



**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH  
SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION  
Joan L. Flynn, City Clerk  
Office of the City Clerk**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Joan L. Flynn, City Clerk   
**DATE:** January 17, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** **SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE  
JANUARY 17, 2012, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL/RDA/PFA MEETING**

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Attached is the Supplemental Communication to the City Council (received after distribution of the Agenda Packet):

**Study Session**

PowerPoint communication received from Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Finance, dated January 17, 2012, entitled *Multi-Year Budget Update and Discussion*.

**Consent Calendar**

**#10.** Communication received from Robert Sternberg, dated November 21, 2011, regarding Center Avenue paving project.

**Ordinances for Introduction**

**#17.** Communication received from Kenneth W. Small, Chief of Police, dated January 12, 2012 regarding the proposed ordinance to allow "Safe and Sane" Fireworks.

**#17.** Communications received regarding the proposed ordinance to legalize fireworks:  
Shelby McCabe                      T. LaMantia                      Susan Larsen  
Ed Wick                                  John & Georgia Woods              Robert Radlein

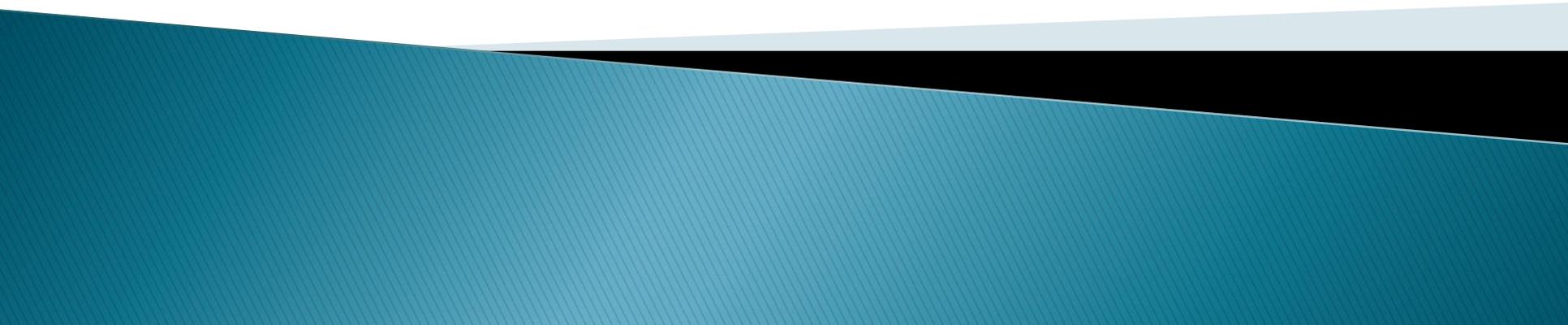
**Councilmember Items**

**#18.** Communication received from Tim Geddes, dated January 13, 2012 regarding te proposed Banning Ave. /19<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge.

**#18.** Communication received from Linda Scott, dated January 16, 2012 regarding te proposed Banning Ave. /19<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge.

# **MULTI-YEAR BUDGET UPDATE AND DISCUSSION**

**January 17, 2012**



# SUMMARY

- Recap of Last Year's Budget Performance – FY 10/11 (Unaudited)
- Update on Current Year – FY 11/12, RDA and State Budget
- Long Term Financial Plan Update
- Review of Financial Policies and Reserves
- City Council Direction and Next Steps

# FY 10/11 Budget Performance (Unaudited 9/30/11)

- General Fund revenue projected at \$185.3 million
- Includes both recurring and one-time revenue (\$2.1 million)
- General Fund expenditures, liabilities and loan repayments projected to total \$179.5 million

## In addition:

- \$1.3 million to CIP reserve to fund additional street repairs and improvements
- \$1.1 million set-aside to pay off PARS liability 3 years ahead of schedule
- \$0.6 million set-aside for Worker's Comp. third-party claims account

**Results in estimated year-end balance of \$2.8 million or 1.5% of the General Fund\* (Unaudited)**

# FY 10/11 and FY11/12 Budget Accomplishments

- The City's efforts to cut costs and increase revenue over past 4-5 years have stabilized the General Fund Budget
- Tight fiscal controls and a culture of fiscal restraint have yielded positive results
- Labor concessions provided \$2.0 million in FY 11/12 savings including PERS pick up of \$1.8 million
- Dipping into City's reserves not required to balance budget
- Fiscal prudence has resulted in reducing the City's liabilities
- Preliminary review as of December 2011 indicated FY 11/12 ending in balance and FY 12/13 may not require additional cuts

