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Claudia Berman submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting (Closed Session - 6:00 PM and Open Session - 7:00 PM)

Item: 6d) REPORT 18-0548 CITY COUNCIL DOWNTOWN SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE (Continued from meeting of August 28, 2018) (Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia)

eComment: PRIVATE SECURITY CONTRACT: What were the reasons for selecting a new security provider? Were there issues with the old service? What do we hope to fix? DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENTS: I like the new trash cans on Pier Plaza. Great to go with something that won't rust. DOWNTOWN LIGHTING: Is there an estimated date on when final design options will be presented to city council? DOWNTOWN PARKING/TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS: A way to improve transit and reduce parking needs in the coastal area would be to improve the BCT (Beach Cities Transit) 109 line which runs through Main St (El Segundo), Highland (MB), Hermosa Ave (HB), and Catalina (RB). Currently the service is lightly used due to inconvenience. I'd like to see the BCT 109 line included in our transit plan and for Hermosa, with the other beach cities, press BCT to... 1) Complete the RTI (Real Time Information) tracking system for live location tracking project. This keeps getting pushed out. In the BTC agreement between Hermosa and Redondo effective 7/1/2017, dollars for a new RTI were added, but I have seen no real progress. Christian Horvath reached out to BCT to get a status update on this for me. BCT plans to do an RFP for RTI this fiscal year. This seems to keep slipping. 2) Improve bus frequency and treat weekends as a priority (especially in the summer months with all the festivals, music events, sporting events, etc.). Currently time between buses is 45 minutes (weekdays) and 60 minutes (weekend). This is much too long to wait and needs to be reduced for this to be an effective route. If this were a usable route, coastal access would be greatly improved. POTENTIAL STRING LIGHTING PROJECT: I would love to see string lighting on Hermosa Ave and on upper Pier Ave. It would especially help businesses in the winter, when it gets dark early and business is light. It would also provide a more pleasant atmosphere for

residents and visitors. Since 59% of our general fund is spent on public safety and we have many capital projects in the works already, we just don't have the dollars for many capital improvements like this. I would definitely like to see Hermosa pursue a public/private partnership. So many cities today get funding this way. I know it's not something Hermosa typically does, but if we can figure out a way to do it well, it could be a huge benefit.

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