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Tuesday, June 9, 2020

5:00 P.M. Closed Session
6:00 P.M. Open Session

SPECIAL MEETING

CITY COUNCIL, AIRPORT COMMISSION, MARINA ABRAMS B NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, PRESTON PARK SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FORMER MARINA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND MARINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: (City Council, Airport Commissioners, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, Preston Park Sustainable Communities Nonprofit Corporation, Successor Agency of the Former Redevelopment Agency Members and Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency)

   MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Berkley, Adam Urrutia, Frank O'Connell, Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair, Gail Morton, Mayor/Chair Bruce C. Delgado

3. CLOSED SESSION: *As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq.,* the (City Council, Airport Commissioners, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, Preston Park Sustainable Communities Nonprofit Corporation, Successor Agency of the Former Redevelopment Agency Members and Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency) *may adjourn to a Closed or Executive Session to consider specific matters dealing with litigation, certain personnel matters, property negotiations or to confer with the City's Meyers-Milias-Brown Act representative.*

   a. Real Property Negotiations

      i. Property: Marina Municipal Airport, South Tarmac, APN 031-112-001, a portion
      Negotiating Party: Joby Aero, Inc.
      Property Negotiator: City Manager and Eric Frost, Interim Finance Director
      Terms: Price and Terms

6:00 PM - RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON ANY ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Robert Rathie, Assistant City Attorney reported out closed session: Council met in Closed Session this evening on the one matter listed on the agenda which was a matter of real property negotiations and received information, gave direction and no reportable action was taken

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Please stand)

5. STUDY SESSION:

   a Discussion and direction for Midcycle Budget Review FY 19/20 and 20/21 and Review of Work Plan Priorities.

Eric Frost, Finance Director gave presentation on the Mid-cycle Budget Review for FY 19/20 and Work Plan priorities

Council Questions: Where it says accept City Manager's recommended revisions, we're not making any action tonight, correct? You're looking ultimately tonight for direction on how to tweak the budget for June 16th? What is the balanced budget's relation to using our savings, which we call our reserves or our unobligated $12million? Can we use those surplus funds if you will to essentially balance our budget and still call it a balanced budget? When you say probable retirement or turnover, are we going to freeze those positions if and when these people retire? How many are anticipated to retire? If you cut the part-time police staff does this result in other police officers or someone filling that gap which in turn may reduce the ability to raise additional funds for traffic citations? Would it be possible for us to create a secondary budget that assumes the School and Communities first initiatives passes in November? Can we be optimistic knowing that the Schools and Communities First initiative

is pulling well above 50% and assume that Schools & Communities First will pass and proceed with fewer cuts to actual jobs such as the recreation program staff, part-time police staff and maybe freezing some open positions and proceed as though that money will come in and have trigger-cuts that we would do after November? Preston and Abrams Park has a history of always being more revenue than budgeted, have you taken that into consideration? If not, can you give us an indication as to whether or not that is anticipated that the money revenue be higher that what's budgeted for in this fiscal year? What is the amount we're setting aside for of the principle potentially ranging between $200,000 and what annually? On the 4x4 utility, are there other vehicles that we own that don't have any set-a-sides to replace them? What is the purpose of the 4x4 utility vehicle? Arts Village Building Stabilization, by not doing this $1.3 million stabilization is it going to cost us $2 million in the near future when we do get around to it? When you said it was $20 million are you indicating that's Marina's share of the bond or the total issuance, not including our escrow bond? Are there any other items in our capital improvement program budget that qualifies for expenditures from the bond proceeds that we also need to address as we approach our budget review? If Marina Community Partners does take down title before June, we will receive $6.75 million, is that at all accounted for in our budget in this discussion? Did the city receive any money from the Federal CARES Act and if so, how much? Are you aware of any future iterations of the CARES Act or other federal stimulus that being proposed and how much that may possibly deliver to Marina? For the vehicle for beach rescues, is that shared with the police department or does the police department have their own beach rescue? Is our police department equipped and have everything they need in order to do their part of rescues? I assume that all of this was a joint city decision making about was cut so that the directors had input, given that, what was the biggest resistance that was heard? Is there anything resistance or biggest concerns that didn't get addressed or that got cut that there was a lot of concern about?

