN A YEAR. INFLATION AND OTHER FACTORS CAN INFLUENCE OPINIONS BUT THAT IS A SPECIAL ISSUE. OUR SCOPE RELIES ON DEVELOPING THE EDUCATION AND INFORMATION MATERIALS OF THE PROGRAM AND PRESENTING THOSE MATERIALS IF YOU LIKE, TO BRING THE INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD SAY THERE IS THE POLLSTER AND THE COMMUNICATIONS WORK AND WE ARE MORE THE LATTER.

I HAVE ONE MORE QUESTION FOR THE ATTORNEY. YOU MENTIONED THE FACT THAT YOU ARE AWARE THAT THERE IS OUR KIDS OUR FUTURE AND THEN A LIBRARY RENEWAL

THING THAT IS COMING UP AND THEY WANT A QUARTER CENT TOOK GIVEN ALL OF THE THINGS THE COUNCILMEMBER WAS ASKING FOR, THE BIG ENVIRONMENT, WITH HOURS GOING MAYBE LIKE A HALF PERCENT AND THEN THERE IS KIDS OUR FUTURE, THEN LIBRARY TAX, WITH ALL OF THAT, DOES IT CHANGE YOUR OVERALL ASSESSMENT YOU PROVIDED SO FAR?

IT DOES NOT AS TO THE CITY'S POTENTIAL AUTHORITY TO GO UP TO ANOTHER HALF A PERCENT. TO YOUR POINT IN THE DISCUSSION, WHETHER THAT MAKES POLITICAL SENSE OR IS VIABLE, I WOULD DEFER TO ROB ON THAT. BUT WE HAVE TAKEN THOSE MEASURES INTO CONSIDERATION IN MAKING THAT DETERMINATION. YOU CAN GO UP TO A HALF PERCENT.

I AM GOING TO COLLECT MANY QUESTIONS AND THEN GO OUT TO THE PUBLIC. ONE QUESTION I HAVE IS, WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST, HOW MUCH HAS BEEN ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET ALREADY FOR TAX MEASURES AND IS ANY ADDITIONAL AMOUNT BEING REQUESTED TO COVER EITHER THE CONSULTANT FEES OR THE FILING FEES OR ANY OTHER FEES?

SO THERE IS 30,000 IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET WE HAVE AVAILABLE AT THE COUNCIL WANTS TO GO FORWARD WITH THE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH, THE COST FOR THE ELECTION ITSELF IS PROGRAMMED INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET SO WE ALLOCATED THE COSTS INTO THAT, THE ONLY THING WE'RE LOOKING AT TONIGHT IS WHETHER OR NOT YOU WANT TO DO PULLING OR OUTREACH AND WE HAVE 30,000 AVAILABLE BECAUSE WE DID NOT SPEND THAT ON THE LAST MEASURE.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST OF THE SALES TAX MEASURE? 80,000 OR 60,000 IN YOUR ESTIMATION? THERE IS CONSULTANT AND FILING FEES.

THERE IS NO FILING FEES TO FILE THE BALLOT, IT IS THE COST OF THE ELECTION ITSELF. THE COST OF THE ELECTION CAN RANGE COME IN THE UPCOMING BUDGET WE HAVE THE COST ALLOCATED AT 30,000, TWO SEATS, 15 MINUTES 18,000 FOR THE BALLOT MEASURE ITSELF. THE CONSULTANT IS AROUND 30, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH YOU FIGURE ABOUT 18,000 FOR THE ELECTION, THE HARD COST ITSELF TO HAVE THE COUNTY DO IT. THERE ARE LEGAL FEES FOR THE LEGAL COUNSEL TO REVIEW THE ORDINANCE AND THE BALLOT QUESTION, I DO NOT HAVE THAT COST BUT I WOULD SAY AT LEAST 10 IF NOT MORE.

ALEX WOULD YOU SAY ABOUT 10?

THAT IS PROBABLY GOOD TO PREPARE THE MEASURE AND RESOLUTION AND THE IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS, THAT IS A GOOD ESTIMATE.

I WOULD ALSO ADD OUR FEES WOULD BE A LITTLE BIT LOWER JUST LOOKING AT THE TIMETABLE, THERE IS A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME TO DO THE OUTREACH BEFORE THE PALLET REFERRAL SO I DO NOT THINK WE WOULD HIT THE 30,000 MARK.

SO WE CALL IT 25, 18 AND 10, SO 55,000 MORE OR LESS, DOES THAT SOUND RIGHT?

THAT SOUNDS RIGHT.

YOU SAID THERE IS 30,000 IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET THAT HAS BEEN ALLOCATED, I KNOW YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET BUT IT HAS NOT COME TO THE COUNCIL FOR ANY DISCUSSION SO WHAT YOU WERE SAYING THOUGH IS THAT STAFF IS LIKELY TO RECOMMEND 30,000 IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. THAT WOULD BRING US UP TO 60,000. ALL RIGHT, WE ARE BEING ASKED TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL MONEY TONIGHT.

YOU ARE ALLOCATING 30,000 FOR THE EDUCATION OUTREACH AND PULLING IF THE COUNCIL WISHES TO DO SO SO WE ARE ALLOCATING IT OUT OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET THERE IS NO BUDGET NEEDED BECAUSE WE DID NOT USE FUNDING FOR THAT PREVIOUS SALES TAX.

THE MAN HAS BEEN SET ASIDE BUT WE NEED TO APPROVE ALLOCATING IT BUT I UNDERSTAND.

OKAY I UNDERSTAND THAT IS THE MONEY PIECE I WANTED ANSWERS. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT? ANYTHING STAFF WANTS TO ADD BEFORE WE DO THAT? OKAY, LET'S GO OUT TO PUBLIC COMMENT IF WE COULD ON THIS ITEM.

THANK YOU MAYOR, THIS IS FOR THE POTENTIAL SALES TAX BALLOT MEASURE TO GIVE DIRECTION TO STAFF WHETHER OR NOT TO INVESTIGATE IT IS DOABLE TO PUT ON THE NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION, IF YOU LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT I WILL GO TO

CHAMBERS FIRST, SEEING NINE, OUT TO THEM, LINDA, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE? Agenda Item Number: 2

YES, I GUESS I DID NOT REALLY READ THE AGENDA. I WAS SURPRISED BY THIS. I THOUGHT WE HAD DONE A GENERAL SALES TAX A FEW YEARS AGO. I THINK WE WILL RUN INTO PROBLEMS, IF THE WATER GOES UP LIKE YOU MENTIONED AND THERE IS ALSO A LIBRARY TAX WHICH I WILL VOTE FOR NO MATTER WHAT, BUT THAT IS ME. I HAVE NOT RETIRED MY BRAIN. I HAVE A FEELING YOU WILL HAVE TO HIRE THE CONSULTANT TO DO THE EDUCATIONAL PULLING BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE GOING -- ALREADY WITH THE COST OF GROCERIES AND WATER GOING UP AND I JUST GOT MY POWER BILL AND MY GOSH. I THINK YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO THE EDUCATIONAL PULLING.

THANK YOU LINDA FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL GO BACK TO CHAMBERS.

YES, BASED ON THE BUDGET, WE CANNOT BALANCE THE BUDGET WITHOUT ADDITIONAL REVENUE, THIS IS ONE AVENUE TO TAKE. A LEVEL WAY TO LOOK AT SALES TAX, IT IS NOT JUST FOR CITIZENS OF THE CITY BUT IT IS PEOPLE WHO VISIT WHO ARE PAYING THIS AS WELL. ALSO THINKING ABOUT THE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE INITIATIVE, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF COMPONENTS IN THE INITIATIVE WHICH MAKES IT MORE CHALLENGING IN THE FUTURE TO RAISE ADDITIONAL REVENUE SO THOSE ARE THINGS TO THINK ABOUT. WE HAVE SEEN THE STATE OF OUR ROADS, THEY WILL NOT BE FIXED WITHOUT FINDING ADDITIONAL REVENUE SO AS I YOU SUPPORTS ASKING THE COUNCIL TO ALLOW THE CITIZENS TO CONSIDER A TAX MEASURE AND ALSO TO DO CRITICAL PUBLIC OUTREACH ON THAT AS WELL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, NEXT I WILL GO TO ZOOM. UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE. CAN YOU SEE THAT TIMER? GO AHEAD.

