

[Speaker 1] (0:08 - 0:15)

All right, it is seven o'clock. I will call the meeting to order. We will start with roll call.

Janet, will you please call the roll?

[Speaker 11] (0:15 - 0:18)

Council Member Chiappiano. Here. Council Member Tillman.

[Speaker 1] (0:18 - 0:18)

Here.

[Speaker 11] (0:19 - 0:20)

Council Member Cloven.

[Speaker 1] (0:20 - 0:21)

Here.

[Speaker 11] (0:21 - 0:22)

Vice Mayor Diaz.

[Speaker 1] (0:23 - 0:23)

Yes.

[Speaker 11] (0:23 - 0:24)

Mayor Warren.

[Speaker 1] (0:24 - 0:27)

Here. Okay, with that we'll move on to the Pledge of Allegiance.

[Speaker 12] (0:33 - 0:46)

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

[Speaker 1] (0:49 - 1:07)

Okay, we will start with public comment on non-agenda items. If there's anyone in the room who would like to make a comment on anything that's not on the agenda now is the time. Seeing none, Janet, if we have audio only, do we also have the Zoom hand raising function or no?

[Speaker 11] (1:08 - 1:12)

I believe we do and at this time we do not have any hands raised on this item.

[Speaker 1] (1:13 - 1:29)

Excellent. I will close public comment and move on to the consent calendar. Is there anything

that anyone would like to pull?

If not, I will open the item up for public comment. Again, anyone in the audience would like to comment on the consent? Janet?

[Speaker 11] (1:30 - 1:32)

Mayor Warren, I do not have any hands raised on this item.

[Speaker 1] (1:33 - 1:38)

All right, I will close public comment and look for a motion for the consent calendar.

[Speaker 11] (1:38 - 1:41)

Move approval. I'll second it.

[Speaker 1] (1:42 - 1:45)

Thank you. Janet, would you call the roll please?

[Speaker 11] (1:45 - 1:48)

Council Member Schiapiano. Yes. Council Member Tillman.

[Speaker 1] (1:49 - 1:49)

Aye.

[Speaker 11] (1:49 - 1:50)

Council Member Cloven.

[Speaker 1] (1:50 - 1:51)

Aye.

[Speaker 11] (1:51 - 1:53)

Vice Mayor Diaz. Yes. Mayor Wan.

[Speaker 1] (1:53 - 2:35)

Aye. All right. With that, we move to item five, recognitions.

This is an informational item only as a recognition of African American History Month at the end of February. I think we did our annual cycle of events that we recognize and this is one of them. So that is, we're just recognizing that this month or this meeting, sorry.

And then on to reports from city manager and staff. I would like to preface this by saying welcoming Mr. Ron Renauld for his first meeting. He was appointed last meeting as our interim city manager.

So welcome and if you have any comments or reports now, please.

[Speaker 8] (2:36 - 4:17)

Thank you, Mayor and Council Members. I just want to let you all know that the city manager recruitment closed on Sunday, this last Sunday, the 5th. There were 18 applicants and so the recruiter said that we have some good candidates.

The next steps will be to meet, recruiter will be meeting with the city council in closed session in the upcoming week or so hopefully. We'll try to get a date with you all, have a special meeting I think so we don't have to wait till the next city council meeting and then you'll be able to choose the list of applicants that you would like to interview. So that is going well.

So I may be short-lived here if that goes successfully which would be wonderful. Not that I don't want to be here but it would be wonderful for Clayton to have a permanent city manager. The finance director Angeline Loeffler will be starting on Monday.

That's another exciting thing. Natisha is still going to be helping us out in the interim and the transition but we're super excited about getting a permanent finance director back on board again. So that's happening and then the final thing I want to mention is today the board of supervisors rescinded their emergency COVID-19 declaration effective February the 28th.

That's to coincide with Governor Newsom's statement back in October of 22 that he was going to be rescinding the emergency declaration for the state and so we will be bringing something to the Clayton City Council at the next meeting to rescind. Is that correct? I'm sorry.

Clayton City Council at the next meeting to rescind Clayton's emergency declaration and that concludes my comments for the city council tonight. Excellent. Thank you.

[Speaker 1] (4:18 - 4:33)

All right. Next is item seven public hearings. We have none and so we move on to action items.

8A is a presentation of the audited annual financial report. Natisha, would you like to kick us off?

[Speaker 3] (4:34 - 4:44)

I will have us interim city manager kick it off and then now we'll go from there. Thank you mayor and city council members.

