



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS REPORT

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PAT BURNS, CITY COUNCILMEMBER

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2023

SUBJECT: CITY OWNED OIL WELL OPERATION & PRODUCTION

The City has owned and operated three oil wells on Civic Center property generating revenue. In recent years, City leadership has investigated oil well abandonment, foregoing income from oil sales. The City should evaluate resuming operations and income generation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Direct the City Manager to return to the City Council within 60 days with a report on the number of City owned wells, locations, historical production and capacity, and revenue from the sale of oil. The wells are aging, require ongoing maintenance when operational, and there will be costs to become operational. A full conditions assessment, cost benefit analysis, and plan to resume operations should be included in the report.