I WANT TO POINT OUT THE COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING RAISING ITS OWN WATER BILL BY OVER 100,000 PER YEAR AND THEN ASKING TAXPAYERS TO ADD MORE TAXES TO PAY FOR THE INCREASE ON TOP OF PAYING 50-300% MORE FOR WATER AND SEWER. WHEN I SEE THIS TYPE OF LOGIC I DO NOT SUPPORT A SALES TAX. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF COUNSEL WOULD FORMALLY RECOGNIZE THAT THAT THE CITY OWES TO WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE MISALLOCATION'S OF FUNDS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER THE LAST DECADE, THIS WOULD ALLOW THE SALES TAX TO REPAY THE DEBT TO WATER AND SEWER AND KEEP WATER AND SEWER RATES DOWN AND ALSO FIND WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE. YOU CAN SELL THE TAXPAYERS ON A SALES TAX INCREASE IF IT KEPT WATER AND SEWER RATES LOWER AND FUNDED WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE. AS IT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTED, RECENT ALLOCATION STUDIES SHOWED OVER 700 THOUSAND OF WATER AND SEWER FEES THAT WERE MISAPPROPRIATED TO SUPPORT THE GENERAL FUND. AS THE PREVIOUS ALLOCATION STUDY WAS OVER 20 YEARS OLD AND ALLOCATIONS WERE NOT CHANGED, IT IS CLEAR AT LEAST A DECADE'S WORTH OF THIS APPROPRIATION HAS TAKEN PLACE. AT THE LAST MEETING ON APRIL 23, THE CITY ATTORNEY McLAUGHLIN DID NOT HAVE ANY STRONG ANSWERS THE FIDUCIARY DUTIES THAT WERE IN PLACE DURING THE LAST DECADE. HE REFERENCED OUTMODED MODELS, REFERENCED THE GENERAL FUND COULD HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING THE WATER AND SEWER FUND WHICH IS ALSO ILLEGAL SO IT IS CLEAR THERE WAS NO STORED WATER AND SEWER FEES, IF A CITIZEN HIRE IS A LAWYER, IT IS CLEAR --

THAT IS TWO MINUTES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL COME BACK TO CHAMBERS. ANYBODY IN CHAMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT? SEEING NONE. BACK TO ZOOM. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF KYLE. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES I CAN.

IT IS INTERESTING HOW QUICKLY WE COME RIGHT BACK TO THE SALES TAX MEASURE. I RECALL COUNSEL GIVING DIRECTION TO STAFF TO EXPLORE A WIDE RANGE OF REVENUE GENERATION TECHNIQUES. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE US TAKE THE TIME AND REVISIT WHAT THOSE WERE AND HEAR HOW MANY OF THOSE HAVE COME BACK TO COUNSEL, IT IS STAFF DIRECTION. GIVING DIRECTION TO STAFF TO BRING BACK REVENUE GENERATION ITEMS, WHY ARE WE NOT SEEING THOSE THINGS? WE ARE CIRCLING RIGHT BACK TO A REGRESSIVE SALES TAX MEASURE WHICH REQUIRES PAYING MONEY TO OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS. I SAY IF BUT I KNOW YOU ARE ALREADY GOING DOWN THIS ROAD, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT IF YOU ARE GOING DOWN THIS ROAD THAT YOU DO NOT

INCLUDE COUNSEL INPUT ON A GENERATION OF ANY POLLING. WE SOLVED TERRIBLY BIASED PULLING LAST TIME AS A RESULT OF COUNSEL INPUT AND I WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE THAT HAPPEN AGAIN. IT IS WONDERFUL FOR MY STUDENTS IN STATISTICS THAT NEED TO WRITE ABOUT BIAS AND PULLING AND THE WAY POLICYMAKERS CAN USE BIASED TO INFLUENCE POLICYMAKING BUT I WOULD PREFER FOR OUR CITY THAT THAT IS NOT THE CASE.

THANK YOU KYLE FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT WE WILL COME BACK TO CHAMBERS.

KYLE SAID WHAT I WAS ABOUT TO, VERY SKETCHY PULLING LAST TIME AROUND, TRYING TO SELL A SALES TAX AND WE ARE IN DANGER OF BLOWING WHATEVER AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WAS DISCUSSED EARLIER OVER CONSULTANTS AND THINGS BECAUSE AS THE FIRST SPEAKER SAID I DO NOT THINK PEOPLE WILL BUY THIS AT THIS POINT, WITH ALL OF THE OTHER PRESSURES, GAS, ENERGY PRICES, WATER RATES GOING UP, INFLATION, SO ON AND SO FORTH. THERE IS NO COMPELLING REASON FOR THE SALES TAX FOR A CITIZEN HERE TO VOTE FOR. THE WOMAN THAT WAS HERE EARLIER TALKING ABOUT HER BUSINESS, THEY WOULD JUST GO ONLINE AND CLOSE THE STOREFRONT. THIS IS A PROBLEM FOR THE CITY, IF WE TRACK ALL OF THE PRICES UP, WE WILL HAVE LESS STOREFRONTS AND WE HAVE LESS PEOPLE CHOOSING TO EAT IN RESTAURANTS HERE OR STAY IN HOTELS IF WE EVER GET ONE. WE ARE PLAYING WITH FIRE AND I THINK IT IS A TALL ORDER TO SELL THIS, IT IS MORE LIKELY WE WILL BURN MONEY TO TRY TO SELL IT AND FAILING WHICH WILL BE VERY EMBARRASSING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM, LINDA, UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE. GO AHEAD WITH THE PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE.

ALL GOOD POINTS OLIVER, ALONG THOSE LINES, I WANT TO POINT OUT OVER HERE WHERE I LIVE -- WE HAVE NOT ONLY FOR VACANT COMMERCIAL OUTLETS AT THE REDWOOD MARKETPLACE ACROSS FROM OUR RV SHANTYTOWN, WE HAVE A ADDITIONAL 2 IN THE BUILDING ON THE CORNER ALMOST EXACTLY NEXT TO IT, NOBODY WANTS TO BE AROUND THAT REGION WHICH IS LESS THAN DESIRABLE. ANYWAY, THAT AGAIN IS OUR MAYOR. SHE IS OUR LIAISON AND I LAY THAT SITUATION AT HER FEET ALONG WITH ADRIAN. ANYWAY ON THIS ISSUE AND THE POLLING, THE FRAUDULENT PULLING IS PART OF WHAT GOT US IN THE SITUATION. I GO BACK TO THE POLLING, THE BOGUS WATER SURVEY FOR THE WIRELESS WATER METERS, I WAS NOT POLLED I LIVE IN A APARTMENT AND THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF US THAT NEVER GOT POLLED AND THE WHOLE THING WOULD HAVE GONE A DIFFERENT WAY HAD THERE BEEN ADEQUATE PULLING OF THE PUBLIC. SO IT IS THE SAME THING. IF YOU WANT TO GET MY OPINION, YOU HAVE TO WRITE TO ME, I AM ELECTRIC SENSITIVE, COMPUTER FREE AND CELL PHONE FREE.

YOU HAVE ABOUT 30 SECONDS.

HUNDREDS OF US ARE NOT INCLUDED WITH YOUR POLLING, I THINK IT IS BY DESIGN, YOU HAVE A PREDESIGNED OUTCOME YOU WANT, A NARRATIVE THAT YOU CAN CONTROL -- ANYWAY, YOUR POLLING SUCKS. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU LINDA FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL GO BACK TO CHAMBERS. IF THERE IS ANYBODY THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT? SEEING NONE. BACK OUT TO ZOOM ONE LAST TIME, IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NONE, PUBLIC COMMENT IS CLOSED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I SEE THAT IT IS CLOSE TO 10:00, WE WILL TRY TO WRAP THIS UP WITH DISCUSSION AT THE COUNSEL TABLE AND HOPEFULLY A DECISION.

I AM CURIOUS ABOUT WHY WE ARE ALL COUGHING HERE. SO COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS. ANYONE? ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? GO AHEAD VICE MAYOR.