[Speaker 8] (4:44 - 5:48)

We are going to be presenting to you the audit that has been completed for fiscal year 2022 which ended June 30th of last year. Our auditing firm with Cropper and I'm sorry. Yes, the Cropper Row CPAs.

Bryce Rojas will be making a brief presentation to you via PowerPoint. The Audit and Budget

Commission committee met on this on January the 23rd, received the report, made some recommendations and had some questions which have been included in this presentation tonight for the council's consideration and then our request for you is that you will receive this report. So with that, I'd like to ask Bryce Rojas if he could come up and make his presentation and then when Bryce is done with his presentation, finance director Sharma and Bryce will be able to answer any questions as well as myself to the extent I can.

Thank you.

[Speaker 5] (6:09 - 14:40)

Good evening. Thank you for having me this evening. My name is Bryce Rojas as I was introduced and I've been the audit partner.

This might be my third year on the audit. I can't recall. Time flies especially when you're having fun auditing.

So I just wanted to, I'm going to have a brief presentation. Hopefully, it's pretty brief but if I skip over anything or if you have any questions, please feel free to ask me at the end. So we perform the audit every year and we were able to issue a clean opinion or an unmodified opinion on the financial statements saying that in all material respects, we believe the financial statements to be fairly presented and the city, the cities in that position, increased about 45.76 at June 30th, 2022. 45.76 million, not dollars, just regular, and the unrestricted portion of that was 5.74 million dollars. The general fund which is a portion of the city, the general fund's revenues were just under 5 million at 4.898 million with 6.246 in expenditures. That in itself resulted in a 1.348 million dollar decrease of revenues over expenditures but during the year, the city received grant funding particularly from the American Rescue Plan Act fund and 1.598 million dollars in grants were transferred over to the general fund. So after revenues, expenditures, transfers in of money, the general fund increased its fund balance by \$250,000 and the city as a whole increased its net position by about \$338,000. As part of our audit, it's impossible for us to perform the audit without looking at the controls or what's going on with the controls of the city and as is known, the city has gone through a lot of turnover in the finance department and that led to some inefficiencies and other weaknesses and we call that continuity of personnel weakness. We also identified a fair value estimate difference that was material and we also noted a material weakness in the agency funds that the city controls or is steward over and we also noticed that the city could improve its document retention and including the supporting evidence for journal entries with the journal entries that they make.

And moving on to the financial highlights, as was noted, the net position of the city was 45.76 million dollars and out of that, 30 million of it was net investment in capital assets. 9.89 million was restricted for special programs and projects leaving an unrestricted net position balance of 5.74 million dollars and the general fund balance was 6.4 million dollars with the non-spendable portion of that was 173,000. Funds committed for special projects was 495,000 leaving an unassigned fund balance of 5.74 million. And on to the next slide. The next slide shows the

government-wide, the city as a whole, all the revenues coming in, comparing it year to year and the big year-to-year change was in operating grants and contributions. It increased about 1.86 million dollars and so total revenues for the city were 9.359 million dollars and as has been mentioned, the ARPA grants, the American Rescue Plan Act fund or grants was 1.4 million dollars and the city received other grants of 1.28 million dollars. And then we have a slide that's not being presented but that shows the city revenues as a pie chart and the large portion of that can be seen is operating grant contributions and then the next largest would be charges for services. Well, property taxes, sorry, property taxes is largest than operating grants and contributions. And then the next slide, it shows government-wide expenses, the city expenses as a whole, comparing it to 2021 and the city increased its expenses by 313,000 dollars.

2.69 of that was for general government, 2.7 was for public safety, 2.5 was for public works, 729,000 was for parks and recreation and community development had 356,000 dollars and then Dever Hall had about 61,000 dollars in expenses during the year. And then the next slide also shows the expenses as a pie chart. And then the next slide shows general fund revenues, just the general fund portion of the city and those increased about 1.5 million dollars and as was mentioned, that's largely due to the ARPA funds coming in, the ARPA grant. The city received 2.8 million dollars in property taxes, sales and use taxes was 564,000, franchise fees was 588,000, service charges were 305,000 and other revenues were 593,000 for a total of 6.5 million dollars in general fund revenues. And then the next slide also shows the pie chart of general fund revenues and how it's composed, majority of it being property taxes. And on the following slide we have a breakout, no sorry, we have general fund expenditures, 6.2 million dollars, the majority of that was 2.57 for general government, public safety was 2.68 and then public works was 330,000, community development was 299,000 and parks and recreation was 336,000 with capital outlay being 22,000. So that's an increase of 1.579 over the prior year, prior year, excuse me. The next slide shows a pie chart of the general fund expenses and then the following slide shows a breakout of the general fund expenditures between, there's the general fund, there's the rainy day fund which has been set up by the council and a pandemic recovery reserve fund. All three of those combined make up the general fund as presented in the financial statements.

