

To: Hermosa Beach City Council
From: Howard Longacre, Resident

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Re: This is a Supplemental AND PROTEST to Public Hearing Item 5-d (i.e., Organic Waste Recycling, and the latest Hermosa Beach City Council and California State Legislature 'Nanny State' actions.)

Public Hearing 5-d staff report w/attachments: (link changes after meeting)

<https://hermosabeach.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4127538&GUID=C0B888FB-CD70-4B47-B90B-2A340592C5B3>

All in the following are just my views but Council/staff you would best review prior to the meeting.

Please City Council, note that the staff report for Public Hearing Item 5-d is one convoluted mess of confusion. Poorly done, confusing even for this resident and deficient as follows.

First off I and many in town utilize the 20-gallon black trash barrel size, not the 32- or 64-gallon trash barrel size for trash.

Furthermore many residents who are currently paying for and using a 32-gallon or 64-gallon size could save money by switching to a smaller size or fewer barrels. Why doesn't anyone remind them of that. The City's contract with Athens allows you to change sizes downward/upward once a calendar year without charge and I'm sure you can add more or larger trash barrels at any time without delivery/pickup charge.

The staff report has apparently neglected to mention the 20-gallon size. Was that intentional on Athens part to force everyone into larger trash barrels? Hasn't staff read the current contract to see if Athens has provided them with the correct Hermosa Beach information? Did they get all their information only from Athens? The City has a multi-year contract. It has details **unique to Hermosa Beach. Athens has different specs/rates for every city they deal with.**

Council, is it your intention to massively change the contract implicitly in cahoots with Athens with this scam? Who's at fault with this latest SNAFU of the 20-gallon barrels not being detailed?

Be sure to make ex parte announcements at the beginning of the Public Hearing and go the extra mile and indicate if any of you have received campaign contributions from Athens past, present, or will be in the future. May be legal, but certainly not in my view very ethical due to your voting on such moneyed contracts on a routine basis.

Clearly this will be a windfall for Athens. Gary Clifford, their rep, seemed awful giddy at the last meeting, and I just wonder how much of a commission he may be getting from selling the city staff and the City Manager/City Council on including single and duplex family residences to be forced into this BS that even the state didn't require to be done.

Council, you should be doing only what the state forces you to do, not adding more unnecessary cost to Hermosa residents' trash bills when most residents will have no part in this other than paying another rate increase thanks to you, Hermosa's tax and giveaway City Council.

I, and I am sure that others, do not want another barrel, i.e. a Green Barrel. I have no need for a Green Barrel. There are three sets of trucks driving through this city making a racket and polluting the air each and every week already. And by the way, the Athens trucks seem to get noisier by the week. Why is that?

Two sets of trucks on one day depending on location picking up first black barrels early and then another set of trucks picking up blue barrels later. Then on Tuesday another set of trucks are picking up green barrels. It's a damn nuisance having all these three sets of trucks tearing up and down every street, every week and destroying the street pavements. It's absolutely stupid, and even the trash companies have even told you that it is not necessary, but still you lay people, mostly attorneys on our Hermosa Beach City Council know so much more on every damn subject, including trash hauling to overrule the professionals in the business.

If you force me as a senior to pay for a green barrel too, this is a big cost increase for me. I will continue to let you and others know about it week by week. If you force me as a senior to pay for a 32-gallon barrel this too is a big cost increase. Why isn't the 20-gallon size shown in the staff report? Staff people are very well paid.

Why can't they create a clear, simple to read staff report? Or does our empire building City Manager have all her environmental minions doing too much stuff while she operates as a big shot CEO via cell phone? Just asking. I don't really know, other than that things seem to be going downhill month by month in this City, especially in the Public Works Department since she came to town.

I don't believe Leanne Singleton was here when this Athens contract was first negotiated with Athens and Gary Clifford promised to "knock our socks off". I remember virtually every word he said in those meetings. Geez, so much hype. He can sell anything I suspect. Probably should be hired by Trump. He was pretty slick in my view. He's been back every year it seems, but instead now always to be digging a little deeper into our residents' and businesses' wallets at every opportunity.

This latest 'Nanny State' imposed regimen from the ultra-ultra-ultra-ultra-left-wing California State Legislature **does not mandate that you impose this for single family residences** so why are you on Council doing just that? Hermosa Beach does not need

you on the City Council to be our Nanny! Just more 'Nanny State' imposed nonsense. I seldom fill my 20-gallon barrel even half-way. And I have to now pay more? It's no wonder people vote for lying slime-balls like Donald Trump when there is so much of this nonsense being rammed down our throats by the do-gooder 'Nanny Staters' on the ultra-ultra-ultra-left, especially those of the ilk of Justin Massey, given especially the lies in his very first mailer to already be inundating residents' mailboxes. Many have already commented to me of his lies in that mailer. Can't trust much from attorney Massey it seems.

