

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

Howard L 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) Staff Report and Attachments will be provided as supplementals on Thursday, April 20, 2022

eComment: It's time for all elected and top pertinent officials to be at this meeting in person in the Council Chambers. That means Council, City Manager, and pertinent staff members; And time also for you all to be putting your cell phones away and leaving notice with your family to contact the police number if there is a family emergency. Your operation of meetings while reading emails, texts, and more, that the public is not privy to, is outrageous to the max.

This CIP meeting is listed as a "Study Session"! That means no formal ACTIONS council per the way this city has always operated, and notwithstanding what all these token "City Attorneys" may say that have been sitting in meetings these days in place of the aging no-bid-contract City Attorney for life Michael Jenkins.

And how can the councilmembers or the public be expected to know what is going on if the staff report for the meeting won't even be available until the day of the meeting per what the agenda presently says. It's a STUDY session. This stuff should be available a week in advance.

Total sham operation since City Manager Suja Lowenthal came to town and demanded to have a costly bloated City Manager operation under her control so she should operate as a Queen Bee, and now via Zoom meetings.

Again, these meetings are becoming a complete sham in my view.

With regard to the CIP study, you had best be including as a high-priority, a grind-and-pave work-item for Prospect Avenue, from Aviation Blvd North to 21st Street. I noted again, just two days ago, that there are missing chunks of asphalt pavement (THAT NEED IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY PATCHING) especially between Aviation Blvd and View School and the street is totally alligator-cracked. The defects in the pavement represent big time lawsuits just waiting to be filed.

This heavily traveled section of Prospect has not had a grind-and-pave in over 45 years; and in that time I can only recall one weak-as-water slurry seal having been accomplished. As you may not know, Hermosa Beach used to use the lowest grade of slurry sealing, which was little more than black paint for cosmetics. Virtually useless.

I also assume, because your action to spend taxpayer's limited money (no matter the source) to pave five blocks of the 'Greenbelt' into hardscape packed granite, was improperly approved during the 3/31/22 "Study Session" per long-standing meeting-tradition of not taking formal actions in Study Sessions.

Thus that action should not be funded until after the item is properly noticed for a real public hearing in a regular meeting, including with orange fluorescent placards being placed every 500 feet along the 'Greenbelt' having been accomplished. I.e. Neglected streets that have pavement in total disrepair should be accomplished first, and further such major changes to the 'Greenbelt' would best at the minimum be put to an "advisory" vote of the people by the City Council in November.