General fund itself was 5.1 million dollars of total expenditures, the rainy day fund contributed 26,000 dollars and then the pandemic recovery reserve added another 1 million dollars and that's the ARPA funds for the total of 6.246 million dollars. And then just additional notes, the pension, net pension liability for the city was just under 2.8 million dollars with deferred outflows of 1.2 million and deferred inflows about 2.4 million and related the OPEB liability for the year was 578,000 and there were no related deferred inflows or outflows for the OPEB and then this year government accounting standards board implemented a new accounting standard for recognizing and capitalizing leases on the balance sheet.

So the city had 250,000 dollar right of use asset and related payable of 244,000 dollars. So if there are any questions I'd be happy to answer those questions. Yes.

[Speaker 1] (14:49 - 15:29)

Did we have any questions from council? I had two but on one of the earlier pages on the chart it is the page that shows government-wide revenues. Yes.

Things are kind of overshadowed by ARPA but if we look down to other revenue there's a precipitous decrease from 1.287 in the prior year to 542 in the current. Do we have background on what the largest drivers of that were? Maybe that's a question for our finance director.

Yes.

[Speaker 5] (15:32 - 15:37)

I tried getting on my computer to gather some information but I was having difficulties too.

[Speaker 1] (15:37 - 15:41)

So yeah it's our apologies our Wi-Fi is having some challenges.

[Speaker 5] (15:42 - 15:45)

I could look into that. I don't know if Nitish has an answer right now or.

[Speaker 3] (15:46 - 15:49)

For general fund the other revenues is that what you're referring to?

[Speaker 1] (15:50 - 16:05)

That's on the government-wide revenues page so that would be page I believe it would be six. Five or six depending on how you page an eight.

[Speaker 3] (16:06 - 16:21)

And it's very hard to because I downloaded it and you have to go back and forth on slides. Why don't we maybe go to other questions and I actually can pull it up to see what that decrease in the other revenues is. Some of this has to be a presentation.

[Speaker 1] (16:21 - 16:26)

Yeah take a look and let's see. It's a decrease of 58 percent so I was just curious.

[Speaker 3] (16:27 - 16:27)

Yeah.

[Speaker 1] (16:27 - 17:12)

And then my other question was similar in nature I believe. Had it marked but Yes. In the general fund you see a decrease in other revenues as well so I imagine that's probably a similar explanation in the same category but isolated to the general fund.

So if you could take a look at the decrease in other revenue for the enterprise that would be

useful. Other than that did you want to comment on the material weaknesses that were identified and then the city's response. I think that would be good to discuss that a little bit.

[Speaker 3] (17:13 - 23:14)

Absolutely. So let me just say when we an audit is done it's an audit is done on financial statements to ensure that the numbers are presented accurately and in a manner that conforms with the generally accepted accounting principles. Part of the audit also includes testing of internal controls to ensure that how auditors can assess risk in an entity and part of the risk assessment is to go through the process to see the proper documentations attached proper internal control procedures are in place.

Segregation of duties are in place and then also ensuring that things are reported in a timely or in a manner that is reasonable with that generally accepted accounting principles. So city of Clayton what I would say is that the operations the day-to-day is really by the books is everything works well the segregation of duties are in place during this audit in 21-22 that is in front of you today the change in personnel and then also not having a succession plan like a deep bench or like at least somebody who can step in to ensure that the institutional knowledge is there to step in because what happens in this in as in finance for government finances every day there's something that you have to do there's deadlines you have to meet and in this audit one of the things we discovered that some of those things that we know that I have the documentation but I'll be like hey can you process this but I have the documentation was but it was never attached to the actual general entry so that's for example for an example but we were able to provide all the documents upon request for the auditors but when the auditors are here to examine the books they want to look at the number that they're testing but all the supporting backup documents that come with it and not just ask the client and then we produce it right so I think that was an issue that was identified the other issue that was identified was basically as you may be aware that this the city has affordable housing units you know like basically properties they bought using you know affordable housing funds and then each year you have to value those properties to see what they are worth and we as an agency you know the valuation is done at a certain time you know and and this year the audit was delayed a little bit so when the auditors ran that the same sort of analysis the numbers changed right so we when we validate we actually provided the support to to and this is for the strainer hand properties and we actually provided the support to the auditors that as of this date the zillow had this you know this estimate and we adjusted the balance to that estimate but when the auditors looked at that they looked at zillow probably other you know search engines to see what was the value and then they discovered there was a material difference and actually it's in the favor of the of the agency in terms of the adjustment so we actually discounted a little bit more and what it does is just it's taking the value and then you just adjusting it it's a market it's a it's a paper loss it's not really a loss that is you know realized unless the property is sold or unless the property it comes off the books so that was another item that was that was discovered and then the the other the third item that major item is having that consistency at this at the city to ensure that somebody's you know making sure that the books are closed on a monthly basis and then also some of the accounting standards are met in a timely manner so not having a person in that role