THANK YOU MADAME MAYOR. I WILL PROVIDE MY OWN QUIT COMMENTS, THEY HAVE NOT DIFFERENT MUCH AT ALL FROM WHERE WE WERE. BACK IN JULY OF LAST YEAR WHEN WE EXPLORED POLLING AND WE DID THE POLLING AND I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF COMMENTS ABOUT HOW DEFECTIVE IT WAS BUT NEVERTHELESS IT WAS DONE BY A REPUTABLE INSTITUTION AND OUR CITIZENS WAIT IN ON VARIOUS PERSPECTIVES ON WHAT THEY VALUED AND WHAT THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO PUT FORTH BY WAY OF A HALF PERCENT SALES TAX, I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THAT STUDY AND IT WAS JUST CIRCULATED EARLIER TODAY SO WITH THAT I AM INTERESTED IN A HALF PERCENT BECAUSE HONESTLY, A QUARTER PERCENT, I DO NOT KNOW, WITH ALL OF THE MONEY

THE MAYOR ASKED MARY ABOUT, WHAT IS THE POINT? IT WILL NOT EVEN MAKE A DENT IN WHAT IT IS WE NEED TO GET OUR FINANCES STRAIGHT. SO I AM IN FAVOR OF THE HALF PERCENT AND I AM ALSO IN FAVOR OF DOING SOME COMMUNITY EDUCATION, WITH THE EMPHASIS ON SOME. I UNDERSTAND ROB THAT YOU FEEL LIKE A YEARS THAT IS OLD BUT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE IT WAS JUST LAST JULY AND I DO NOT THINK PEOPLE'S OPINIONS HAVE CHANGED THAT MUCH SO I AM INTERESTED IN SOME EDUCATION BUT NOT A LOT.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

I STAND ON WHAT I SAID A YEAR AGO, I REMEMBER THE DISCUSSION, PEOPLE SAID IT FELT RUSHED, WE WOULD'VE HAD A BETTER SHOT LAST NOVEMBER BUT I AGREED WITH THE COUNSEL AT THE TIME AND I SAID FINE I WILL BE IN FAVOR OF IT IN NOVEMBER AND I STICK WITH THAT TODAY. I RECALL THE POOL AS WELL, THERE WAS NOT A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A QUARTER CENT AND A HALF CENT, UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE NOW FACED WITH EVEN MORE DEBT SO IT IS NOT A EASY THING BUT WE JUST HAVE TO DO IT. WE ARE A SMALL TOWN, THE PANDEMIC IMPACTED OUR SALES TAX, WE ARE IN THIS BOAT BECAUSE WE HAD ONE-TIME MONEY DROPPING IN AND WE HAVE TO ASK OUR CITIZENS THAT LIVE HERE AND VISITORS THAT BUY THINGS FOR THIS EXTRA PUMP. FOR ME IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SOME OF THE COUNTYWIDE MEASURES BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT HERE IN OUR JURISDICTION AND WE NEED THE MONEY TO MAKE SURE THE CITY KEEPS RUNNING SMOOTHLY SO I AM SUPPORTING A HALF PERCENT TONIGHT.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?

I HAVE CONCERNS WITH A HALF PERCENT, I DO NOT THINK BUSINESSES WILL SUPPORT IT AND I THINK RESIDENTS WILL RESIST IT. THERE IS A RISK OF IT FAILING. NOT ONLY MIGHT IT FAIL AT THE POLLS, IT COULD ALSO SET US UP FOR A LIABILITY SITUATION WITH THE COUNTY, THEY CAN ARGUE THAT WE ARE NOT ENTITLED TO TAKING A HALF PERCENT. I DO NOT WANT TO SET OUR CITY UP IN A SITUATION WHERE WE MIGHT BE LEGALLY CHALLENGED. I KNOW WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING SO I AM WILLING TO SUPPORT A QUARTER PERCENT BUT ALSO, SINCE THE LAST TWO ELECTIONS, WE DID NOT USE POLLING CONSULTANTS AND WE USED ONE LAST YEAR AND GOT SOME INFORMATION. I WOULD NOT SUPPORT PAYING FOR A POLLING CONSULTANT BUT I WOULD SUPPORT A VICE MAYOR, GO AHEAD.

ALEX, BASED ON WHAT COUNCILMEMBER MAUER IDENTIFIED, FOR THE COUNTY TO GO FOR A HALF PERCENT, SO I KNOW YOU FEEL THE SAME A LITTLE BIT BEFORE BUT CAN YOU CURRENTLY GIVE US A CURRENT PERSPECTIVE OF HOW MUCH RISK YOU THINK WE ARE TAKING IF WE DO A HALF PERCENT THIS TIME, BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AND THEN THERE WAS SOME BIG STATE ENTITY THAT I CAN'T REMEMBER?

THE CD PFA, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FINANCE ADMINISTRATION IS WHO IT MINISTERS STATEWIDE TAX SERVICES SO ULTIMATELY IT WOULD BE THEM WHO WOULD DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS ENOUGH LEGAL AUTHORITY. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT BASED ON THEIR PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS, THAT THERE IS THAT TOTAL COMBINED AMOUNT OF .5%. THERE IS BEEN PREVIOUS JURISDICTIONS IN THE COUNTY WHO HAVE RELIED ON SIMILAR AUTHORITY AND CD TFA HAS APPROVED THAT WHERE WE ARE CONFIDENT IN THAT AMOUNTS.

I JUST WANTED TO ECHO COUNCILMEMBER MAUER'S CONCERNS. HAVING A BUSINESS HERE AND BEING REALLY IN TOUCH WITH THE BUSINESS OWNERS HERE, I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF TALK RIGHT NOW ABOUT THE WATER AND WORRY ABOUT THEM NOT BEING ABLE TO STAY IN BUSINESS AND THEY WORRY ABOUT HAVING THE STACKS. IT JUST MAKES IT LESS AND LESS APPEALING FOR PEOPLE TO COME TO SEBASTOPOL TO SHOP. IT'S JUST A FACT. I KNOW WE NEED MONEY AND I'M NOT ARGUING THAT BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT IT. AT THIS POINT IT KEEPS COMING BACK SO I COULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE HALF -- SORRY, QUARTER SENT, GETTING TIRED, THE QUARTER SENT AND NOT THE POLLING, JUST AS COUNCILMEMBER MAUER SUGGESTED. BUT THAT'S PROBABLY NOTHING MORE THAN THAT. THAT'S WHERE I MET WITH IT BUT I DO WANT TO SAY FOR THE PUBLIC THAT I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT IT AND I KNOW THAT THE BUSINESSES ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS, AND IT THIS POINT THEN LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THE QUARTER PERCENT, SO I'M IN SUPPORT OF SALES TAX MEASURE AND I ACTUALLY THINK THAT SPENDING THE MONEY IN ORDER TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IS SUPER IMPORTANT. I'M STILL FEELING THE STING

OF VARIOUS PRIOR EXPERIENCES WHEN WE'VE BEEN ACCUSED OF NOT GETTING THE INFORMATION OUT THERE EFFECTIVELY, AND ON THE INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION PIECE, THE PUBLIC OUTREACH, I WOULD URGE IF WE GET TO THAT POINT AND IT'S SUPPORTED BY THE COUNCIL, I WOULD URGE THAT WE NOT JUST APPLY ON DIGITAL OUTREACH. LET'S RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO DO NOT USE DIGITAL ACCESS TO MEDIA, AND SO I KNOW POSTCARDS AND MAILERS ARE EXPENSIVE BUT NEED TO ACCESS THOSE PEOPLE TO INFORM THEM. ON THE QUARTER PERCENT VERSUS HALF PERCENT RATE I -- I'M WONDERING IF WE -- IT SEEMS TO ME, I HEAR FELLOW COUNCILMEMBERS EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT A HALF PERCENT IS NOT GOING TO BE SUPPORTED BUT I ALSO SAW I THINK DISCUSSION IN THE STAFF REPORT HERE THAT WOULD PROPOSE THAT ONE THING WE COULD DO IN OUR POLLING IS TEST THAT, FIND OUT IN OUR QUESTIONS WHETHER WE -- AND TO THE EXTENT THAT WE HAVE EFFECTIVE OUTREACH, TO ME THAT WOULD BE COMPELLING. CAN WE, AS PART OF OUR POLLING, SAY GO AHEAD WITH THIS MEASURE, APPROVED THIS EFFORT, BUT ASK THE POLLING TEST THE QUARTER PERCENT VERSUS HALF PERCENT AND ALLOW PROCEDURALLY THAT QUESTION TO COME BACK TO THE COUNCIL AFTER POLLING RESULTS HAD BEEN COLLECTED. I DON'T KNOW TO WHOM I'M ASKING THIS QUESTION. IT MIGHT BE STAFF. THAT'S PROBABLY YOU, ALEX.

