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Howard Longacre submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council Adjourned Regular Hybrid Meeting (FY 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Program Study Session)

Item: a. REPORT 22-0226 FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM STUDY SESSION (Public Works Director Joe SanClemente)

eComment: Council, This is another unconscionable failure by City Manager Suja Lowenthal to be posting for your CIP "Study Session" meeting, on the morning of the meeting, the main staff item. Fire this woman and immediately start a search for a REAL CITY MANAGER. She's incompetent, everyone seems to know that. Don't You? I just reviewed the attachment #1 that was just posted this morning. This is nothing more than a glossy propaganda piece which says next to nothing. Where is the "cut to the chase" clear, easy-to-understand list of what is actually planned to be accomplished in the next 12 months, and the actual money you expect to spend from the master smoke and mirrors \$23 Million funds that sit in the bank year after year. It seems like this report dwells on what's been done, never clearly indicating that most of those projects have been going on for five or more years. You will recall that the 8th Street 'safe walk to school project' took over 5 years to get done, not because of the contractor, but because of constant screw-ups by the council and the city management operation, constantly with monkey wrenches being thrown into the mix, like solar cells for the Community Center and on and on. The park restrooms have been going on ad nauseam. The Clark building thing, Good God that's got to be 10 years or more now, STILL NOT DONE. And here is the improperly approved so called ADA Greenbelt project. HALF MILLION DOLLARS AND LISTED HAS TO BE 20 MONTHS on the front burner. TALK ABOUT A MONKEY WRENCH SUDDENLY BEING THROWN INTO THE MIX. That project needs to be back-burnered until there is a proper fully noticed PUBLIC HEARING not a sham March 31, 2022 "Study Session". Even the proponents, few as there seems to be, should understand that was an absolutely SHAM APPROVAL process. What say did the 20,000 residents, the men, women, and children have in that? Where is the detailed list

of streets to be paved in the next 12 months? What's the PLAN. This PROPAGANDA report, as it did last year, talks about the \$23 million in CIP projects. That's the DREAM list which in no manner will be accomplished in the next 12 months or the next 25 years. This propaganda piece is just that, Pure propaganda! Tell the people what precisely will be accomplished in the next 12 months. Will it be much other than more consultants, more studies, more hyperbole, and more smoke and mirrors status reports? Bottom line this city should be merged with either Redondo Beach or Manhattan Beach as its too-tiny Public Works Department will never be able to catch up. All this city does is pay Millions and Millions for an ultra-inefficient TOP-HEAVY bureaucracy. Why in the world do you have a Public Works Commission, when they don't even have a say in the work-up to the annual CIP projects and what actually will be accomplished. Sending this stuff to them as a receive-and-file, item after you have received spun a few hours to essentially receive-and-accept it, is ass-backwards. So what else is new in HB? This will likely be just another sham "Study Session". And you all should be asking specific questions as to exactly when Prospect Avenue north of Aviation Blvd will have a long overdue grind and pave, and again why is a sham approval of HALF MILLION DOLLARS to be expended for a hardscape path on the Greenbelt ahead of all else. Howard L 2nd Supplemental