for many many months actually creates a problem for agencies like Clayton and many agencies that I can tell you three agencies I'm working with I'm so glad we got the audit done here but the other two agencies were still working on the audit so part of the I think for our plan 2023 is with the hiring of the new finance director and and then also just talking to us interim city manager to having that smooth transition will allow us to make some of those improvements in in 2023 I cannot assure you know guarantee you that all of those will be made because some of those things are going to be you know we will look at it to see based on the personnel we have the number of staff we have we'll just have to manage within those resources but we'll try to make sure that most of this material once are addressed the last item that was identified was actually the agency funds or the Clayton financing authority funds and one of the things was identified was the reconciliation of the the deficit cash so something that was presented we had the loan payoff that was happening in 22 23 so we did not actually ask taxpayers to put you know paid property taxes or assessments on those loans because the funds were you know with the trustee so that's the reconciliation wasn't done so I think was fairly pointed out but that's something that we reported as is it was in the audited financial statements with the opportunity that we will address that in 2023 that itself has nothing to do has no bearing on general fund because that is a standalone entity basically so we just we just are fiduciary agents on those so hopefully those answers some of the the questions but I'll be happy to to you know go in further but we'll say or end with this that I believe the the hiring of the finance director with the smooth transition of a city manager even I think we allows us to slowly transition to the finance director and provide the support to the finance director as well so it doesn't come in and

[Speaker 1] (23:14 - 23:24)

get overwhelmed with a lot of stuff thank you was there other questions I've got a couple of

[Speaker 7] (23:24 - 23:46)

questions now so by there being some gaps in meeting deadlines and did we incur any penalties or anything egregious from not filing things on time I don't think there are any issues with

[Speaker 5] (23:46 - 23:52)

filing financial statements I don't know if there's any other it's one item to be noted off

[Speaker 3] (23:52 - 25:13)

I mean that's a fair question and with all transparency we have to file a state controls report by a certain date which we haven't filed because we were you know we got the audit done but there's no sort of as I know in this no penalty that's going to be signed but there could be a a letter from our friends at the state controller's office to our interim city managers saying that you need to do that you received a letter in one of my other agencies but our goal is that we'll after council approves this audit report that will be one of the things will be done but as far as everything else the ROPs are the basically the redevelopment agency plan a lot of these things have been going through the agencies and been submitted in a timely manner at this point at the moment now I'm not aware of anything that is a penalty out there most penalties are assessed on your

day-to-day operations like if you don't make CalPERS payment on time there's a penalty if you don't make IRS payments on time if you do payroll there's a penalty for that so those things have been taken care of it's just the you know as being a previous auditor myself coming in two weeks and just tearing up the books then you just find the stuff you know so that's those are the things that have been reported and these are what I see is really good for us as agency because it gives us the discipline to ensure that we can address some of this stuff.

[Speaker 7] (25:14 - 25:43)

Thank you Nitish and I just had one other question there was a couple of different numbers about ARPA 1.59 1.4 and maybe you can explain that and the part B of my question on ARPA is I think we were waiting this month to get a breakdown an itemized breakdown of where all the ARPA funding from.