# External Factors Impacting City Budget



# External Factors Impacting City Budget (RDA)

## Supreme Court ruling in CRA vs. Matosantos - December 29, 2011

- ▶ California Supreme Court decision upholds AB1X 26 and strikes down AB1X 27
- ▶ Creates worst case scenario for City
- ▶ Does not allow for Redevelopment Agency to continue on a “pay to play” basis
- ▶ City/RDA will no longer receive approx. up to \$10 million in tax increment annually
- ▶ All Redevelopment actions to be transferred to a successor agency (the City) on February 1, 2012
- ▶ League of California Cities and CRA working with State legislators to push back February 1 disbanding date in hope of reaching a compromise (AB 659 introduced by Padilla)



# External Factors Affecting Budget

- State facing a \$9 billion budget deficit in FY 12/13
  - Governor's Budget does not include additional direct cuts to cities at this time
  - However, Governor's budget solutions dependent on \$4 billion in new taxes on November 2012 ballot
- National and Regional economies continue to show signs of slow improvement



Sales Tax



TOT



Unemployment

# What is our multi-year outlook as a result?



# Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

## Assumptions: (Scenario 1)

- Neutral labor costs adjustments
- No additional personnel
- RDA transfer is maintained
- \$1.0 million additional for Equipment Replacement each year
- \$1.5 million more for Infrastructure in FY 12/13, and an additional \$1 million each year thereafter, to meet the 15% infrastructure Charter requirement
- Maintain status quo

# Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

<b>Object Account</b>	<b>Projected Year-End FY 2010/11</b>	<b>Adopted Budget FY 2011/12</b>	<b>Projected Budget FY 2012/13</b>	<b>Projected Budget FY 2013/14</b>	<b>Projected Budget FY 2014/15</b>
SALARIES & BENEFITS	126,852,451	131,693,787	131,922,501	132,629,462	133,221,484
OPERATING	45,495,067	43,236,263	42,953,918	43,403,770	43,858,426
INFRASTRUCTURE	34,008	1,300,000	2,800,000	3,800,000	4,800,000
EQUIPMENT	933,098	3,000,000	4,000,000	5,000,000	6,000,000
NON-OPERATING	4,652,030	4,317,928	2,552,540	2,250,010	2,251,510
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>177,966,654</b>	<b>183,547,978</b>	<b>184,228,958</b>	<b>187,083,242</b>	<b>190,131,420</b>

# Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

## Scenario 1

In 1,000s	Actual FY 09/10	Unaudited FY 10/11	Adopted* FY 11/12	Projected FY 12/13	Projected FY 13/14	Projected FY 14/15
Revenues	\$179.0	\$185.3	\$182.8	\$184.4	\$185.9	\$187.9
Expenditures and Liabilities	\$178.5	\$183.3	\$183.5	\$184.2	\$187.0	\$190.1
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$0.5</b>	<b>\$2.8</b>	<b>(\$0.6)</b>	<b>\$0.2</b>	<b>(\$1.1)</b>	<b>(\$2.1)</b>

\*\$1.3 million in street repairs from capital improvement reserves

# Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

## Scenario 2 w/o RDA Transfer

In 1,000s	Actual FY 09/10	Unaudited FY 10/11	Adopted FY 11/12	Projected FY 12/13	Projected FY 13/14	Projected FY 14/15
Revenues	\$179.0	\$185.3	\$182.8	\$184.4	\$185.9	\$187.9
Expenditures and Liabilities	\$178.5	\$183.3	\$183.5	\$184.2	\$187.0	\$190.1
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RDA Transfer				(\$4.9)	(\$4.9)	(\$4.9)
Estimated Property Taxes*				\$2.0	\$2.0	\$2.0
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$0.5</b>	<b>\$2.8</b>	<b>(\$0.6)</b>	<b>(\$2.7)</b>	<b>(\$4.0)</b>	<b>(\$5.0)</b>

\* Actual property tax amounts are not yet available and may differ significantly.

