

***Supplemental to the 5/22/2018 Hermosa Beach City Council Agenda's
Municipal Items 6-b and 6-d***

**Re: Item 6-b REVIEW THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN REPORT FOR PARKING LOT D
with a preliminary cost estimate of \$745 Thousand.**

**Re: Item 6-d HERMOSA AVENUE AND PIER AVENUE INTERSECTION -
PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK (INCLUDED IN CIP 16-174 STREET IMPROVEMENTS-
VARIOUS LOCATIONS) with a preliminary cost estimate of \$186 Thousand.**

**Re: Total taxpayer provided money for these two LIP-STICK on a pig downtown
bars-district items totaling some \$931 Thousand.**

May 22, 2018

To: The Hermosa Beach City Council and Others.
From: Howard Longacre, Hermosa Beach resident.

Gentlemen, Ladies, and others:

This item to dress up the 22 space Parking Lot – D has unfortunately morphed into a \$745 thousand boondoggle. Do you on council understand that this is taxpayer money no matter where it comes from?

You are eliminating overnight resident parking spaces, and reducing overall availability of parking spaces, and it appears this is now all about putting in more FREE electric charging stations for those who have more than enough money already falling out of their pockets to buy electric cars, and then charge their expensive cars for free, in city, while contributing perhaps a few pennies of sales tax revenue. Your outrageous agenda in due time is going to get all of you on council Recalled, as, except for perhaps your puppet-maestros, you are not accomplishing anything that's needed by the vast Hermosa Beach residential community that actually pays the bills.

Tonight's agenda of spending for poorly thought-out stuff comes to well over \$4 Million when you add in staff time.

Have you all on council all lost your minds being big-shot Hermosa politicians?

And then, talk about further Lip-Stick on a pig, the idea to spend \$186 thousand dollars on the some fancy monkey-see monkey-do crosswalks stamped and plastic-painted into asphalt on a short downtown-section of Hermosa Avenue is beyond absurd.

Such crosswalks are expensive to maintain, look like crap after a few years, and are completely unneeded. It's a downtown bars-district. Understand it. It is never going to be Rodeo Drive. If someone wants those fancy crosswalks let them make a gift to the city. I.e. perhaps the latest blockhouse-hotel developer should.

Stop expending further expensive staff time on this fancy crosswalks idea using money that may be needed to complete the now-entering 5th year of the **8th Street Safe Walks to School Sidewalks** project between Valley Drive and Hermosa Avenue. That's the project that should be on tonight's agenda, but once again it continues to languish.

To answer my own question above, i.e. **"Have you all on council lost your minds?"**; Clearly you have and you are spending money on unnecessary crap as if it was going out of style, and you are doing so without a care in the world.

These two items are both, **LIP-STICK on a PIG items** to the tune of over **\$1 million** including wasted staff time, and what are you getting? Nothing but perhaps a few less parking spaces, and then we are talking about nothing more than dressing up perhaps 22 already existing parking spaces. Hell, you would be better to put in a two deck parking lot than throw all this money down the sewer and get nothing. **OUTRAGEOUS! WHO IS DOING THE THINKING THESE DAYS?**