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Subject: Agenda Comment
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:09:04 AM

All Council Members

COMMENTS & ADDITIONAL NOTES

Please do not vote for the pay raises for the city employees tonight! During this time of crisis when small businesses are struggling to stay open and we are all taking pay cuts to stay afloat!

You should seriously consider cutting salaries for city employees!

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Subject: Agenda Comment
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:14:54 AM

All Council Members

COMMENTS & ADDITIONAL NOTES

Once again the City Counsel is tone deaf to the needs and requirements of managing our city .

First you hire a city manager at a salary way over his qualifications. Along with a very expensive employment package. Apparently you did check his employment history.

Another costly mistake

And then we have the homeless shelter purchase. A fiasco that even a fifth grader could have done better

And now we have a crisis effecting our state and the country. Huntington Beach businesses will suffer and may not survive and yet you choose this time to discuss raises for an already bloated and over paid base. This includes already high salaries and an unsustainable pension plan.

The city council should be ashamed to even have items 9, 10 & 11 on the agenda

Regards,

Lynn Unger

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Subject: Agenda Comment
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:12:18 AM

All Council Members

COMMENTS & ADDITIONAL NOTES

I am troubled that a pay raise for city workers is even consider for discussion when many businesses have shut down or are barely open during this pandemic crisis. This is not the time for such discussions when all effort should be on crisis.

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Subject: Agenda Comment
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:06:44 AM

All Council Members

COMMENTS & ADDITIONAL NOTES

Opposition to Agenda items 9,10,11 for Council meeting Apt 6,2020.

No one appreciates the hard work of our city employees, especially our First Responders than I. However, with 100's, perhaps even 1000's of HB residents out of work and struggling with this current crisis, granting a raise to anyone seems poorly timed. City revenues are down due to rent moratoriums, suspension of street sweeping enforcement, and closure of city parking lots putting even further stress on our city's financials.

So I do NOT support the recommended action. I STRONGLY support the alternate action "Do not approve the introduction of the proposed successor MOU" until such time that the current crisis has passed and we better understand the true financial impact COVID-19 has had on our city.

Respectfully Yours
Your Fellow Citizen,
Nicholas Mestanas

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Subject: Agenda Comments
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:33:49 AM

All Council Members

COMMENTS & ADDITIONAL NOTES

I find it appalling that you would even consider trying to pass a pay raise for yourselves when nearly all of the businesses and citizens of this city are struggling financially. As a citizen of this city I want to go on record as saying that I am comply opposed to taking on more debt for individuals who already have inflated paychecks especially at a time when so many are struggling. Focus your attention on getting us through this mess not taking advantage of the taxpayers by slipping more coins into your pockets.

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

From: Gina Curry <ginaturicurry@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:01 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: April 6 City Council Meeting

Dear City Council:

I am writing this letter to my elected city council in response to items 9, 10 and 11 on tonight's agenda.

All I can say is what in the world are you thinking? Are you and your teams that tone deaf to think this is the time to talk raises for ANYONE? Did you think that since Congress slipped it in with the stimulus package, you should to? Huntington Beach citizens are being laid off, closing businesses and suffering. Why would you think your staffs deserve more money now. If anything you should be taking pay cuts since you are not doing your full time regular jobs. It's time to lead not take.

I am appalled that these items even made it on to the agenda. You should all be ashamed of yourselves.

I am against items 9, 10 and 11 and so should all of you.

Disgusting, shameful and embarrassing.

Gina Curry
(714) 642-3195
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: Increased salaries
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:53:02 AM

From: Greg Velastegui <GVelastegui@voitco.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:48 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Increased salaries

HB city council,
I'm hoping by the time you get this email the entire city council realizes how ridiculous increased capital spending sounds in a time like this. Plus the optics couldn't be worse and the council will get exposed as fiscally irresponsible and obtuse or as thieves. Wise up.