# Review of Equipment Reserves and Financial Policies



# Equipment Inventory and Reserves Update

- ▶ Current equipment reserves: \$6.9 million
- ▶ Current annual equipment budget: \$3.0 million



- ▶ Long Term Financial Plan increases budget by \$1.0 million annually until \$6.0 million is budgeted in FY 14/15

# Equipment Inventory and Reserves

- ▶ What are the City's equipment needs?

Equipment Category	Book Value	Amortization
Vehicles and Related Equipment #574	\$ 51.1 million	10-15 Years
I.S Department Equipment	\$ 31.6 million	5-10 Years
All Other Equipment	\$ 65.2 million	10-20 Years
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 147.8 million</b>	

- There is an estimated need of \$9.5 million per year to maintain status quo assuming a 10 year average life of equipment
- The current reserve of \$6.9 million does not equal even 1 year of equipment replacements

# Financial Policies Review\*

“Allocation of the audited General Fund unassigned fund balance will be done as follows if, and until, the Economic Uncertainties Reserve commitment is fully funded (i.e., two months of General Fund expenditures):”

- 50% to Economic Uncertainties Reserve
- 25% for Infrastructure Fund
- 25% to Capital Improvement Reserve (CIR)

## Recommendation:

One year waiver of Financial Reserve Policy given  
RDA Supreme Court Ruling

# Financial Accomplishments

- ▶ Three years of budget solutions have resulted in over \$26.5 million in budget reductions
- ▶ Over 170 positions have been eliminated from the City's budget since FY 08/09
- ▶ In addition, over 35 positions have been frozen or defunded in the Police, Fire and Community Services Departments over the past 2-3 years
- ▶ Increased and continuing employee pick ups reduced the FY 11/12 deficit by \$1.8 million
- ▶ New Shared services agreements are generating \$878,000 in new revenue
- ▶ \$1.5 million will be saved over next three years by paying off PARS liability early
- ▶ Emergency reserves are intact providing greater safety net and AA- credit rating
- ▶ FY 12/13 General Fund Budget balanced, before State takeaways

# Discussion and Council Direction

- ▶ Waive financial policy for 1 year in light of RDA ruling
- ▶ Deposit preliminary, unaudited estimated \$2.8 million fund balance into Budget Stabilization Fund to protect against State takeaways
- ▶ Approve repayment of remaining PARS liability of \$4.5 million (RCA to City Council in February/March 2012)

**Questions or Comments?**

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**From:** Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2011 8:25 AM  
**To:** DeBow, Debbie  
**Subject:** Surf City Pipeline: You have been assigned a new Request #: 9870  
**Categories:** Hot

**Request # 9870 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to you by Todd Broussard.**

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**Request type:** Comment

**Request area:** Street Repairs / Potholes

**Citizen name:** Robert Sternberg

**Description:** Regarding Item #6 on the Monday, Dec. 19, 2011 meeting regarding the following:  
**Recommended Action:**

Approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a "Reimbursement Agreement By and Between the City of Huntington Beach and Costco Wholesale Corporation for the Center Avenue Improvements at Bella Terra II" adjacent to the Costco development project.

Why is only 1/2 of the street being paved? This seems very silly. Who paves the other half? Why is or would Costco not pay for the entire street to be paved in front of their store? Their construction activity has degraded the entire street. Do their trucks and potential customer cars only travel on way? what about their delivery trucks coming off of the 405 Freeway at Beach Blvd. they would travel on that half of the street. Thank you for your consideration of this.

**Expected Close Date:** 11/21/2011

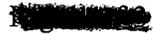
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## **SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

**Meeting Date:** 1-17-12

**Agenda Item No.** 10



**Request: 9870 Entered on: 11/18/2011 2:40 PM**

*Customer Information*

**Name:** Robert Sternberg  
**Address:** 15231 Nottingham Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

**Phone:** 714.898.5776  
**Alt. Phone:** 714.335.0990  
**Email:** rob\_bob\_ca@yahoo.com

*Request Classification*

**Topic:** Street Repairs / Potholes  
**Status:** Closed  
**Assigned to:** Debbie DeBow

**Request type:** Comment  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Entered Via:** Web

**Address or Location:**

*Description*

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*Reason Closed*

Because of its deteriorated condition (even before the Costco construction began), Center Avenue had actually been tentatively scheduled for repaving (by the City) within the next 5 years. The Costco project presented an opportunity for a private developer (Costco) to pave half of this street, along their property frontage, instead of using City funds to do so.