[Speaker 3] (25:43 - 28:02)

Great question thank you so much I actually have a reconciliation in front of so basically we started the ARPA funds were put into pandemic reserve fund if you remember and we actually was put into it's reported as general fund account group so that's why general fund has a huge variance budget to actual so in the table I think it was from our mayor as part of our budget committee and and our council member Trippiano to address in the management discussion analysis to break those funds up I don't know the page number for the audiences who are listening but really we broke this up so part of a commitment to you I will say is that we'll come back to you with a reconciliation of ARPA funds for 2023 but for now what I know is that we have a fund balance of about \$382,000 ARPA funds the second payment 1.4 million and since some actions were taken by council if you remember the couple actions were senior accountant limited term for \$135,348 IT support cybersecurity \$50,000 records management was \$35,000 organizational assessment that was \$35,000 a clear gov software that was basically was previously approved but it was ARPA funds \$16,500 and if you also remember that general fund when the budget was approved it was presented to you as a deficit spending and the council voted to use about \$37,000 in pandemic reserve to offset the general fund deficit police vehicle we actually used to pay from general fund but that came out of the ARPA the pandemic reserve fund neighborhood street maintenance that's a fund that is basically doesn't have any money so part of that funding came for that 2023 20,403 was from the pandemic reserve fund as well total budget actions approved by council at that time was \$399,390 almost \$400,000 that leaves us with a reserve fund balance of 1.4 million that we I will say that we'll work with the city manager and present it to you hopefully that answers the

[Speaker 4] (28:03 - 28:33)

thank you Natasha just have one just wanted to clarify on the document document retention and organization is is that also in relation to what we when Mayor Juan and I were on the budget and audit committee last year is does that deal at all with the technology improvements so is that in the works to be fixed or what do we need to do about this so it's the digitization

[Speaker 3] (28:33 - 28:39)

of records and record management so talk technology yeah technology yes okay and that's

[Speaker 4] (28:39 - 28:53)

that was one of the criteria that yeah okay and so with the um the allotment that we did pull out for the June 22 23 fiscal year 22 23 is there enough have we put enough funding towards that to fix

[Speaker 3] (28:54 - 29:27)

this great issue great question and I will turn it over to city clerk maybe I don't know if we have started that project but that's something that we will um hopefully it's within the budget you know um but if not then this is will be part of our media I should say that we'll come back to you okay as part of our media what our plan is that our city manager and myself and our team will go through and then put together and come to the budget committee and then we'll come to the city council as part of our you know process on some of the media adjustments and definitely

[Speaker 1] (29:27 - 29:59)

be here from council as well okay thank you just to just to clarify so was this in relation to the control deficiency for journal entry support I think that's what this this bullet item here under internal control is supposed to reference right yeah okay so I mean to clarify so this was a finding I believe where journal entry or journals were selected as part of a sample and then when pulled to review the documentation the supporting information was not attached to journal it was in a different location so that's what this one is thank you that's different than what I was asking

[Speaker 3] (29:59 - 30:28)

okay yes it's slightly different slightly different but once we digitize it's going to be sort of together general entries we started doing that by the way so okay we don't want Bryce to report out to us you guys again so okay uh thank you Bryce thank you and I will open this up Mr. Mayor I just wanted to say the the system is not connecting I'm so sorry I was trying to run the

[Speaker 1] (30:28 - 30:53)

detail on the to get the revenues we we can table it until you're able to find the information if you send it to the rest of the council I think we'll put it as part of city manager newsletter thank you okay I would open this item up for public comment if there's anyone in the audience that would like to make comments now is your time Janet is there anyone online that would like to

[Speaker 11] (30:53 - 30:59)

make a comment Mayor Wolf I do not I'm so sorry Mayor Juan there are no hands raised on this item

[Speaker 1] (30:59 - 31:04)

they may yeah they they're likely unable to hear us they cannot hear us they said it sounds very

[Speaker 4] (31:04 - 31:08)

garbled is the messages that I'm getting in it sounds very garbled and they know they can't see

[Speaker 1] (31:08 - 31:16)

us but they can't even hear what we're saying well yeah you know these things happen once in a while

[Speaker 10] (31:17 - 31:33)

we'll roll with it that's okay Mayor Juan I did want to just clarify well I don't know if anyone can hear me that's all fine but on the agenda we do talk about technology permitting so that encourage people to come in person if they're not able to hear us yeah we make every effort to make

[Speaker 1] (31:33 - 31:54)

as accessible as possible but the zoom and component is a courtesy just because of these types of things so all right well then I will bring it back to council for discussion is there anything else anything that folks would like to discuss regarding this item it's a lot more

[Speaker 9] (31:54 - 32:04)

light-hearted than it was a year ago we had this conversation and it's good to hear that I just want to appreciate the staff to make that made the corrections that were necessary over the past year

[Speaker 1] (32:04 - 32:46)

and really appreciate the purport as it was presented I concur so with that I will look for a motion to accept the ACFIR I mean am I using the correct that is the right terminology by the way that is it actually yes I'm changing decades of use of the prior acronym so it's difficult for me to use the correct acronym so I would look for a motion to so moved oh thank you sorry I didn't hear you I'll second thank you all right