Sincerely,
Greg Velastegui
(40 year resident and owner of 5 houses in HB)

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From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: Items 9, 10 & 11
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:39:56 AM

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From: Cathy Haro <oceanhb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 1:42 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Fikes, Cathy <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Items 9, 10 & 11

Dear City Council,

I'm stunned and appalled that these items would even be considered during a time of uncertainty when residents have lost their jobs and unable to fulfill their own obligations due to this Pandemic. I may not be able to attend the CC meeting in person but I watch them on TV faithfully and was stunned at the last meeting when I truly thought that Mr. Chi was attempting to usurp your authority. Let him APPLY for a salary increase at a later time but NOW is NOT the time.

Should it be approved the faith in our City Government will drop to an all time low.

Cathy Haro
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From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: Items 9, 10 & 11
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:38:32 AM

From: Logan Haug <loganjhaug@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 7:25 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Items 9, 10 & 11

You should halt all raises to government employees. In times like these with record breaking unemployment, and more layoffs and furloughs coming this week, it would not be appropriate to give raises to city employees. My understanding is that cops, municipal and management are all in process of receiving raises.

I dont think anyone is the city should be receiving raises at this time. But rather the city should return some of the tax dollars back to the people of the city during these trying times.

thanks,
Logan Haug

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
To: [Agenda Alerts](#)
Subject: FW: NO RAISE FOR ANYONE!!!
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:36:30 AM

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

From: Kathleen Brown <heykathybrown@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:22 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: NO RAISE FOR ANYONE!!!

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From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: Opposition to Agenda items 9,10, 11
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:58:39 AM

From: ppitts@socal.rr.com <ppitts@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 8:43 AM
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Subject: Opposition to Agenda items 9,10, 11

SUBJECT: OPPOSE AGENDA ITEMS 9, 10, 11

Dear Mayor Semeta, Council and Mr. Chi,

Please oppose Agenda Items 9, 10 and 11 and stop any further contract negotiations and pay increases during this unprecedented time of crisis. We rely on our city council and city manager to properly manage our city through good times and bad, and we know, without question, that the city will be suffering serious financial losses as a result of this COVID-19 shut down. Now is not the time for any pay increases or any contract negotiations. Please put all future contract discussions ON HOLD for at least one year until we know the complete financial effects of the COVID-19 shutdown to our city.

Sincerely,

Patricia Pitts
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From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: Pay Raises, Agenda items 9-10-11
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:03:35 AM

From: larry mcneely <lmwater@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:58 AM
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Subject: Pay Raises, Agenda items 9-10-11

I want to make a point about the vote for these raises, Of coarse this is a bad time to ask the public for Raises there is no discounting that. My point is the pay raises for the Police Union the POA . As many of us are aware of the Influence BUYING the POA has done and how they flooded the mail with Their Political HIT MAILERS. NO OTHER public union nor the Fire Apartment did this they gave a Thumbs Up to who they supported NOT HIT MAILERS. Now I do realize that some on our council take their Marching Orders from the POA and at the city council meetings they make that clear. One thing you should remember the Police Union has only 300 some employees (of which only a small number reside in our community) while our community is 200,000 strong and our voice is Louder and Stronger and we are the people casting the votes. So when you decide on this matter Remember who actually made the votes to elect you. All the city council have this seat for a short time and the memory and Your Legacy will last far longer than your stay on the council. DO the Right Thing and delay this vote, table it until we know how our city will survive and how this effects our city budget the forecast was made before this virus and our finical resources will be changed. Now someone from the city made the Crazy Claim we have a Surplus to the News Media this Crazy Talk and is Unfounded we have pension liabilities we will never be able to service our city has projects that go unfunded and our city is decaying, so to this Crazy Person (you know who you are) Get a CLUE and Shut The Fu#K UP I have included the copies of the POLITICAL HIT MAILERS for those who have forgot. I support our Individual Police Officers they have a Tough Job, I view their Union as a Political Tool and a Special Interests Group Vote Accordingly you will be remembered.

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: Public Comments on Council Agenda Items

AGENDA COMMENT

Subject City pay raises
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Comments

I saw a response from HB city indicating (summarizing) it's ok to give raises because we are in the black and city staff has worked hard and had to take on added roles, work hard, etc

Working hard, being flexible in duties, excelling when needed is what every company outside government does on a daily basis. To say they need a raise because they are working hard is incomprehensible. Even if pay raises were planned this is NOT THE TIME to consider this.