Public Comments:

- Nancy Amadeo – thanked the staff for all the hard work that went into this. Concerned about the Recreation budget and the cuts due to less programming. Since this has started Recreation has partnered with the Monterey County Food Bank, MPUSD helping to provide food services for students, seniors, and families in need. Does this budget allow this to continue? Doesn't know what the standing will be with our schools. Will they be reopening? Will they be providing meals on their own? Certainly, our seniors and families that are still without income are going to need those services. Does this budget allow for that?
- Grace Silva-Santella – Agrees with pervious speaker. Has a real concern about when certain jobs, employers are calling back their employees telling them that they have to come back. July unemployment benefits will run out, the extra $600/week fees going to families, low, low-income families that are going to be in desperate need to find some assistance for their children and the schools won't be opened yet and I think our Recreation Department is going to be valuable in providing some assistance. What happens if this is an L-shaped recovery? A swish would be fabulous. A swish in my opinion is actually being an optimistic. Every huge event, big money-making event on the peninsula has been cancelled. That's a lot of TOT that's not coming in. I think you all need to have a discussion about an L-shaped recovery.
- Cristina Medina Dirksen – Thanked the staff for their work and as Adam said bringing forth the cuts don't look as devastating as our other cities do and I think that has a lot to do with the fiscal responsibility and of course our residents voting on our sales tax and hotel tax. Echo's the two previous speakers. Wrote a letter to the council about the fact that we do have recreation and cultural services which really needs a whole lot right now. I would like to see how we envision our recreation to meet the needs. They have been on the frontline with the partnerships, with the Food Bank, the Marina Foundation providing food distributions and many of the rec. leaders and youths

are out there and I hope that we can bring them back at some point and re-envision what recreation looks like. Appreciates Adam's creative idea of either two potential budgets or an optimistic budget because people certainly in this time of pandemic used recreation, the parks and I think have a greater affinity for them now. So, I would like to enforce my strong support for recreation and cultural services and hopefully we can maintain services and if not in the future look to expand them.

- Brian McCarthy – Echo's previous speakers but also wanted to address the elephant in the room and that is this conversation that's happening on a national scale about defunding the police. I'm a bit surprised that the topic didn't at least come up for conversation. Received an email from a particular County Supervisor about four hours ago that urged the public to attend their local city council budget meetings and encourage this kind of conversation about how budgets and police are important and even in terms of how they interact with recreational services as the previous speakers have been discussing. I think they do go hand in hand. I think our police do a fantastic job. I'm inclined to think that our police could have more funding, not less. But I would really like to hear from my elected official, my elected leaders and get a take on that subject from them given the national conversation that's happening right now.
- Paula Pelot – I think that all too often there are phrases that are used that scare people and I think the discussion around, that people use to quotes of defunding police is a much larger discussion that has to do with how we allocate resources overall towards other parts of the community. So, it's a much larger thing. I don't want people to get to frightened of hearing the catch phrase like that because it's talking about dedicating resources to other things that have different ways of dealing with activity that the police department deals with now. So, we shouldn't just write it off, and I don't think that's what he meant but I just want to say that, that it's a much larger discussion about how we police and how we choose to use our resources in the community to address activity that has some basis and other issues other than just simply being law enforcement issues, social issues. On the Preston numbers, Preston generally generates about $7 million in revenue each year after the expenses are paid out of the operating budget it comes down to around $5 million. Out of the $5 million $1.5 millions goes towards the interest only debt pay-down, which leaves you about $3.5 million and then out of the $1.75 million comes to the general fund and another approximately $900,000 or so goes into the capital reserves to pay for necessary projects and replacements. Just want to make sure we had those number clear.
- Tony Rafoul – Suggested to increase the budget for the police because Marina PD has been doing great and it's just not fair to blame them for something happening in a different city, different state. We appreciate what they're doing for our city and they have been great guys for the whole year.

Council Questions continued: March 31st memo and Table III, do we have any access to something later such as May or June that would help us better understand any progress that been made or any more harm that's been made these last two months? It was mentioned reviewing our budget again in January and given the delicate and unknown nature of all this would it be possible for us to review it earlier than January?