It is a typical requirement of any development to re-pave (along the development frontage) only to the centerline of the street, if needed. The "other half" is the responsibility of the property owner on the "other" side of the street, if/when that project develops. A "Condition of Approval" for the Costco project requires the developer to repave Center Ave. (along the property frontage) to the street centerline.

In addition, the City is proposing a development agreement with DJM (the developer for the Bella Terra mall) for some additional paving on Center Avenue, including the "other half" of the street along their development frontage. Execution of this agreement is at the discretion of City Council; the developer is not legally required to pave the remainder of Center Avenue.

**Date Expect Closed:** 11/21/2011

**Date Closed:** 11/21/2011 1:58 PM **By:** Debbie DeBow

**Enter Field Notes Below**

**Notes:**

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NOV 21 2011 1:58 PM

**#1: 11/21/2011 3:45 PM - Email Message from Customer**

Dear Surf City:

Thank you for your explanation. I had no idea that generally when you discuss or request paving in these type of development agreements that it is for only 1/2 half of the street in a development project. I believe that the possible development agreement 2008-001 which you are referencing below is/was item # 15 on tonight's scheduled City Council agenda. I understand that this 2008-001 development agreement item is now being postponed until the Dec. 19, 2011 City Council meeting. How would I request that the "other half" of the street [Center Ave.] be paved and included into that agreement specifically. The entire block from Gothard to the 405 fireway and Beach Blvd. really needs to be repaved. I have already written to the city about that request in Surf City Pipeline Request # 9864. That is how come I knew about the meeting date change. Will the City Council members get these emails or will I have to make a new request later in early Dec. for inclusion into the public record?

Thank you for your assistance with this. For the record, so far I think that this "pipeline " idea and information exchange works and is very good.

Regards,

Robert Sternberg.

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## Follow-up Information

**#2: 11/23/2011 09:46 AM - Email Message sent to customer by Debbie DeBow**

The requirement to pave only to the centerline of the street (i.e. ½ street) originates from the fact that the property owner is actually the underlying fee owner of the street adjacent to his property, to the street's centerline. The City only has an "easement" to use the property "for roadway purposes", which gives the City the authority to control the road.

You are correct, the subject Development Agreement was scheduled for the Nov. 21 Council agenda, but has been postponed until Dec. 19. This Development Agreement does in fact include paving of Center Avenue between the railroad tracks and the 405 freeway. I will forward you a copy of this draft Development Agreement under separate cover, when it is available. (It is currently in revision.)

As a result of Council approval of Costco's Reimbursement Agreement Monday (Nov. 21) night, City will now advertise for bids to pave Center Avenue along the Costco frontage. Given time constraints and constructability issues, City will be paving both sides of the street. City Council will consider requiring the developer to pave Center between the 405 freeway and the Costco frontage and reimburse the City for the paving of half the roadway along the Costco frontage via the mentioned Development Agreement at the Dec. 19th meeting.

I will be happy to forward your mails to the City Clerk's office for inclusion into the public record.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to reply, or call me at 714-536-5528.

## DeBow, Debbie

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**From:** DeBow, Debbie  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 4:52 PM  
**To:** 'rob\_bob\_ca@yahoo.com'  
**Cc:** Olmos, Tony  
**Subject:** Center Ave. paving

Hello Mr. Sternberg,

I just wanted to follow-up on our recent correspondence concerning your "SurfCity Pipeline" Request #9870 (i.e. Center Ave. paving). In case you were not aware, the recommended award of the construction contract for the paving of Center Ave. is scheduled for approval at the City Council meeting next Tuesday, January 17. You may access the agenda and staff report at the link below:

[http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/agendas/council\\_agendas.cfm](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/agendas/council_agendas.cfm).

Since we last corresponded, the developer withdrew from the proposed Development Agreement. Consequently, only the pavement along the Costco frontage (both sides of the street) is being paved at this time. I will advise you when the remainder of Center Ave. (east of Costco) will be paved, at some time in the future.