[Speaker 11] (32:46 - 32:51)

jenna if you would call the roll council member tropiano yes council member tillman

[Speaker 1] (32:51 - 33:15)

aye council member cloven aye vice mayor diaz yes mayor one aye and with that that item is closed and I will move on to action item a to b and this is a resolution adding a police sergeant reducing one police officer chief mckeechan is here to present the report so the floor is yours

[Speaker 8] (33:15 - 33:42)

all right thank you mayor and city council members chief mckeechan will be making a presentation on his slash our request to convert one police officer to a sergeant in the staff report it states to eliminate a police officer and add a sergeant but there will be no net change to the overall number of sworn officers so with that I'll let chief mckeechan explain his proposal

[Speaker 6] (33:44 - 35:33)

thank you good evening mayor members of the council as the city manager stated I'm here seeking approval for the conversion of one police officer position to a sergeant position the goal of that is to provide supervision on all four of our current shifts right now one of the shifts is run with two officers and no supervisor so it would now be one supervisor and one officer one of the questions that came up was whether we would be okay with making it a corporal position rather than a sergeant position and the reason that that is not really reasonable is because generally corporals are in larger agencies corporals are more of like an assistant manager to the sergeant's role as the manager and the corporal helps the sergeant run the shift when there's multiple officers on a squad in the event the sergeant's not there the corporal will act as the acting sergeant and is usually compensated as such so in this situation we're not large enough to where we have those layers of management so this corporal would be technically doing the same work as a sergeant but with a lower rank and less pay so it doesn't really make sense to do so if three shifts need to be run by sergeants then in my opinion the fourth one does as well so that's what this would accomplish it would be an in-house promotion that was an agreement we made with the police officers association in order for them to be on board with us doing this was that we would keep it an in-house promotion and not look to the outside current time we're fully staffed anyway so looking to the outside wouldn't be an option right now anyway because that would put us over our lodged a number of people so once this if this is approved then we will start the recruitment this week and once we close the recruitment we'll interview the candidates that met the qualifications and applied and then we'll make a selection from there and the goal is to get them up and running as soon as possible

[Speaker 2] (35:34 - 37:16)

any questions if approved you said you're going to redo recruitment yes internal external internal only or internal only yes i've got a number of questions and some suggestions and you and i have talked about this as has the city manager interim city manager and i've talked about it and i've also talked with two former police chiefs i talked extensively with both dan lawrence who you were a corporal under at one time yes and uh elise lauren elise warren who just recently completed the the job of the the police chief and went on to el cerrito um if if the goal is to provide supervision on unsupervised spots right now which i hear is saturday and sunday 6 a.m to 6 p.m is that correct uh right now it's friday saturday and sundays this friday okay there's a vacant there's a position or there's some shifts that are not supervised or attended to by a sergeant correct okay uh have you considered adjusting the schedule of the administration sergeant to move that position from monday through thursday to maybe wednesday thursday or to cover the weekend um well doing that would just leave the front half

[Speaker 6] (37:16 - 37:28)

unsupervised so either way you have days where there's no sergeant on duty so you could play semantics and move the days depending on what's going on but then you're still going to have one person can't work seven days a week so you would still have position okay but you could

[Speaker 2] (37:28 - 37:40)

accomplish the same thing by adjusting that uh schedule with with another sergeant you mean no no without having to make a fourth sergeant no you couldn't do that you can do why not because

[Speaker 6] (37:41 - 37:49)

one if one sergeant during the day cannot work seven days a week so no matter what days that sergeant works there's going to be days that are not supervised by a sergeant

[Speaker 2] (37:52 - 38:04)

and you're not in favor of promoting to a corporal which would only require a two percent differential increase as opposed to a five percent uh if you did it at a full sergeant correct and

[Speaker 6] (38:04 - 38:16)

like i explained the reason for that is we're expecting the same level of supervision from that corporal so it's not really justifiable that they're only making two and a half percent more when the other sergeants that are doing the same role are making five percent

[Speaker 2] (38:18 - 39:04)

one of the concerns that i get on a regular basis from the community is the lack of traffic enforcement speeding not stopping for a signal uh running a stop sign in fact one day the mayor and i were going over to a meeting on main street and this suv came by at at least 40 miles an hour in a 25 mile an hour zone and he pointed to me he said how fast was that guy going i said well at least 40 miles an hour based upon my you know perception of how fast those things are happening more and more on a regular basis and they don't seem to be attended to uh and so i wonder what