Council Questions on Work Plan & Priorities: Are we talking with Sea Haven Park where somebody else is driving the ship to tell them to slow down, we need to relook at the children's equipment and or other features that came in that park plan? Can a timeframe be provided on the Equestrian Center RFP? Where are we as far as annexation of CSUMB Housing and East Garrison? What has changed in the last 12-months that makes clear we would never qualify for a CDBG grant? Is there any chance that shortfalls in stat funding would claw back that Imjin Parkway $19 million? What is the status of the Hampton Inn situation on Reservation/Beach Road? Has Rutherford walked away from it? Housing/Jobs Balance - Is the general plan update separate from the specific plan update for the Downtown Vitalization? What do we do to easy the frustration of the public and staff relating to time

constraints due to individual specific plans needed for each project in our Downtown area? Cannabis Ordinance improvements – if we bump this to next year aren't, we really bumping it to a ballot measure two years from now? What is the level of difficultly of finding out the flaws of the ordinance and putting some of those on the ballot to be fixed this year? On the Dunes Phase II take-down or purchase – Impact fees owed at the time in 2013 for construction of the theatre, are we going to get those deferred impact fees at that time? Can we put our priorities in a google poll that each of us can put our priorities in and then calibrate them?

Potential Direction:

- Progress on Glorya Jean Tate Park Pump Track
- Progress on Marina Equestrian Center Request for Proposals
- List of non-amortized vehicle replacement liability costs expected on next 10-years
- $10,000 to Monterey County Food Bank
- $20,000 to consultant to address institutional racism within City Hall/Council across the board
- Delay Council Chambers/City Hall improvements until COVID-19 requirements quiet down
- Delay police services study until Institutional Racism with Marina is completed
- Augment fire services with institutional component (in concert with #5)
- Perfect the FORA CFD fee collection under our contract terms
- Blight Removal and Stockade Demolition – funding broken out (percentage of time of staffing)
- Budget that assumes the Schools and Community's First Initiative
- Not defund positions for slated for defunding (Economic Development position, Building Inspector, Senior Planner)
- Preserve Recreation Program – Look at ways to reimagine recreation
- Consider contributing $20,000 to Casa Noche Buena in Seaside
- $25,000 back into reserve
- Police Chief to meet with Finance Director on $100,000 estimate as to if we in fact have to cancel or eliminate the part-time police staff
- Street Sweeper replacement
- FORA Bonds - Where do we anticipate those funds being used for specific removal buildings/barracks/Carpenters Union
- Status of hotel MCP is looking at, if it became an option for city to purchase

Public Comments:

- Paula Pelot – Not supportive of going out to do a survey. Thinks there is a lot of depth missing in the list so it will be difficult for public to understand where some of these projects are, what's involved and funding, it's a much larger thing than you can just do on survey monkey or google survey. If you come back on the 16th the public can be aware of it. The other reality of this is if you send these surveys out how many people are actually going to participate and what is it that you think you're going to get out of it as a city council? Not clear on the value of this. There is so much information that is required for people to make an informed choice on these that you're not going to be able get. As to the new items, that might be something worth putting out a survey for. Two of the items mentioned, allocation of funds for the Food Bank and the Homeless Shelter in Seaside, one of the things we did with the Ingram Fund that you might consider is that we set up a special fund of $100,000 to assist people who are being displaced and we've restricted the use of those funds to Marina and I know that we had this discussion years ago about something else whether it went to an organization that was serving other areas if that was a gift of public funds, but

setting that aside I think that is you were to do that that there should be some restriction and the resonating isn't mean spirited it's also that it allows those organizations to take the other funds that they have and fully dedicate them to serving some of the other jurisdictions.