Finally, I apologize for not following up on this sooner, but I was wondering if you still wanted to have your previous correspondence included in the "public record" for consideration by City Council next Tuesday? If so, and/or if there is anything else you would like to add, please submit this to me by 9am Tuesday morning (Jan 17) and I will make sure that it is included.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Debbie*

**Deborah De Bow, PE**  
**Principal Civil Engineer**  
**City of Huntington Beach**  
**(714) 536-5528**  
**[ddebow@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:ddebow@surfcity-hb.org)**

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**From:** Robert Sternberg [rob\_bob\_ca@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012 8:28 AM  
**To:** DeBow, Debbie  
**Cc:** Olmos, Tony  
**Subject:** Re: Center Ave. paving

Debbie,

I was not aware of this. Thank you for notifying me about this. Yes, please include this into the City Council report. I do not think that I am able to come and speak about it on this short notice as I have a previous engagement tonight. I wonder why this developer did not feel that he should improve the entire street where the gas delivery trucks and additional cars coming because of this new project will be degrading the pavement. This street is not in good repair now, forget about when you add the full 5 or 7 gas delivery trucks every day traveling over this? Who will repair this street? The City? Why should the city get stuck fixing this street? It needs repair now before the project is opened. This would also be the right time to repave this section of the street. We are not talking about miles and miles of street here. I feel that the City is giving away many things away to this developer. Remember the sales tax agreement? What happens? I feel that the City should hold firm on having someone pave this entire section of the street.

Thank you for keeping me informed about this.

A long time Huntington Beach resident-  
Robert Sternberg  
15231 Nottingham Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Phone: 714-898-5776



**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH**  
INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members  
Fred Wilson, City Manager

FROM: Kenneth W. Small, Chief of Police *KWSmall*

SUBJECT: Proposed Ordinance to Allow "Safe and Sane" Fireworks

DATE: January 12, 2012

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On January 17, 2012, the city council will consider the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the sale and discharge of "safe and sane" fireworks in the City of Huntington Beach. It is important for the council to know that city staff, primarily the city attorney and fire chief, put forth a great deal of time and effort to get the ordinance prepared and ready for your consideration on that night.

The police department opposes the adoption of the proposed ordinance for all of the reasons mentioned during the last city council meeting. The purpose of this memorandum, however, is to advise you that the police department strongly opposes the portion of the proposed ordinance that allows discharge of "safe and sane" fireworks on residential streets. From a public safety perspective, and from the department responsible for investigating the many vehicle versus pedestrian accidents we have in Huntington Beach every year, allowing discharge on streets in residential areas is both unwise and unsafe.

Allowing discharge on residential streets encourages individuals, families and children to be on the roadways in residential areas during the hours of darkness which is extremely unsafe. Additionally, these people's attention will be focused on their family and neighborhood fireworks shows and not on vehicles driving through the area increasing the likelihood that there will be a traffic accident. While it would be nice to assume that every driver will be cautious and cognizant of what is occurring on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the police department knows from past experience and investigations that this is not the case. Many of the drivers will be speeding, distracted or intoxicated putting pedestrians in the roadway at risk. Also, every pedestrian in the roadway who interferes with or impedes the movement of a vehicle is in violation of the California Vehicle Code. I do not believe that it is wise to include a provision in the ordinance that encourages violations of the Vehicle Code and puts pedestrians at risk.

Discharging fireworks on streets in residential areas creates a fire hazard in addition to a traffic hazard because there will undoubtedly be hundreds and thousands of occasions when vehicles, filled with gasoline, drive in and around lighted objects on the roadway. No reasonable person would knowingly create a situation where gas filled

vehicles drive over lighted objects in the presence of people standing nearby. However, the ordinance, as written, encourages this exact activity.

Lastly, allowing the discharge of safe and sane fireworks creates a potential environmental concern. Even if we were to assume that everyone who discharges fireworks in the roadway was diligent about cleaning up, which I know will not be the case; there will be a large amount of material and debris from fireworks discharge that is left in the roadway. Much of this material will eventually find its way into the storm drains and ultimately into the ocean. It is not reasonable that a city that works so hard throughout the year to keep our streets, roadways and ocean clean would knowingly allow an activity one day a year that would result in pollutants flowing into the ocean.