[Speaker 6] (39:04 - 39:58)

plan you have to to address that that's been one of the my main focuses since i got here was i've let all the officers and the sergeants know that i want to see more traffic enforcement because being that i worked here for 11 years uh that was one of our primary focuses and that was you know one of the first things we did when we went out in the morning was we would hit that commute traffic in the afternoon try to hit the commute traffic going the opposite way and because clayton road is kind of a de facto highway because so many people come marsh creek from east county it's really important that we do maintain traffic enforcement on that road and as we talked about we've got some issues that we've got to work out with some speed surveys and things like that but that has been a focus of mine and that will continue to be a focus of mine and i've noticed and rain and notice as well in the last few months we've seen an uptick in traffic stops and citations and so we're already starting to to have that effect and we're going to continue to do so well

[Speaker 2] (39:58 - 40:41)

one thing you and i and the and the and ron burnell have discussed is the need for an updated

speed survey or speed zone survey whatever that's a that's more of a medium to long-term fix that has to get done because you then uh issuing citations as you have a valid survey uh they would get thrown out in the in the traffic court correct however you can still do a traffic stop advise the the driver either they were speeding or they ran a red light or they didn't stop for the stop sign you can do that and not give them a citation you give them a warning yes or no you

[Speaker 6] (40:41 - 40:50)

can't work speed without a speed survey even because then you're you're stopping people knowing you're not intending on citing them because you legally can't do so but the other parts you're

[Speaker 2] (40:50 - 42:34)

right for red lights stop signs things like that you definitely can't and i think by increased enforcement of that kind of activity the word will spread really fast that you guys are stepping up your traffic enforcement correct and i think that would be a good sign yes um so a longer-term process would be to do the speed survey another thing um that i'd like you also give me some thoughts on is the uh and this would be sort of a short medium term fix uh what about hiring to address the speeding and these other traffic issue what about hiring a retired annuitant that could work two to three days a week solely dedicated to traffic and start addressing this until you can get all your plans in place to to fix it and the question about where you're going to fund it well we haven't had an assistant city manager for five months sitting in the account we've never spent forty two thousand dollars if you spend half of that uh you could pay somebody that's already getting all their benefits not having to collect pers and all that and uh and they could do that job and i'm sure there are enough in fact we probably have one right here in this town that uh who was very notorious for uh famous i should say for giving traffic tickets in fact he gave my wife a ticket one day and uh but that's another thing that could address the the term problem of speed speed stopping and other traffic related items what's

[Speaker 6] (42:34 - 42:48)

your thoughts on that i can tell you i'm always in favor of adding officers obviously so yeah when the when the money's found and and things like that are brought up i'm obviously 100 always on board with that so i would love to have traffic officers on duty that can dedicate themselves to that

[Speaker 2] (42:48 - 45:50)

and on a longer term i would like to propose the establishment of an ad hoc uh committee much like we're doing now for the uh for the concerts to assist you and work with you on developing a plan that is not so much short term because i'm viewing quite frankly i'm going to be put my cards i believe this fix is a band-aid fix uh to a problem we need a longer term two to three year uh assessment and some concrete plans on what to do over the next two to three years i'd like to see that and i'd like to engage the community because as a part of that one of the things that you and i in the in the city manager were discussing i've discussed with a number of people the so-called uh parcel tax that was proposed a year or so ago failed what the public is enamored

with is maybe a lesser amount maybe a 75 to 100 assessment that could be dedicated solely it would be a public safety services committee or tax solely for the police department funding them and in that would be some growth for this police department because personally and this is just me speaking i'd like you to see add two more officers out there in the field and that way i believe then in my mind you justify the number of supervisors that you're proposing to have in place it could also one of the things that elise warren the former chief was talking about was some sort of a position between the sergeant and the chief don't know what that would be uh that could assist you in the day-to-day operations and relieve the administrative sergeant of some of those duties but it also would give that person experience at a somewhat command level and could be competitive downstream for the chief's job right now every time we i mean you were you you're a prime example of what we wanted somebody that started in this department became a sergeant went to another department or two and then ultimately you became the chief down in uh in uh dos paus you got all the commanders but you did and you came back and you were successful in uh competing for and getting the job of police chief we have to we don't have that position here in the in our in our police department to do that so that's another thing i think that this ad hoc committee could be engaged in and coming up with that two to three year plan that could assist you and at least then we'd have a better idea what direction the department is headed i like all of that i have i'm finished with my laundry list may i please