THAT'S SOMETHING THAT COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE POLL AND THE COUNCIL DOESN'T HAVE TO MAKE THE FINAL DECISION UNTIL IT'S READY TO PLACE THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT, AND FRANKLY, THAT'S THE EASIEST THING TO CHANGE AND THE RESOLUTION YOU'LL BE ADOPTING IS A HALF CENTS, PORTER, OR VICE VERSA. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT COULD BE POLLED FOR NOW AND THE COUNCIL COULD DEFERRED THAT DECISION. IT'S FAIRLY ROUTINE TO DO SO, TO TEST DIFFERENT AMOUNTS AND SEE WHAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD SUPPORT.

SO I GUESS MY QUESTION TO MY FELLOW COUNCILMEMBERS WOULD BE WHETHER YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO INCLUDE THAT IN A POLL THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO GET A DEADER ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER THE PUBLIC -- OUR PUBLIC IN FACT WANTS TO SUPPORT ONE OR THE OTHER. I SEE COUNSEL. GO AHEAD, VICE MAYOR.

THANK YOU MADAM MAYOR. I'M CONFUSED IN THE STAFF REPORT. YOU USUALLY PUT DOWN RECOMMENDATIONS, NOW YOU HAVE OPTIONS, SO YOU WANT US TO PICK ONE OF THE OPTIONS AND IT'S NOT JUST TO PROVIDE YOU DIRECTION, IT IS ACTUALLY REQUIRING A MOTION. IS THIS WHAT WE ARE BEING ASKED FOR, MARY OR DON OR SOMEBODY?

YES. PROVIDE DIRECTION THROUGH A MOTION.

WELL THEN IN THAT CASE I'M JUST GOING TO JUMP IN AND I KNOW I'LL BE LECTURED, EVERYBODY, OTHER PEOPLE CHIME IN. NEVERTHELESS, I'M GOING TO MAKE A MOTION TO CONSIDER THE OPTIONS FOR -- CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR SALES TAX MEASURE HAVE SENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR A POLLING CONSULTANT.

CAN I ASK HOW MANY VOTES ARE NEEDED TO APPROVE THIS? I THOUGHT IT WAS A 4/5 VOTE.

WE ARE NOT PLACING ANYTHING ON THE BALLOT. I NEED TO MAKE THAT CLEAR. THIS ITEM IS NOT PLACING ANYTHING ON THE BALLOT. THIS ITEM IS JUST TO INVESTIGATE AND BRING SOMETHING BACK TO THE COUNCIL, AND IF WE ARE DOING POLLING, TO INVESTIGATE IF THE COMMUNITY IS SUPPORTIVE.

OKAY. COUNCILMEMBER HINTON.

WELL I WANT TO MAKE COMMENT TO JUST SAY THAT WHEN I SAT ON THE WEST CAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL BOARD FOR OUR BOND MEASURE, WE ALSO, I'M VERY FAMILIAR, THEY DID POLLING OF THIS VERY QUESTION TO ASK WHAT THE AMOUNT, WHAT THE APPETITE WAS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL BOND. SO I DON'T KNOW THAT I HEARD, DID YOU ADD A QUARTER OR A HALF? BECAUSE I'M IN FAVOR OF THAT, OR THE POLLING, SO I THINK IT SHOULD BE PART OF THE MOTION.

I WISH THESE THINGS WERE NUMBERED ANYWAY, MAKE IT EASIER MOVING FORWARD. SO IT'S THE SECOND ONE. CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR SALES TAX, HALF PERCENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 5 MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND CONSIDER FUNDING FOR A POLLING CONSULTANT.

YOU WOULD -- I THINK THE QUESTION THAT WE HEARD IS ARE YOU MOVING THAT ALSO A QUARTER PERCENT BE INCLUDED IN THE POLLING?

OH YEAH, SORRY.

THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING. SO A HALF OR A QUARTER WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE POLLING AND IF THAT'S THE CASE I WOULD SECOND THAT.

SO WE HAVE A FIRST AND A SECOND.

I THINK YOU SAID, MARY, WE HAD THE POLLING LAST YEAR BUT PREVIOUSLY WE HAD NOT HAD ANY POLLING AT ANY TIME YOU WERE CALLED?

THAT'S CORRECT.

BECAUSE MY QUESTION HAD BEEN HAD WE EVER GONE AGAINST THE POLLING?

THE ONE THAT WE DID LAST YEAR WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT I'M AWARE OF. WE EVER GONE OUT AND DONE POLLING.

WE HAVE A FIRST AND A SECOND. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM ANYONE? COUNCILMEMBER HILL.

IF MEASURE H GOES THROUGH, IF THE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE DOESN'T AFFECT MEASURE H, OUR CURRENT TAX RATE WILL BE 9.75. IF YOU HAD A QUARTER PERCENT, THAT WAS OUR TAX RATE UP TO 10%, WHICH IS -- THAT'S PRETTY HARD TO SWALLOW. BUT IF YOU DO A HALF SENT THEN YOU'RE AT 10 POINT 25. SO YEAH, I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THIS.

OKAY, ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?

I WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT THAT AGAIN THIS IS A POLLING AND I THINK POLLING IS REALLY VALUABLE AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF SO MANY THINGS, AS WE POINTED OUT EARLIER, THAT WE HAVE GOING ON. SO IT WILL HELP EDUCATE US ABOUT WHETHER WE ARE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD AND SPEND ADDITIONAL MONEY, SO FOR ME EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON THE ISSUE IS REALLY IMPORTANT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT FINAL COMMENT.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, COUNCILMEMBER McLUHAN.

SINCE YOU SAT ON DIFFERENT BOARDS, WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE? HAS ANYONE EVER DONE THE POLLING AND GONE WITH WHAT THEY RECOMMENDED, WHICH IS NOT A TAX? I JUST SAT ON AND THERE WAS POLLING INVOLVED WITH ITS NOW McKENNY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND FOR THE CLIMATE ISSUE THEY DID NOT RECOMMEND MOVING FORWARD WITH THE COUNTYWIDE CLIMATE TAX AT THIS TIME. THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH SUPPORT FOR ITS AND I FEEL DIFFERENTLY ABOUT THAT, THAT THAT WAS A COUNTYWIDE THING AND I DON'T KNOW -- I WASN'T INVOLVED ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT WORK ON THAT ISSUE. SO I KNOW THERE WAS A LOT OF DEBATE WHEN I SAT ON THE BOND ABOUT WHAT THE RIGHT AMOUNT WAS AND WE WENT WITH WHAT THE POLLING PEOPLE RECOMMENDED.

OKAY, ANY ADDITIONAL -- I'M LOOKING AT THE CLOCK, HOPING WE CAN GET TO ON YOUR BUNION HERE. COUNCILMEMBER BARON, ANYTHING FINAL?

I JUST DON'T SUPPORT HIRING A CONSULTANT. WE HAD A TAX INITIATIVE CONSULTANT RAISE TAXES TWICE WITHOUT PAYING FOR A CONSULTANT TO HELP US GET THERE. AND ALSO I JUST SUPPORT A QUARTER PERCENT. I THINK THAT WOULD BE EASIER TO FOLLOW THAN THE HALF PERCENT.

UNDERSTAND. I'M IN FAVOR OF GOING FORWARD TO GET THE POLLING AND FOR ME IT'S THE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH BECAUSE I REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT OUR PUBLIC FEELS ABOUT THIS, THAT WE MAY HEAR FROM THE PUB THAT THEY HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO APPETITE FOR SALES TAX. I FEEL WE NEED TO DO THAT SO WE HAVE A FIRST AND A SECOND. ANY ADDITIONAL? I JUST WANT TO GET THE INFORMATION. I JUST WANT TO KNOW FROM THE PUBLIC, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS, AND RESPECT THAT DECISION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. AND SO, ANYWAY, I THINK WE ARE AT A POINT WHERE WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THIS ITEM,

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HINTON TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE STAFF DIRECTION TO TEST THE PERCENTAGES FOR A POTENTIAL SALES BALLOT MEASURE TO CONDUCT THE OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL POLLING, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF UP TO \$30,000 FOR SUCH POLLING EDUCATION OUTREACH. COUNCILMEMBER HINTON, COUNCILMEMBER MAUER, --

NO.