**Esparza, Patty**

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**From:** Stephenson, Johanna  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012 7:59 AM  
**To:** Esparza, Patty  
**Subject:** FW: Lift Ban on Fireworks

Johanna Stephenson | Executive Assistant | City of Huntington Beach | O: 714.536.5575 | [johanna.stephenson@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:johanna.stephenson@surfcity-hb.org)

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**From:** Shelby McCabe [mailto:shelby\_mccabe\_3@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 14, 2012 3:39 PM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL  
**Subject:** Lift Ban on Fireworks

Councilmembers:  
I support lifting the ban on state approved fireworks in Huntington Beach. Please support Mayor Hansen's proposed ordinance.  
Shelby McCabe

**SUPPLEMENTAL  
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 1-17-12

Agenda Item No. 17

**Esparza, Patty**

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**From:** Stephenson, Johanna  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012 8:00 AM  
**To:** Esparza, Patty  
**Subject:** FW: Please legalize the sale of Safe & Sane Fireworks...

Johanna Stephenson | Executive Assistant | City of Huntington Beach | O: 714.536.5575 |  
[johanna.stephenson@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:johanna.stephenson@surfcity-hb.org)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ted La Mantia [mailto:[tlamantia@socal.rr.com](mailto:tlamantia@socal.rr.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 5:39 PM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL  
**Subject:** Please legalize the sale of Safe & Sane Fireworks...

...For the sake of non-profit organizations and school programs, and for American patriots who wish to celebrate safely (but not along the beach -because cleanup and safety would be an issue). Thank you.

T. La Mantia,  
Huntington Beach homeowner and taxpayer.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 1-17-12

Agenda Item No. 17

**Esparza, Patty**

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**From:** Stephenson, Johanna  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 10:29 AM  
**To:** Esparza, Patty  
**Subject:** FW: Fireworks in HB

Johanna Stephenson | Executive Assistant | City of Huntington Beach | O: 714.536.5575 | [johanna.stephenson@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:johanna.stephenson@surfcity-hb.org)

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**From:** Smslarsen [mailto:smslarsen@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 10:04 AM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL  
**Subject:** Fireworks in HB

I am unable to attend the city council meeting this Tuesday but would like to show my support for the ordinance to allow fireworks again. I think this is a great idea to promote a sense of community and family that I feel has been missing in H.B. I grew up in H.B., and am a resident now and I have been extremely sad that my son did not have the joyful 4th of July experiences I so fondly remember.

Sincerely,  
Susan Larsen  
Lifetime H.B. Resident.

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**Esparza, Patty**

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**From:** Wick, Ed [mailto:EWick@NBFD.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 12:03 PM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL  
**Subject:** Fireworks

Hello,

I am a 25-year-resident of Huntington Beach and a 28-year-fireman with a neighboring city. I fully support allowing Fireworks in HB. I feel it is great way to connect with an America tradition and to come together with your neighbors for a little firework show. I believe it helps build a sense of community.

Thank you,  
Ed Wick

**SUPPLEMENTAL  
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Meeting Date: 1-17-12

Agenda Item No. 17

**Esparza, Patty**

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**From:** Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012 11:16 AM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL; agendaalerts@surfcity-hb.org  
**Subject:** Surf City Pipeline: Comment on an Agenda Item (notification)

**Request # 10254 from the Government Outreach System has been assigned to Johanna Stephenson.**

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**Request type:** Comment

**Request area:** City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

**Citizen name:** John and Georgia Woods

**Description:** We would like to express our opposition to the sale of fireworks in the City of Huntington Beach. As 45 year residents of Sunset Beach, we have dealt with the problems associated with fireworks in the past. The sale of fireworks only increases the fire danger in this tightly built community of Sunset Beach. In past years, the OCFA has placed additional fire equipment on the 4th to deal with the fire and safety issues generated by the fireworks. If adopted, we respectfully request the entire community of Sunset Beach be banned from fireworks and that firework stands be restricted to at least a minimum of 1 mile from the beach.

**Expected Close Date:** 01/18/2012

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**SUPPLEMENTAL  
COMMUNICATION**

Meeting Date: 1-17-12

Agenda Item No. 17

**Request: 10217 Entered on: 01/12/2012 10:27 AM**

**Customer Information**

**Name:** Robert Radlein  
**Address:** 6146 Fernwood Drive  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**Phone:** (714) 374-6867  
**Alt. Phone:**  
**Email:** radleira@verizon.net

**Request Classification**

**Topic:** City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing  
Comments  
**Status:** Closed  
**Assigned to:** Johanna Stephenson