I would recommend the following thusly: PLEASE STAFF AND CITY COUNCIL TAKE NOTE;

- 1) Be sure you clarify that the 20-gallon barrels are unchanged and that those using same do not receive the same fee increase of those using larger barrels. We just had another annual increase in rates. These rate increases compound. Do the people on staff designing these cost increases live in this city?**
- 2) Be sure to clarify that the Green Barrels if forced upon residents are at no additional cost. (I believe they are extra cost presently and I further don't want one anyway, nor do I have room for another barrel on the property)**
- 3) Make sure you clarify that there is no requirement to have a Green Barrel.**
- 4) Further I can assure you that I personally have no intention of having a food waste garbage pail on my kitchen counter as per what Athens' sales rep, Gary Clifford, stated at a prior meeting. I don't waste food in the first place to then be placing it in a garbage pail on the kitchen counter for food to rot in and stink up my home.**
- 5) Further I and many in this city are getting sick and tired of you on the Hermosa City Council, meeting after meeting, treating the city's residents like idiots with all this never-ending 'Nanny State' stuff being rammed down our throats. What is wrong with you Hermosa Council people? Don't you see that you have turned into dictators with your smiling puppet-maestros and their sickening ever-present patronization?**

With regard to this latest "SHAM" "PROTEST HEARING" process, where it is virtually 99% impossible to ever have a vote that defeats what is being jammed down our throats, I want to make it crystal clear that I absolutely, 100%, protest this latest rip-off by the Hermosa Beach City Council and the California State Legislature. City Clerk, be sure to tally me among the couple of hundred protestors. You forgot to count me on the last protest for the sewer fee increase when I was the only one who evidently even knew it was the time to protest. People should be able to protest up to the close of the Public Hearing and it should take a vote of 50% to approve what you're up to, not the reverse as you are doing. This system is like having people being guilty until proven

innocent. It's completely backwards yet you keep on using it to scam Hermosa's residents and businesses.

Further, there should be a single barrel system in Hermosa Beach and Athens, as they said they prefer anyway, should be doing the sorting of all trash instead of having three sets of trucks driving around this city, polluting this city with noise and air pollution and wrecking the city's street pavements week after week.

I will try to follow up in the following meeting(s) with a written submittal of how well or poorly you all handled this latest rip-off Public Hearing of the Hermosa residents and businesses via the impositions of this ever-more outrageous California State Legislature Nanny State crapola.

And as an aside, also, Council, please direct publicly or otherwise that the City Manager return the City's 'Organizational Chart' to the Council Chamber's wall.

The City Council Chamber is not an art gallery. Stuff on the walls should pertain to the democratic processes not compete with museums and art galleries. What are you trying to hide? Who came up with the idiotic idea to take down the City's Organizational Chart and other useful information and replace it with rookie Councilmember Mary Campbell Collins husband's art and others' art? Their "art" belongs in more appropriate places. I don't recall there being any committee appointed by the Council to select art for such an important peoples' business location. Who is it that has so much time on their hands to be sitting around being paid to do such stupid and actually probably deceitful stuff?

Did the City Manager not want to have an updated version of the City's Organizational Chart showing just how big her empire was becoming at the top, and also continue to let the people know that they, the Electorate, are at the very top of the City's Organizational Chart?

I'm not sure, but I believe it was Hany Fangary who first requested that former City Manager Bakaly include the City's Organizational Chart with the other information placards. Something I have to commend those two for doing, if true.

If the current City Manager directed that the City's Organizational Chart be taken down, then that in my view would be grounds to fire her immediately. Although I suspect she's not long for Hermosa Beach as it is, especially after the Teen Choice Beach event fiasco that was worked up 100% under her watch, secretly worked up for over four full months, followed by a mere 24-hour noticed Friday night May 31st meeting when the City Council rubber-stamped the secret workup.

Unbelievable, just unbelievable, the absolute arrogance of this City Manager/City Council operation and that approval especially. No Coastal Commission contact or approval. Nothing. Just up and down complete and total mismanagement, and probably illegal activity by all concerned.

Anyway that is the peoples Council Chamber not an art gallery! Put back information that rightfully and appropriately belongs on the walls and which is informative to the men, women, and children who attend meetings there on a regular basis. Geez, the stupidity and deceitfulness of stuff going on in this city at the top never ceases to amaze me, even at my old age.

End of Supplemental testimony.