COUNCILMEMBER Mc LEWIS.

NO.

VICE MAYOR ZOLMAN.

YES.

MAYOR RICH.

YES.

MOTION PASSES 3-2 WITH COUNCILMEMBERS HINTON, VICE MAYOR RICH IN AFFIRMATIVE AND COUNCILMEMBERS IN OPPOSITION.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE NOW AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NUMBER EIGHT ON OUR AGENDA, APPEAL OF TREE BOARD DENIAL FOR THE REMOVAL OF ONE BUN YOUR BUNION A TREE AT 6700 SEVASTOPOL AVENUE. APPLICANT APPELLANT IS BARLOW. THE APPLICANT APPELLANT REQUESTS THAT THE DECISION BE OVERTURNED BASED ON THE SAFETY CONCERN SURROUNDING THE TREE FROM FALLING CONES AND FRONDS BOTH FOR PEDESTRIAN AND FUTURE TENANTS OF THE BUILDING. I AM -- SO THE BAR LOW IS, OKAY. SO THAT'S THE ITEM AND THIS MUST BE STAFF TAKING THE LEAD HERE.

JOHN JAY HAS JOINED US ON ZOOM. I THOUGHT I SAW HIM.

OKAY.

YES I'M HERE, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

WE CAN HEAR YOU, JOHN.

GO JOHN, GO AHEAD AND LET'S BE EFFICIENT.

THANK YOU, I'LL GO THROUGH IT VERY QUICKLY, IN A MATTER OF TIME. SO THIS IS THE APPEAL. THE BUNYA BUNYA TREE THAT IS LOCATED AT 6700 SEVASTOPOL AVENUE. THE APPLICATION WAS CITED FROM THE BARLOW. THE APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED ON SEPTEMBER 14. THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FIRST HEARD THIS ITEM AT THEIR NOVEMBER 28 MEETING. THEY DID NOT TAKE ANY ACTION, HOWEVER, THEY DID DISCUSS AT LENGTH AND HEARD COMMENTS FROM STAFF, THE APPLICANT AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE CITY ARBORIST WAS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING AND PROVIDED A VERBAL REPORT ON THE SUBJECT TREE AND CHANGED HER RECOMMENDATION FROM REMOVAL TO KEEPING THIS TREE WITH MITIGATION MEASURES INCLUDING SAFETY NETTING RELATED TO THE FRONDS AND CONES. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE JANUARY MEETING, BASED UPON THE REVISED RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CITY ARBORIST, THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD APPROVED DIRECTION TO STAFF TO RETURN TO THEIR NEXT MEETING WITH FINDINGS OF DENIAL, AND THAT WAS ON FEBRUARY 27 OF 2024. STAFF HAD PROVIDED A LETTER OF DENIAL BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THAT AND THE BARLOW DID APPEAL THAT DECISION. THEIR LETTER IS INCLUDED IN YOUR STAFF REPORT TONIGHT. STAFF IS STILL RECOMMENDING THAT THE TREE BE KEPT WITH MITIGATION MEASURES, BUT THAT -- THE APPEAL BE DENIED, SORRY, AND UPHOLD THE DECISION OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD. WITH THAT I WILL CONCLUDE MY REPORT. I BELIEVE BECKY GOT HOLD OF THE CITY ARBORIST AND IS STILL IN THE MEETING AND CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE AND I'LL TURN IT OVER TO THE APPLICANT.

OKAY. DO WE NEED TO HEAR FROM BECKY DUCTULES OR CAN WE GO DIRECTLY TO THE APPLICANT? THAT'S A QUESTION FOR YOU, JOHN JAY OR OTHER STAFF MEMBERS.

I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING ADDITIONAL THAT BECKY NEEDS TO NOTE ABOUT THE PROJECT. BOTH OF HER REPORTS ARE PART OF THE ARGUMENTS AND I THINK SHE'D BE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTION SHOULD THE COUNCIL HAVE THEM.

EXCELLENT. SO LET'S GO TO THE APPLICANT AND TAKE CARE OF THAT NEXT STEP. IS THE APPLICANT IN THE ROOM OR ON ZOOM? AND BY THE APPLICANT, THAT WOULD BE THE BARLOW?

YES, I BELIEVE JENNIFER EDMONDS WAS --

IS IT JENNIFER HAGLER? OR HAGUE? AM I PRONOUNCING THAT CORRECTLY?

THAT'S MY PARTNER.

SORRY.

SHE WAS HERE IN PERSON BUT SHE LEFT.

SO THE APPLICANT IS NOT IN THE ROOM, NOT PRESENT. WHAT DOES THAT DO TO OUR PROCEDURE? CAN WE STILL MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT THE APPLICANT PRESENT? IF SO, GOOD. LET'S MOVE FORWARD. THE NEXT STEP FOR US TO ASK BASTIONS AS COUNCILMEMBERS ON THIS ITEM, CORRECT? OKAY. I'M SORRY, MARY GIRLIE? OKAY, SO WE HAVE JUST PROCEDURE REALLY, WE HAVE THE BARLOW APPEALING A DECISION TO ALLOW THE BUNYA BUNYA TREE TO STAY THERE. THE BARLOW'S POSITION AS THEY

WOULD LIKE THE BUNYA BUNYA TREE TO BE REMOVED. IS THAT CORRECT? AM I CHARACTERIZING THAT CORRECTLY? NO , OKAY.

YES MA'AM, THAT IS CORRECT.

OKAY, GREAT. QUESTIONS, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON.

MY FIRST QUESTION IS TO OUR CITY ATTORNEY BECAUSE THERE IS HISTORY OF THESE BIG PINECONES AND THEY INCLUDED IT BUT YOU CAN READ IT ON THE INTERNET, FILING LAWSUITS. I MEAN DOES THE CITY HAVE ANY LIABILITY, I GUESS THAT'S MY FIRST QUESTION. IT'S ON THE BARLOW PROPERTY, OR IS THIS JUST THEM ASKING US BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID OF THEIR OWN LIABILITY. BUT WOULD WE HAVE ANY LIABILITY IF WE SAY YES TO THE TREE TODAY AND SOMEBODY GOT HURT IN THE FUTURE?

FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT FOR THE RECORD THAT THE CITY ARBORIST WITH SPECIFIC CONDITIONS ON THE TREE REMAINING THAT ARE INTENDED TO MITIGATE ANY DANGEROUS CONDITION OR EXPOSURE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THAT. SECONDLY, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT USE THAT BUILDING BE PUT TO IN THE FUTURE. THE CIRCUMSTANCE COULD POSSIBLY CHANGE DEPENDING ON WHAT USE THE BUILDING ADJACENT IS PUT TO IN THE FUTURE. YES THE BARLOW IS CONCERNED ABOUT ITS OWN LIABILITY. I AM SURE. I HAVEN'T ASKED THEM BUT I'M SURE THAT'S THE CASE FROM THE CITY. I DON'T THINK WE ARE CREATING A DANGEROUS CONDITION BY ALLOWING AN EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN, ESPECIALLY WITH THE CITY ARBORIST CONDITIONS AS SHE SPECIFIED.

THANK YOU, ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS?

DID WE SAY THE ARBORIST WAS ON THERE?

YES SHE IS.

I HAVE A QUESTION. I'VE BEEN READING A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS ABOUT THIS AND PEOPLE ARE SENDING US PICTURES OF THE TREE FROM 10 YEARS AGO OR NINE YEARS AGO, AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE BRANCHES HAVE BEEN TRIMMED TREMENDOUSLY UP TO THE TOP. ARE THESE PICTURES -- IS THAT THEM DOING WHAT WE ARE SAYING OR PERHAPS YOU WERE SAYING THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, AS FAR AS MAINTAINING THE TREE? DO YOU FEEL LIKE WHAT'S BEEN DONE IS APPROPRIATE?

CAN YOU HEAR ME?

YES.

