



MINUTES
Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO)
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, May 26, 2021

A. ROLL CALL

At 7:01 p.m., Chair Gleason called the online meeting to order. A quorum of members was present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS Public comments were received from:

Douglas Partelo - Fireworks issue in City around 4th of July

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation on the Upcoming Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget

RECOMMENDATION: Receive a report from guest speakers City Manager Alexander Nguyen and staff, followed by Q&A

City Manager Nguyen spoke on the upcoming Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget. Best budget the City has experienced in at least a decade, thanks to the voters and Measure E. Bulk of Measure E will be allocated to streets, medians, and green projects such as tree trimming and weed abatement

Questions were received from:

Douglas Partello, fireworks; new FTEs and costs; IUF ramifications; \$59 million ARP recommended uses; balanced budget or deficit budget? ANSWER: Asst. Chief Sonstegard spoke to the issue of fireworks in the City. No budget item in the budget that addresses fireworks specifically, however, can use existing resources such as drones for enforcement; CM Nguyen on remaining questions: 57, just over \$5 million; different scenarios based on judge's ruling; will be recommending programs to Council based on guidelines; balanced budget

Michael Gleason, ARP funds use for one-time projects; landscape maintenance throughout City; issues with LMDs in the City's past - ANSWER: COVID didn't cause that, that has been an issue for years, so ARP funds cannot be used on projects such as landscaping; PACC funding - no money for PACC this fiscal year, not in Council's Five Year Priorities, but will do engineering analyses on both the PACC and Carnegie;

Aaron Greer, infrastructure improvements delayed due to COVID - ANSWER: putting together a package of recommendations for Council to vote on, including Hero and Hazard pay for City residents and City employees; the issue with malignant misinformation in City is a real problem

Maria Navarro, question on bonds; ANSWER: pertains to different types of street construction and paving. Actual construction costs may be offset with a bond sale; Kevin Riper - bonds can be used on efforts to extend the life of the asset

Chris Hernandez - hazard pay or premium, when can we expect to see more hiring for neighborhood police teams and more firefighters from the Fire academy, fire trucks purchases - ANSWER: they are the same thing, want to focus on City's grocers; neighborhood policing is the #1 priority of PD and Council, City feeling the impacts of not having a police academy this year; Fire is in a similar situation with academy being canceled, however, a recruiting phase for a new academy is underway, fire trucks can be used upwards of 12 years in frontline service, units that are off frontline service go into reserve

status, new trucks will be purchased as replacements; CM: committed to fixing Fire Dept's budget, including the Fire academy

Jack Villa, will residents have the ability to have access to specifics of spending for each department - ANSWER: yes, the budget document will be published no later than two weeks from today

Councilmember Perello, the City Manager is not getting a bonus, that is not true; spoke on issue of LMD audit

Bryan Rodriguez, report on organizational effectiveness, recommended doing it in July of CM's 4th or 5th year - ANSWER: no plans anytime soon, but happy to do so at some point;

E. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS Reports were received from:

Aaron Greer, Windsor North - homeless population in Santa Clara riverbed, quite a bit of trash from the encampments, residents are expressing concerns with fires and property crimes

Chris Hernandez, Five Points Northeast - no bike lanes in the neighborhood, people have been hit by vehicles

Diana Velzy, Orchard Park - Looking forward to neighborhood cleanups, thanked City staff for quick response to complaints of public urination and homeless issue around public restroom in park

F. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS Reports were received from:

None

G. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Gleason adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Smith
Executive Secretary