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Although I applaud the City's attempt to find new revenue in a period of high inflation, Item # 31 does not supply enough detail and supporting information for shareholders to accurately weigh its potential impact:

1. For all categories, we need to "show the math" as to how estimated revenue increases are calculated.

2. The "Lifeguard Tower Advertising Fees" found on page 42 of Exhibit A need to be explained in much greater detail, and the expected revenue from this program should be broken out as a separate line item.

3. Development fees make up a significant portion of new housing costs and a 14.5% across-the-board increase would have a chilling effect on new building during a critical housing crisis in California. AB602 (2021) also sets new rules for impact development fees that need to be considered. My fear is that the City Council majority is proposing this large increase in part to dissuade Builder's Remedy projects without considering other impacts and contextual factors. Before moving ahead, I recommend the city perform an analysis of both current and proposed total fees for typical single-unit and multi-unit housing projects in Huntington Beach in comparison with similar fees in Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Santa Ana, Irvine, Westminster, and Garden Grove, using the methodology developed by the Terner Center in their 2018 study of housing fees https://ternercenter.berkeley.edu/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/Development_Fees_Report_Final_2.pdf

4. Special parking fees for the days of the Air Show need to be presented in context. At this point, there is no announced Air Show for 2023 and no proposal regarding its size, scope, funding or sponsorship deals. All of these factors need to be considered together.

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