Use the funds that were going to go to pay raises to help your businesses around the city.

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: Raises
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:36:05 AM

From: cscron <cscron@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 2:53 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Raises

I'm a citizen of Huntington Beach for over 30 years.
I feel this is not the time to concenter raises for the employees of this city at this time
Lets give this a month or two and see where we our.
Thank you
Ron Taylor

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: Staff Raises
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:34:21 AM

From: barannkatz@aol.com <barannkatz@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:31 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Staff Raises

NO raises, we are in the middle of a worldwide crisis and even the mention of city staff, public works , police and fire raises is morally irresponsible.

Private sector are being laid off or taking pay cuts. The city asset portfolio has to be taking a huge hit due to lost tax dollars from the empty hotel rooms and city owned properties that were rightfully given rent abatement not to mention the stock market. This is beyond irresponsible of Mr. Chi!!

This is irresponsible, insensitive and it is fiscally irresponsible for raises to be given when the tax paying citizens of Huntington Beach are in the middle of this crisis. It will be at best months before our community rebounds from this.

And

Many city employees are already sitting at home getting paid during this crisis and raises should not be approved.

This is not the time for raises!

Barbara Katz

From: [Fikes, Cathy](#)
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Subject: FW: Very dissapointed
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:57:07 AM

From: Janet Bean <janetbeandesigns@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:56 AM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Very dissapointed

In these hard economic times, it seems the city manager is trying to pull the rug out from the citizens that he and you all work for. I think that is forgotten, you work for the citizens.

I read where a city council member was proud of the city workers because they were working and doing things outside of their normal job so they deserved this, REALLY!!! The private sector workers have ALWAYS done tasks outside their normal job description, it is called being a good employee, not a lazy one. The private sector would love to just have a job and get a paycheck, we are not all wanting a raise, we just want a job. I cannot believe how selfish and self centered this is at this point in time. While we all are trying to figure out how to make it through the week, you all are thinking it is OK to give raises. I have never felt so betrayed by the city, the city manager and the city council for even remotely thinking this is the time for this.

And then to add insult to injury, you betray us even further by not allowing public comment.

THERE SHOULD BE NO ACTION TAKEN BY THE CITY THAT DOES NOT PERTAIN TO COVID 19 WHILE THE PUBLIC IS NOT ALLOWED, NOT NOW NOT EVER!!

If there was ever a time to clean house, now is the time, anyone who thinks any of this is a good idea needs to go, have you not wasted enough of our tax dollars already....so many stupid, wasteful expenditures in recent history.

I am against any sort of pay increase, and for any items being voted on without public comment!!

**Thank you,
Janet**



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Subject: MyHB Comment
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:26:01 AM

COMMENTS & ADDITIONAL NOTES

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,
Regarding Items 9,10,11 on City Council Agenda Scheduled for April 6, 2020, NOW IS NOT THE TIME to discuss employee association/union pay increase/raises for City Employees. Yes, city employees do great job and as with most businesses deserve a raise, but with most of HB Businesses closed now, thousands of citizens out of jobs/work and the future certainly unknown at this moment, I am asking you to hold these agenda items for a later date. If there is one way to get a large portion, if not the majority of the Huntington Beach residents to question any and all decisions you make in the future is if you hand out money to the city employees at this time. There are other important issues to discuss right at this moment.

Thank you for your consideration in this issue.

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Subject: MyHB Comment
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 10:22:14 AM

COMMENTS & ADDITIONAL NOTES

Mr. Chi,

Now is not the time to discuss raises for the City of Huntington Beach Employee Associations/Unions. With thousands in your city out of work, hundreds if not thousands of businesses closed down with an uncertain future of when/if they will reopen, the discussion of handing out more money to city employees doesn't seem like the prudent topic to discuss at this moment. There are more important items to discuss.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Staff Member(s)
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Notes
Please oppose Agenda items 9,10 and 11. We need to be prudent with the money in our city at this Covid-19 time. Thank you.

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Subtype
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Notes
MEA Teamsters, I voted yes to move forward with our MOU but I now ask that you table the vote for the future I am happy to be employed and it's not the right time for us to be asking for a raise

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