**Request type:** Comment  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Entered Via:** Web

**Description**

**NO TO FIREWORKS SALE AND USE**

Mayor Hansen's Request for Sale of and use of Safe and Sane Fireworks should be voted no by all council members. The idea to resume the sale of and use of fireworks in Huntington Beach just so we can increase revenues for use by the City is a bad idea since there are no "Safe and Sane fireworks" except for those handled by professionals. Use of fireworks by the general public is dangerous and can cause the following:

1. Injuries to people especially children (lost fingers, damaged eyes, burns),
2. Potential for fires from fireworks landing on roofs.
3. Increased noise in neighborhoods from explosions
4. Distressed animals (namely dogs and cats not to mention wildlife)
5. Increased demand on Police Fire Department fire protection and emergency response teams.
6. Increased demand on local emergency rooms due to firework injuries.
7. Use of fireworks by the alcohol impaired party goers at the beach and local neighborhoods will just add more aggravation and trash.

Presently people go to other nearby cities and purchase fireworks and use them in Huntington Beach. Let's enforce the current laws and fine people on using illegal fireworks which will increase our cities income.

Huntington Beach Resident  
Robert Radlein

**Reason Closed**

Thank you for taking the time to send your thoughts to the City Council. A copy of your comments will also be forwarded to the City Clerk to be included in the record on this item. Again, thank you for taking the time to make your views known.

**Date Expect Closed:** 01/19/2012

**Date Closed:** 01/17/2012 08:28 AM **By:** Johanna Stephenson

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**From:** Stephenson, Johanna  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012 7:59 AM  
**To:** Esparza, Patty  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to proposed Banning Ave. / 19th St. Bridge

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**From:** Tim Geddes [mailto:timgeddes3@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 10:03 PM  
**To:** CITY COUNCIL  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed Banning Ave. / 19th St. Bridge

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**Tim Geddes**  
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Huntington Beach, CA 92646  
(714) 964-3934

Meeting Date: 1-17-12

Agenda Item No. 18

Dear Mayor Hansen and Council Members,

I am writing in support of Council Member Joe Shaw's effort (No. 2012-04) to have the City of Huntington Beach formally reaffirm its opposition to the proposed Banning Ave. / 19th St. bridge and to request that the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) remove this bridge (and the Garfield Ave. / Gisler Ave. bridge) from the Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH).

I would also urge the City Council to go beyond a mere reaffirmation of the City's opposition to the bridge, and task City staff to monitor and report all developments regarding the bridge on either the local level (with Costa Mesa and Newport Beach) or the county level.

To date, the public has not enjoyed complete transparency regarding the political machinations of these external parties to the process we are dealing with in Huntington Beach. Many SEHB residents (those citizens most directly affected) had no idea that other scenarios were being entertained by the County (and affected cities) prior to their unveiling at the Eader Elementary School meeting earlier this month. We also had no idea whose "brainchild" these other options or concepts were. This leads to rampant speculation that our HB representative, Mayor Don Hansen, acquiesced to the alternatives (both involving the bridge being built) that he should have known would be non-starters to Southeast Huntington Beach residents. Our public officials must be held accountable for their participation in deliberations at the county or regional level.

If the alternate options or concepts presented (involving the bridge being built) were trial balloons, they were machine-gunned upon release. That message should be communicated to all parties remotely interested in the construction of a bridge at this location.

I urge the City Council to actively lobby its counterparts in Costa Mesa and Newport Beach (and any parties at the county level) to not allow any development to go forward in the affected area that depends upon a Banning Ave. / 19th St. bridge being built. Failure to do this will result in continuous attempts to destroy the quality of life in the established neighborhoods in Southeast Huntington Beach that have been at risk for many years.

**Thank you for considering these actions.**

**Sincerely,**

**Tim Geddes**

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**From:** Surf City Pipeline [noreply@user.govoutreach.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 16, 2012 3:14 PM  
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**Request type:** Comment

**Request area:** City Council - Agenda & Public Hearing Comments

**Citizen name:** Linda Scott

**Description:** Please do more tonight than just make a resolution that has no teeth to it. Create significant wording in the "Resolution for No Bridge" like Costa Mesa did. Make a document saying the City of Huntington Beach will not support building a bridge from 19th Street to Banning Avenue for 100 years (or certain date parameters). This will let the other cities involved who want the bridge know that for all intents and purposes, the bridge is off the MPAH for HB.

Thank you for your time.

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