- Brian McCarthy – Thrilled that website improvements is still on the work item list and hopes this in more than a few nice upgrades such as photos but backend technological upgrades. Thrilled to see that that has been table and hopes it's tabled indefinitely. City needs to have careful conversations about a new government center, long-term projects and what it means to really spend all this money now on kind of putting lipstick on this project when maybe that money could be spent better down the road. City Manager spoke about new buildings and separations of staff and the public but just want to be careful to realize that this COVID outbreak is temporary and will go away. Hopes that we are not designing buildings to be permanently to be unfriendly to the public in a way that has windows between everyone you talk to. Reminded council that short-term rentals is suppose to come back to you within a year. Objects to using surveys. The surveys that were done in front of grocery stores as being represented as public input, if you remember council elected not to use electronic surveys at that time, I believe council decided that they were afraid that many people didn't have access to internet. You're basically representing those that shop at brick and mortar grocery shoppers on a couple particular days of the week as being representative of the city as you use that data. So, while it might be a start, I really do encourage you to be careful about using that data as representative of the whole city.
- Kathy Biala – Mostly agrees with what Paula Pelot said. If you reach out to the public for establishing these priorities the methodology of any survey should not be taken lightly. How does a person access a google survey for example if it only reflects whoever has watched out city council? It's not going to be meaningful data. I would much rather see grocery stores putting out an electronic survey. If you really want to reach all sectors of the city's input, then you have to reach out to all of our ethnic communities and the marginalized communities. Our most vulnerable residents are not watching these meetings. You have to plan to reach out to communities if it's to be a valid survey with valid information. It can't be a survey of outmost vocal people or our most sophisticated members of our city. I believe our city council should define the priorities at this point. You have the expertise, you know the relative costs of things, you know what's already been funded, you know how much staffing they need, and you know the complexities of all of those things on that list. I think at this point to pare down that list this council could and should do that. Remember this huge list evolved out of public comments to begin with. It's not like we're starting from ground zero. Thinks if we can get more information about the costs and all the things that have been said already, I think you all could make those priorities, you're not starting from scratch.
- Grace Silva-Santella – Does not think this needs to go out in a survey. This list has been around for about a decade. Things come off of it and things go back on it. Urges council to allow the staff to establish some priorities and get back to you with that. These are clearly some extraordinary times with your budget restrictions you'll be having and the last thing you want to be doing is creating a lot of work for your staff. In fact, not to belittle anything that's been spoken here this evening but I would love to be a fly on the wall of the staff meeting tomorrow morning because I can just imagine a lot of eyes are going to be rolling going "ah man there goes that council again". I think that this is the critical time that you five individuals do what you were elected to do and that is to listen to the professionals that are on the staff here and have them come back to you with some priorities that each of their department thinks is their most important. As a former Planning Commissioner, I can tell you that I think the completion of the Downtown Plan and the General Plan is a critical issue. I just really think this is the time you just have to listen to your staff, and you have to look at that list that's been around for so long and just start moving, get some projects

completed. I would be going nuts if I was having to hear that I had to go back and bring back more information to you about thinks that have already been studied at nauseum.

- Ziezbeth Visscher – Does not think it would be very helpful to you to get input from people like me, who I clearly do not know enough about all of these items on the list and I think it would be very confusing to you but what I do think would be very helpful to you and I've spoken about this before is to ask the public input for designs, such as the Del Monte Blvd/2nd Avenue connection. I might have missed announcements and if I did, I apologize. I was surprised to see the design seems to be 90% completed and I think I'm not the only one who would have loved to have the opportunity to see this design in the stage which inputs still can be used to change things and to make sure we have something beautiful and inviting especially pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Lee – Thanked all the city council members for encouraging public input and especially with Mayor Pro-Tem Morton and Council Members Berkley and Urrutia. I really appreciate you asking for the public input and although this list has been ongoing for a while there are some new people who weren't interacting with city council meetings in the past and for me it's a new list and I think some of the concerns that the council members brought up would be helpful for the public and council members. So, although it might be a daunting task for city staff that's what their jobs are about, to educate out city council who can educate us or to make an educated vote. So, I really appreciate our council members requests.

Comeback items for June 16th

- What must we mandatorily continue to do immediately on our list? (Sea Haven progress, MCP/Dunes Development, FORA closure responsibilities, FORA CFD Fee replacement, blight removal staffing, etc.)
- Create a discretionary project list
- Staff needs to tell us if they have the ability to meet these obligations or not.
- Possible Retreat
- What projects lack funding
- Price tags of projects

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM

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Anita Sharp, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor