

Public Comments

Agenda Item #6



June 28, 2021
City Council Meeting

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"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." - Desmond Tutu

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Good evening council and staff. My name is Christine Boles and I'm a licensed architect and have been attending and commenting at all the Civic Center meetings thus far. I have a number of concerns about the project budget and scope of work and want to make that we have a clear financial path forward before you approve the 1.25 million for additional design fees. Can I ask if a building official who is familiar with codes and required updates when you are remodeling has looked at the detailed cost estimates to see if anything is missing?

- 1) As you know, both of these buildings are old and have a lot of deferred maintenance. I am concerned because exterior rehabilitation is listed as an add alternate, not included in the base price of 11.5 million. Work on the exterior will absolutely be required, some by code, some by prudent work to protect the investment you are making on the interior. Has a thorough inspection been done by a licensed contractor to evaluate the structures and provide a detailed pest report? For example, the stucco is cracking all over the building – is it enough to patch the cracks, or is underlying moisture barrier compromised? The northwest corner has stucco missing and I can put my fingernail through the wood, which indicates dryrot. How extensive is the dryrot? Paint is peeling all over the exterior, has it been checked for lead as this will substantially increase your costs?
- 2) As you are changing the building envelopes with a new elevator tower at City Hall and window changes to the planning building, the buildings will both be required to comply with Title 24 energy regulations, which are quite restrictive in California. The windows on City Hall are single pane aluminum and I have a hard time seeing how the project will be able to comply without changing all the windows. That alone could easily be an extra \$200,000 cost.
- 3) Site improvements are also not included in these construction costs. Besides the additional drainage to meet C3 requirements, there will need to be grading and ramps added at all required exits, not just the new main entrance. Handicapped accessibility does not just refer to people in wheelchairs – stairs, railings, doorways must also be upgraded. Again, this is a basic life safety building code requirement.
- 4) The report says the project budget is already 13% over budget, the math is actually wrong and should read 15%. How much are you actually allowed to approve today with only \$10 million accounted for? And where is the contingency funding? Remodels with unknown structural and dry rot issues should allow at least 20% more funding for work.

As I have said previously, I am disappointed at this approach the council has chosen. Our greatest resource is not the buildings, but the land, and the current design misses opportunities for visionary solutions to serve our community as well as staff. I loved Council Member's O'Neill's idea of adding affordable housing to the project. We have not built any affordable housing in at least the last 16 years, and I don't see how we can possibly start now and meet the extensive RHNA requirements without looking at every opportunity.

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Agenda Item #8



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From: Erin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 1:15 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Meeting Monday 6/28/21, Agenda #8,

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Hello members of our City Council,

My boyfriend and I live on the 500 block of Esplanade Ave. We see that there is an agenda to consider the removal of the oversized vehicle ordinance. Our household and many of our neighbors in this small neighborhood beg of you not to change the ordinance. We on Esplanade, West Avalon and Dolphin Court have truly seen a difference since the ordinance has gone up. We have had issues for years with these oversized vehicles and we have been fighting vehemently to stop them and you finally heard us and created the ordinance. We do not understand after all of this work the you might now remove it.

We are in a very weird time right now and this past year and half has been hard for all of us. When the pandemic hit we saw an influx of visitors and RV's to our small beach community. In our neighborhood we have tried to keep up with the demand but we also saw so much more disregard that this is our home and is our neighborhood. We have had to clean up after all these visitors, more trash, more dog waste, human waste and more traffic. With having the oversized ordinance there is less trash, feces and paraphernalia that we are having to clean up after.

When the RV's are allowed to park on our block there is again a disregard to our neighborhood. We see people dumping their bodily waste and feces on the side of the street. We have trash everywhere and people dumping their items and leaving them. There is a smell to our area that we can't get rid of when the RV's are allowed to park. We as a neighborhood are constantly asking the ones that park overnight to clean up after themselves and to not illegally dump their waste and we get a lot of anger and push back telling us to mind our own business, when this is our business as we have to live with this. This has been such an added stress to each of us that live in this neighborhood.

When the ordinance was passed and the signs went up it has been a huge relief and now we are able to enjoy our small community. As tax payers that pay a lot to live here and want to enjoy our community we beg of you not to remove this ordinance and leave it alone.

If there are reasons that we dont see, which believe me we see the pros and cons of them, then set up a paid parking permit for our neighborhoods. We as a community are fine with paying for permits to help regulate the traffic and overnight parking. The revenue will help our community and help us in return.

We understand that not all oversized vehicles are created equal and that not everyone disregards the rules but unfortunately, we deal with a lot of the bad.

We are still dealing with the influx of visitors and traffic please do not add this back onto our plates. We need help as a member of this community not for our Clty Council to ignore our concerns,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns and we truly hope that you hear our pleas.

Stay Safe, Stay Strong, Stay Healthy!

Thank you,

Erin Long-Scott & Chris Sessler

From: Vanessa Lombardo [REDACTED]
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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Pacifica Manor I am concerned about the Esplanade OSV ordinance being removed. Since the OSV have been out of sight in most parts of Pacifica especially here on Esplanade, there has been great improvement in trash, urination, defecation and other nefarious activities.

I have children and dogs and we take walks and bike rides on Esplanade and Palmetto. At the time it was a big concern when we had to dodge dog or human feces or had to hold our breaths because of the strong urination stench. Also, the RV's blocked a beautiful view of the ocean. This concern is weighing on me again along with other Pacifica Manor neighbors because we are tax paying residents and we shouldn't have to deal with these RV owners and the issues they bring to OUR neighborhood.

It's not a beautiful sight for locals and visitors coming into our city. It gives Pacifica a reputation of disgust and repulsion. Also, it is very negligent for the city of Pacifica to do this to the tax paying residents. It's just not fair and it is not right. I've had friends and family come around and commented that Esplanade looks and feels better. It should stay that way.

No more dodging poop or urine. No more picking up nasty trash where the RV's had parked. No more seeing OSV blocking the road and the views.

Please hear us and do not remove Esplanade from the OSV ordinance.

Thank you for your time,
Vanessa Lombardo

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