

Moore, Tania

From: Estanislau, Robin
Sent: Sunday, May 30, 2021 8:55 PM
To: Switzer, Donna; Moore, Tania
Subject: Fwd: Upcoming City Council Meeting

Supplemental Communication

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Carr, Kim" <Kim.Carr@surfcity-hb.org>
Date: May 30, 2021 at 8:14:56 PM PDT
To: "Estanislau, Robin" <Robin.Estanislau@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: "Fikes, Cathy" <CFikes@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Fwd: Upcoming City Council Meeting

Please add to the public comments. Thank you!

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kent Braithwaite <kntbrthwt@aol.com>
Subject: Upcoming City Council Meeting
Date: May 30, 2021 at 2:53:12 PM PDT
To: "kim.carr@surfcity-hb.org" <kim.carr@surfcity-hb.org>
Reply-To: Kent Braithwaite <kntbrthwt@aol.com>

**SUPPLEMENTAL
COMMUNICATION**

May 30, 2021

Meeting Date:

6/1/2021

Dear Mayor Carr:

Agenda Item No.:

#19 (21-426)

I first would like to applaud you for your smooth handling of the many tough challenges our city has had to face within the past year. It has been your flexibility and human creativity which have allowed us to adapt to the ever-changing needs of our city.

The only constant during the pandemic has been the need to listen, adapt, and change. As a leader of Self-Help Interfaith Program and a member of Homeless United, I am encouraged but also concerned by the growing complexity related to homelessness. The unique needs of each homeless individual and the never-ending stream of laws from various levels of government make it essential that we hire a professional to coordinate, collaborate, and problem-solve regarding issues related to homelessness. I urge you to approve the budget item on this week's City Council agenda to hire an individual to serve in this capacity.

While some may complain that the additional expense will place a burden upon our city budget, I view the position as being similar to hiring a dentist. The additional cost will prevent the need for much larger future expenditures if we fail to identify the appropriate resources and support. You have proven the value of flexibility and human creativity in dealing with local issues; now we must invest in a human being to coordinate our efforts toward homelessness. We can and must prove Project Zero to be more than just a textbook phrase.

With gratitude,

Jenny Braithwaite

Moore, Tania

From: Fikes, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 12:25 PM
To: Agenda Alerts
Subject: FW: Proposed Budget - UAL Disclosures

From: Gino J. Bruno <gbruno@socal.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, May 31, 2021 3:33 PM
To: CITY COUNCIL <city.council@surfcity-hb.org>
Cc: Chi, Oliver <oliver.chi@surfcity-hb.org>; Dahle.Bulosan@surfcity-hb.org; Hopkins, Travis <thopkins@surfcity-hb.org>
Subject: Proposed Budget - UAL Disclosures

Council members:

Historically, if someone wanted to know the amount of unfunded pension liability they would turn to the Budget, find "Unfunded Liabilities" in the *Table of Contents*, turn to the designated page, and there it would be. Example, in the 2020-21 Adopted Budget, one would find "Unfunded Liabilities in the *Table of Contents* to be on page 387, and on that page it reads, "The value of the City's unfunded liabilities as of June 30, 2019, totals \$421.0 million."

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION

Simple, right?

User friendly, right?

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But not this year . . .

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In an apparent attempt to obfuscate, complicate and confuse the public (or perhaps hide the facts from the public), you can't do it that simply anymore.

Witness:

- In the proposed 2021-22 Budget *Table of Contents*, there is no longer a major category titled "Unfunded Liabilities." Instead it is only a sub-category of "Debt and UAL." But at least now you think you can find what you're looking for, on page 409.
- So you turn to page 409 (and 410), and there is nothing there about the amount of UAL for the last reported year. However, there is a statement in the final paragraph on the bottom of page 410 that "Additional information" about UAL may be found in a totally separate, different and distinct document titled the "FY 2019/20 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report." I guess you're supposed to know, intuitively, that this external document would lead you to what you were looking for in the first place, namely, what was the amount of unfunded pension liability last year, and you should have looked there in the first place.
- And so you click on that link, and search the *Table of Contents* for something, *ANYTHING*, that sounds like it might be unfunded pension liability. But there's nothing there to help you!!

Council members . . . try it. Try to find out what the Unfunded Accrued Liability was last year. Go ahead . . . try it.

[Hint . . . I had to have Mr. Chi tell me . . . it's on page 65.] But even there, it is not a simple statement, such as, "The value of the City's unfunded liabilities as of June 30, 2020, totals \$XXX million."

Why??

With claims of 'transparency' and 'openness' and 'accountability' continually being made by City officials, why make it so hard to find out something so basic and simple? Why can't there just be a category in the 2021-22 Budget *Table of Contents* titled "Unfunded Liabilities" with a page designation, and on that page a simple statement that, "The value of the City's unfunded liabilities as of June 30, 2020, totals \$XXX million," as there has been every year before?

How hard is that?

Or is it your view that the public just doesn't need to know, so let's make it difficult for them to find out?

Thank you, and I hope you will see that this egregious attack on transparency is corrected before a final vote is taken.

Gino J. Bruno
Huntington Beach