GOOD. I BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB IN THE PAST AND THAT CONTINUING MAINTENANCE WOULD BE A REQUIREMENT FOR KEEPING THAT LEVEL OF HAZARD REDUCED TO A REASONABLE LEVEL. AND I THINK THAT THERE'S AN ADDITIONAL MEASURE THAT COULD BE FOLLOWED. I CAN'T REMEMBER IF THIS WAS IN THE MEASURES THAT WERE DISCUSSED AT THE LAST MEETING OR NOT, BUT SOMEBODY HAD SUGGESTED, I THINK THAT WAS ON THE BOARD, THAT THE STRUCTURE EXTENDED TO COVER THE AREA THAT'S OVER WHERE THE PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY WOULD OCCUR, AND I THINK THAT PUTTING SOMETHING LIKE WIRE ON TOP OF IT, LIKE FENCING WIRE, SOMETHING LIKE THAT ON TOP OF A PERGOLA WOULD BE A REALLY GOOD MEASURE IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS A PEDESTRIAN OR ACTIVITY OR PEOPLE SITTING OR WHATEVER. BUT IT'S AN EXISTING SITUATION THAT WAS THERE WHEN THEY DEVELOPED THE PROPERTY. SOMEBODY SAID THAT THERE WAS A PICTURE OF BARNEY --

I'M GOING TO INTERRUPT YOU. I'M SORRY, GO AHEAD.

IS IT TRUE THAT IT PRODUCES I GUESS PINEAPPLE SIZED CONES ABOUT EVERY THREE YEARS? AND THE REASON I'M ASKING IS I LIVED IN FLORIDA FOR A LONG TIME AND WE WALKED UNDER TREES WITH COCONUT EVERYDAY, DIDN'T CUT THEM ALL DOWN, SO I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT.

THANKS FOR GETTING ME BACK ON TRACK. THEY WOULD NEED TO REMOVE THE CONES ANNUALLY. IT MEANS SENDING SOMEBODY UP IN A BUCKET TRUCK OR CLIMBING THE TREE, WHICH IS EASILY DONE ANNUALLY TO REMOVE THE CONES AS THEY DEVELOP AND YOU WILL LEAVE. THERE ARE A LOT OF FRONDS THAT DROP AND THEY'RE SHARP AND SPIKY AND POINTED.

BECKY, I'M SORRY, I HATE TO INTERRUPT YOU BUT WE ARE REALLY GETTING SHORT ON OUR TIME AND I THINK THE QUESTION HAS BEEN ANSWERED BUT I APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TODAY.

WE NEED TO GO OUT TO THE PUBLIC.

NEVERMIND.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE GO OUT TO THE PUBLIC? OKAY, MARY, IF YOU COULD --

THANK YOU, MARY, IS A PUBLIC HEARING SO I WILL BE OPENING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, SO IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS APPLICATION FOR THE APPEAL OF THE TREE BOARD DENIAL, I'M GOING TO CHAMBERS. SEE NONE -- I'M SORRY.

CAN YOU PLEASE COME TO THE PODIUM, BECAUSE THEN EVERYONE CAN HEAR YOU, EVEN THOSE ON ZOOM. THANK YOU.

CAN EVERYONE HEAR ME NOW? OKAY. I WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE. I AM AN ARBORIST. I DO NOT BELIEVE IN REMOVING THIS TREE. LIKE BECKY SAID, IT WOULD BE VERY EASY TO MITIGATE THIS. THE PINE CONES ARE HEAVY, THEY FALL STRAIGHT DOWN. THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE BUILT UNDER IT IN THE FIRST PLACE. THEY KNEW IT WAS THERE WHEN THEY BUILT IT. DOES ANYONE HAVE QUESTIONS FOR ME?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT. ASKED I'LL GO OUT TO ZOOM. MAGIC, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOUR SELF, PLEASE?

HELLO.

WOW THERE, CAN YOU HEAR US?

YES.

CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER BY ANY CHANCE?

NO.

I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE ABOUT 30 SECONDS LEFT.

GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS MAGIC AND I WANT TO THANK THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR ITS THOROUGH ANALYSIS, THE NEED TO PROTECT THE TOWERING BUNYA BUNYA TREE THAT STANDS AT THE GATEWAY OF OUR CITY. THEY ALSO MAKE CLEAR THE MEDICATIONS THAT WOULD ANSWER ALL CONCERNS OF SAFETY. THIS BELOVED TREE IS SACRED IN AUSTRALIA, WHERE THEY HOLD A CEREMONY EVERY FOUR YEARS TO END ALL FEUDS. THE TRIBES COME FROM A LIVER TO INVOKE PEACE, PERFECT FOR OUR PEACE TOWN. LET'S PLACE A SIGN NEXT TO THE BUNYA BUNYA TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS DEEPER MEANING. THE PLACE OF NATURE IS EMBEDDED IN OUR GENERAL PLAN AND THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE TO INVOKE THE RIGHT OF THE STREET TO NOT ONLY EXIST BUT THRIVED . JUSTICE WILLIAM O DOUGLAS IN THE 60s DECLARED THAT THE TREES HAVE STANDING. BACK IN 2013 WE SAVED THE TREE. TODAY I ALSO SENT YOU A PHOTO OF BARNEY ELDRIDGE HUGGING THE TREE. SO I HAVE A WIN WIN PROPOSAL. DID YOU KNOW THE SEEDS FROM THE LARGE PODS ARE A DELICIOUS FOOD? A RESTAURANT COULD DRAW TOURISTS AND TOWNSPEOPLE FOR A TREAT FROM THIS ANCIENT TREE. MY FAVORITE IDEA IS PIZZA TOPPINGS SO WE INSTALL NETS TO CATCH THE PODS, THEN THEY CAN BE HARVESTED AND PEOPLE WILL ENJOY ITS BEAUTY AND ITS FRUIT. PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN LOVE THAT TREE AND NOW WE COULD HAVE DELEGATED PEACE PIZZAS. IT WOULD BE A BREATH OF FRESH AIR TO BRING THE DEEPER MEANING OF THIS GUARDIAN TO LIFE FOR ALL TO UNDERSTAND AND CELEBRATE. BASICALLY, THE RIGHTS OF NATURE RECOGNIZES THAT TREES, RIVERS THE CREATURES ALL HAVE STANDING IN THE EYES OF THE LAW.

YOU HAVE ABOUT 25 SECONDS.

JUST LIKE PEOPLE, THESE RIGHTS GIVE US A WAY TO PROTECT NATURE AND NO LONGER LET PROPERTY OWNERSHIP BE THE BOTTOM LINE. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ALL OVER THE EARTH HAVE ALWAYS RESPECTED MOTHER EARTH AND NEVER THOUGHT THEY OWNED HER. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL COME BACK TO IN CHAMBERS. IF ANYONE IN CHAMBERS WOULD LIKE TO, PLEASE.

FOUR HOURS LATER, THANK YOU ALL FOR STILL BEING HERE. MY HEART FLUTTERED IN APPRECIATION WHEN I READ THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S WAY OF MITIGATING THE SITUATION, AS I'M SURE THE MANY CREATURES THAT HAVE FLUTTERED IN APPRECIATION OF THIS ICONIC BEING THAT GRACES THE ENTRANCE OF OUR TOWN. AS MAGIC POINTED OUT, WE HAVE A DIRECTIVE IN OUR GENERAL PLAN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE AND THIS PROPOSAL IS A POSITIVE STEP IN THAT DIRECTION THAT HAS YET TO BE FORMALLY IMPLEMENTED. MY UNDERSTANDING OF COMPROMISE AT ITS GREATEST IS WHERE EACH INDIVIDUAL CAN GET MORE THAN WHAT THEY WOULD'VE

INDIVIDUALLY GOTTEN, AND THIS, JUST LIKE THIS IS INNOVATIVE AND WE CAN PUT A PLACARD AT THE BOTTOM OF THE TREE THAT CELEBRATES LIFE AND CELEBRATES OUR TOWN'S INGENUITY, AND GIVES INSPIRATION TO OTHER COMMUNITIES IN WHAT WE CAN DO WHEN WE THINK OF OTHER BEINGS AS OUR KIN AND TO SPEAK FOR THEM AS WE WOULD CHILDREN THAT DON'T HAVE A VOICE YET. SO I REALLY HOPE THAT COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY VOTES TO SAVE THIS TREE AND LET THE PEOPLE WHO COME TO THE BARLOW REVEL IN APPRECIATION OF IT AS THEY ENJOY THE RECREATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT I WILL GO OUT TO ZOOM. LINDA, WILL YOU UNMUTE YOUR SELF, PLEASE? GO AHEAD WITH YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT, LINDA? THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AND MAGIC, VERY ELOQUENT, GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN AND PERHAPS THAT TREE CAN BECOME A DESTINATION, SORT OF SIMILAR TO THE SWALLOWS THAT GOT THEIR OWN SIGNS BEHIND THE SCHOOL ANNEX UNDER THE EAVES WHERE THEY ANNUALLY MAKE THEIR NEST. ANYWAY, IN ADDITION TO OUR RIGHTS OF NATURE, THERE ARE STILL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE THAT NEED TO BE OBSERVED AND MORE OF THE VERY, VERY BIG ONES, WE ARE ALL BEING BOMBARDED BY MICROWAVE RADIATION AND RADIATION IN OUR CELL PHONES AND ALL THE SMART METERS AND ALL THE SMART DEVICES. THE WIRELESS DEVICES ARE MAKING US ILL AND WE NEED TO START RECOGNIZING THAT AND TAKING MEASUREMENTS --

LINDA, IF YOU COULD PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC I APPRECIATE IT. IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HEAR YOUR OPINION ON THE BUNYA BUNYA TREE.

THANK YOU. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT YOU, REALLY, MAYOR. BUT I'D LIKE TO FIND OUT. I WOULD SAVE THE BUNYA BUNYA TREE, MAKE IT A DESTINATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND THANK YOU LARRY FOR ALL YOUR SERVICE.

THANK YOU, LINDA, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL COME BACK TO CHAMBERS. IF THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBERS THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS PUBLIC HEARING, SEE NONE, I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. MELISSA, WILL YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE?

HELLO, HOPEFULLY YOU ALL CAN HEAR ME. GOOD EVENING COUNCILMEMBERS, THIS IS MELISSA HANLEY. I'M THE VICE CHAIR OF THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD SPEAKING TO YOU THIS EVENING AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. I WANTED TO PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL FEEDBACK ON THIS ITEM BEFORE YOU THIS EVENING. THIS REQUEST WAS BROUGHT TO OUR BOARD EARLIER THIS YEAR UNDER SIGNIFICANT DELIBERATION AMONGST THE BOARD AND CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CITY ARBORIST WHO IS PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND HERE THIS EVENING. BYE BECKY. OUR BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO DENY THIS OPERATION AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO UPHOLD THIS DENIAL. DURING THE MEETING, AS YOU'LL NOTE IN THE REPORT, MS. NUCKOLS DENIES THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMPLETE REMOVAL OF THE TREE TO MITIGATION. SHE NOTED THIS TREE WILL BENEFIT FROM COMPETENT ANNUAL MAINTENANCE, WHICH WOULD MITIGATE THE RISK OF DROPPING FRONDS AND CONES. SHE ALSO RECOMMENDED NETTING AS A SOLUTION. IN ADVANCE OF THE DRV MEETING OUR BOARD RECEIVED MANY, MANY LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC AND HAD SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTEND IN PERSON. PUBLIC COMMENT THAT WE RECEIVE ARE UNIVERSALLY IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVING THIS TREE. COMMENTS NOTED THE ICONIC NATURE OF THE TREE AS A SYMBOL OF THE GATEWAY ENTRANCE TO THE DOWNTOWN CORE, THE AGE OF THE TREES BELIEVED TO BE AT LEAST 140 YEARS OLD, IF POSSIBLE LINKAGE TO LUTHER BURBANK AND ITS RARITY AS ONLY A HANDFUL LEFT IN PUBLIC SPACES IN THE COUNTY. WE ALSO LEARNED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO RECORDED INCIDENTS OF INJURY DUE TO THIS TREE. THE BARLOW CONTENTED THAT THE TREE NEEDS TO BE REMOVED TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR SPACE FOR A PERFECTIVE TENANT. OUR BOARD DISCUSSED THIS CONCERN AND DETERMINE THEIR ALREADY EXPENSIVE EXISTING PATIO SPACES SURROUNDING THE TENANT BUILDING WITH CANOPY STRUCTURES ALREADY IN PLACE. IN CONCLUSION OUR WORK FELT THAT THE BARLOW HAD NOT EXHAUSTED ITS OPTIONS TO MITIGATE THE PERCEIVED SAFETY RISKS BEFORE TAKING THE DRASTIC ALBEIT EASIER ROUTE OF REMOVING THIS TREE, WHICH IS A CHERISHED ASSET TO OUR TOWN. I HOPE YOU WILL UPHOLD THE DENIAL OF THIS APPLICATION AND PRESERVE HISTORY. THANK YOU AND SORRY FOR THE FRINGY IN THE BACKGROUND.

THANK YOU, MELISSA.

MARY GURLEY, I SEE THAT WE HAVE 10:30 APPROACHING. I'D LIKE TO CHECK IN WITH COUNSEL. I KNOW WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND JUST SEE IF COUNSEL -- IS THERE ANYONE WHO IS NOT COMFORTABLE STAYING THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM? ANYONE WHO FEELS WE NEED TO LEAVE RIGHT AT 1030? I'D LIKE TO NOT ONLY FINISH THIS BUT FINISH I SINCE I HEARD THAT IT WAS TIME SENSITIVE.

IS IT IN FACT TIME SENSITIVE?

YES.

AND WHY IS IT TIME SENSITIVE?

BECAUSE THE HEATER IN THE POOL COULD GO OUT AND IT TAKES ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO ORDER A NEW ONE, SO THE LONGER WE WAIT TO ORDER ONE, THE GREATER THE CHANCE THAT THE POOL WILL HAVE TO SHUT DOWN BECAUSE WE WON'T HAVE A REPLACEMENT.

I UNDERSTAND, SO THE QUESTION FROM COUNCILMEMBER HINTON IS WHETHER PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO WAIT -- FIRST OF ALL, ARE PEOPLE WILLING TO STAY THROUGH AT LEAST THE END OF THIS ITEM?

I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT I THINK WE HAVE SOME MEMBERS HERE ALSO TO SPEAK TO US.

SO IS EVERYONE AT THE VERY LEAST WILLING TO WAIT THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF THIS ITEM THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING? YES HUMECTANT THE QUESTION IS ON SCHOOL, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY TAKE US CLOSER TO QUARTER TO 11, ANYONE FEEL THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO STAY FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL DISCUSSION? I SEE THE VICE MAYOR SAYING NO. OKAY, SO VICE MAYOR ZOLMAN IS NOT WILLING TO STAY AND THAT IS OUR POLICY, SO RESPECTING THAT POLICY, WE WILL JUST GO THROUGH THE ITEM THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE MIDDLE OF AND WE WILL NOT -- WE WON'T ADDRESS THE SCHOOL ITEM. I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE CONTINUE THE IVES POOL ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING AND THAT WE ADDRESS IT IN THAT WAY, AND I APOLOGIZE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE WAITING HERE, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE IN BEING HERE. APPRECIATE IT. OKAY. SO I'M SORRY, COUNCILMEMBER, DID YOU HAVE -- OKAY. SO, SORRY, SO LET'S FINISH THIS ITEM AND THEN WE'LL CALL IT A NIGHT. WE WERE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU, MARY, FOR ALLOWING ME TO COMPLETE THAT.

I WILL COME BACK INTO CHAMBER. IF THERE IS ANYONE IN CHAMBER THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, SEE NONE, I WILL GO BACK OUT TO ZOOM. KYLE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

YES I CAN.

THANK YOU, LET ME SEE IF I CAN FIND A TIMER. CAN YOU SEE THE TIMER?

YES I CAN.

RATES, GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

AT THIS LATE HOUR IT'S REALLY, REALLY INTERESTING TO HEAR THAT WE GET AN APPEAL FROM THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD, WE DON'T HAVE THE APPLICANT. PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD, I WOULD THINK, THAT IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE APPLICANT WHO IS THERE TO ACTUALLY DEFEND THEIR APPEAL THAT MAYBE EVEN GIVING SOME SORT OF A CLEAR INDICATION BEFORE WE WOULD GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT, LOGISTICS ABOUT WHAT AN APPEAL OF DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MIGHT LOOK LIKE. THAT WOULD HELP I THINK WITH THE PROCESS OF PUBLIC COMMENT, STREAMLINING, AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I'M SUGGESTING WE GET TO STREAMLINE THE PUBLIC COMMENT. I'VE WATCHED THE PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS HE RODE DRASTICALLY OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS AS A RESULT OF INABILITY OF COUNSEL TO ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO MANAGE TIME IN MEETINGS, RIGHT? REGULARLY WATCHING ITEMS GO FAR, FAR LONGER THAN THEY NEED TO WITHOUT THE ABILITY OF BEING ABLE TO REEL IN BOTH COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS AS WELL AS RUNNING ON OF COMMENTARY BY PAID CONSULTANTS WHO I'M SURE WOULD LOVE TO CONTINUE TALKING WHEN THEY'RE CHARGING BY THE HOUR. I THINK IT'S A PRETTY CLEAR DIRECTION WHERE WE'RE GOING TO GO IN TERMS OF THIS ITEM. I JUST WOULD REALLY LIKE TO ACTUALLY TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REALLY REFLECT ON TIME AND IT MEANT, HOW WE CAN MANAGE THIS IN THE FUTURE. SOMETHING THAT MAY NEED TO BE CONSIDERING, AGENDA REVIEW TO JUST REALLY HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

OF WHAT TIME IT TAKES TO GET THROUGH THESE THINGS AND WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN OPTIMIZE TIME IN THE FUTURE. WE DON'T ALL HAVE 140 YEARS TO GROW OR 600 YEARS TO GROW, LIKE A TREE DOES. LET'S CONSIDER THAT WHEN WE ARE PLANNING OUT HOW WE PROCEED FORWARD IN THINGS LIKE THIS. THANKS.

THANK YOU, KYLE, FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. AGAIN, COMING BACK TO CHAMBERS, SEE NONE, KATE, CAN YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

YES, THANK YOU.

DO YOU SEE THE TIMER?

THANK YOU, MARY.

GO AHEAD.

I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I'M VERY HEARTENED TO HEAR ALL THE SUPPORT FOR THIS TREE AND THE PREVIOUS COLORS AND SPEAKERS WHO MENTIONED THE RIGHTS OF NATURE AND I ALSO TOTALLY SUPPORT TREES AND THE URBAN CANOPY, AND I FIND IT INTERESTING THAT WE EXPECT BARNEY TO PAY TO KEEP WATERING THIS TREE, JUST AS WE EXPECT EVERYONE TO KEEP WATERING THEIR TREES, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE IRRIGATION RATES WILL BE GOING UP OVER 100%. AND SO MY REAL QUESTION IS IF EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN REALLY SUPPORTS TREES, MAYBE WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE'LL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEM. BECAUSE OUR AQUIFER, WHICH WE SIT ON, WHICH IS HUGE, WE HAVE NO NEED FOR WATER. WE CAN SUPPORT TONS OF TREES, TONS OF PLANTS. WE CAN SUPPORT THE BIRDS AND THE BEES AND THE BUTTERFLIES THAT ALL LIVE IN THOSE PLANTS. IF WE THINK ABOUT OUR WATER PRICING. SO YOU KNOW, BARNEY COULD JUST SAY HE DOESN'T WANT TO PAY FOR THE WATER FOR THE TREE AND THEN THE TREE MIGHT DIE. I'M NOT SAYING AT ALL HE WOULD NEVER DO THAT, BUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE PLANTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AREN'T NECESSARILY OBLIGATED TO WATER THEM IF THEIR WATER RATE INCREASES OVER 100%. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU KATE FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT SPEAKER I HAVE IS RAY. RAY COULD YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF, PLEASE?

OKAY. WOW MARY.

HOW ARE YOU?

I'M DOING WELL, GOOD EVENING MAYOR, VICE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL. AFTER MAGIC SHARED HER NOTE I WENT ONLINE AND I FOUND THE LACK OF NOTES FROM 2013, WHERE BARNEY WANTED TO CUT THE TREE DOWN BACK THEN, AND HOW HE FOUND A RESOLUTION AND WAS GRATEFUL FOR EVERY ONE'S SUPPORT, AND HE LOVED THE TREE. THINGS ARE LOOKING UP FOR THE BEAUTIFUL TREE, IS WHAT THEY WROTE FROM THE BAR LOW BACK THEN. SO MY WORDS ARE PLEASE STICK WITH THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S DECISION AND HONOR THIS TREE. THE PREVIOUS COLOR'S CONCERNS ABOUT WATERING THE TREE, THE TREE HAS STOOD THERE FOR OVER 100 YEARS. IT'S TAKEN CARE OF ITSELF AND ITS THIRSTING FROM THE LAGUNA, SURE, AND IT'S GOING TO LIVE FOR ANOTHER 100 YEARS-PLUS. SO WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE WITH ITS GROWTH AND PRESENCE AND THE MITIGATION OPTIONS ARE HUGE, AND ARE DOABLE, AND JUST PUTTING UP A CANOPY, CATCHING THE PODS, REMOVING THE PODS AS INSTRUCTED IS GREAT AND THAT IS PREVENTATIVE AND YEAH, IT'S DOING OUR PART, AND DOING OUR PART, AS MAGIC SAID, TO HONOR THE TREE, PUT UP A SIGN, MAKE IT A CENTERPIECE, LET PEOPLE SEE AND HONOR IT AND COME TO APPRECIATE WHEN WE DO VISIT THE BARLOW. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TONIGHT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT. I'LL GO ONE LAST TIME TO CHAMBERS. SEE NONE I WILL ONE LAST TIME TO ZOOM. SEE NONE, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED.

OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I AM GOING TO TAKE A MINUTE TO READ SOMETHING THAT WAS EMAILED TO ME BY BARNEY ALDRIDGE TODAY. BYE DIANA, THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE PHOTO OF BARNEY HUGGING THE BUNYA BUNYA TREE MANY YEARS AGO. WOW, DIANA, THANK YOU FOR SHARING THIS, I HOPE YOU GUYS WILL VOTE TO SAVE THE TREE. THE BARLOW IS HYPER FOCUSED ON PUBLIC SAFETY. IT'S DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHEN TO INTERVENE. SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO LET NATURE DO HER THING AND WE PEOPLE HAVE TO MANAGE AROUND HER, BEST WE CAN. THE TREE IS MAGNIFICENT AND NEVER DID ANYTHING TO ANYONE THAT I KNOW OF. IT'S NOT MY DECISION AND I TRUST THE EXPERTS AND OUR CITY COUNCIL TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION. WHATEVER THAT IS. FOR ME, PERSONALLY, I HOPE SHE CAN STAY STANDING TALL. BARNEY, SO GO AHEAD.

THANK YOU FOR READING THAT NOW AND I HAVE MY MOTION TO DENY THE APPEAL AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF DENIAL OF THE APPEAL.

I'LL SECOND THAT.

ANY COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS? NO? GO AHEAD, COUNCILMEMBER HINTON. I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY, DOESN'T THAT SEEM ODD? MAYBE YOU THOUGHT -- ANYWAY, THAT MAKES IT EASY.

OR IS THERE A LIABILITY FOR US?

NO, I'M JUST SAYING.

I'M SO GRATEFUL THAT I LIVE IN A TOWN WHERE PEOPLE LOVE THEIR TREES. LOVELY TREES.

VICE MAYOR ZALMAN SAID THAT.

SO MOVED BY VICE MAYOR ZOLLMAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MAUER TO DENY THE APPEAL BASED ON THE FACTS AND FINDINGS INCLUDED IN RESOLUTION OF THE APPEAL. COUNCILMEMBER HINTON?

COUNCILMEMBER MAUER?

YES.

COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS.

SAVE THE TREE.

VICE MAYOR ZALMAN.

MAYOR LYNCH.

YEAH.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU EVERYONE AND WE'LL CALL THIS MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:40. MARY, THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED BUT WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE ITEMS THAT WEREN'T ADDRESSED? ADDRESS THEM AT THE AGENDA SETTING? OKAY. OKAY, GREAT. THANK YOU, EVERYONE. THANK YOU STAFF AND THE PUBLIC AND SEBASTOPOL TIMES, AND WHAT A GREAT WAY TO END THE MEETING.

RECORDING STOPPED. [Event Concluded]