[Speaker 8] (45:50 - 46:15)

just so i just want to let vice mayor diaz know that we have an organizational assessment and the council know that we have an organizational assessment that's going to be coming to you that takes into account some of these things that you've been referring to we have the goal setting session that we're going to be having as well that's going to be coming up shortly and then through the budget process the city council will have an opportunity to talk about these these

[Speaker 2] (46:15 - 46:38)

desires and how they want to fund them no and that's good and we've had so much turnover in the front office that we haven't had the luxury of a consistent person in there to assist and work with us to come up with a goal setting so i i concur with that chief it's great to see you

[Speaker 9] (46:38 - 47:06)

and i appreciate your making your ask on behalf of your staff and what you see is right for clayton i have a couple questions okay on the shift that does not currently have a sergeant when the current officers are on do they and do they often need to call for a sergeant during that time is that is that is that a regular or is that very occasional i wouldn't call it regular but it does

[Speaker 6] (47:06 - 47:19)

happen and then you know hopefully there's a sergeant that's available to answer the phone or the chief that they can get a hold of otherwise they just have to use their best judgment and and try to reach out to someone later and kind of clarify what they did i figured that was that was

[Speaker 9] (47:19 - 47:44)

the need and that's the reason for the ask oh thank you um the the question is then it becomes kind of a fiscal question if you if the the officers on um staff on on shift at that time do call a sergeant do they charge for their time to respond to them or how is it just kind of they're just being at a good will they're responding to the question pretty much out of goodwill uh

[Speaker 6] (47:44 - 48:00)

everybody wants to see everyone succeed and not make a mistake or do something that's going to cause you know the department shame or liability so they just do it because it's the right thing to do thank you that was the primary question i had thank you thank you chief um i too had spoken

[Speaker 4] (48:00 - 48:56)

to um former chief warren um interim chief krines and then i've also had a couple conversations with you as well as reina and um our current interim city manager today and i i kind of understand what um vice mayor diaz is saying and so i have a couple more i think direct questions for you currently with the 11 full staff that we have and i know that we're just shifting the the the numbers so we're going from a chief um we currently have three sergeants and seven officers we're still going to have a chief and we're going to move to four sergeants and six officers with those 11 full-time employees given our current population do you feel you're adequately staffed with this new change that you're asking us for or would it if we had the money and there were no budget issues would you rather have that fourth sergeant and keep it at seven officers so that we were

[Speaker 6] (48:57 - 49:42)

12 people total what's the magic number like i said i'd never turn away the opportunity to have additional officers sure um from the the time i got here and way before me i'm sure probably attested this we've always said it would be great to have that 12th officer it gives you a lot more flexibility scheduling wise um there's shifts now where there's only two people on duty so if one has an in custody and has to go to the jail maybe even has to get that person medically cleared before they go to jail now you got one officer here for hours um fortunately for us we have conquered nearby and as long as they're available they always come and cover us but it would be ideal to have three people on at all times that way if somebody is tied up or whatever's going on there's still two people here to protect the community so okay yes

[Speaker 4] (49:42 - 49:51)

definitely okay so ideally it'd be nice to have three per shift is that what you're saying yes okay and right now we have with this new change it'll be two i thought you said a supervisor plus

[Speaker 6] (49:51 - 50:02)

an officer on this shit yeah that that is true so some shifts have three some have two okay with the 12th we would be able to have three six nine twelve we would be able to have well yes okay yes

[Speaker 4] (50:02 - 51:47)

and no because that 12 counts me so true yes that's right okay and then um i know that some cities and i learned this today i don't know i didn't tell me before but some cities actually dedicate an officer per the population so just an example would be one officer per thousand people is that something and we're about there now given all of the new developments that are coming on board and the fact that we just had to certify not certified but um adopt a housing element and we know that we have all of these other um zoned lots to me i think it behooves us to think in the future and so i'm just saying this to the council we can talk about this at future meetings because i know we have all the opportunities to do so i do think that we need to start thinking about that um so that we aren't waiting until the last minute to make sure that we have what we need in place um you've got the olivia that's 81 units no telling how many residents would live there um and i know we have these other smaller developments and so as the community starts to grow i think that we might need that 12th or possibly even 13th officer sooner than we think we will possibly even before next next fall fall of 2024 um so i do i would caution us all to think about that and so i've already told you in person and i'll say it out front everybody bang the table and let us know what you need um i'm in favor of how this is already proposed but i do have a question for staff and that is in the resolution if um the the changes to maybe it's not this one it's not this one remind me to say that on the next agenda item it's not this that's all my questions there is a change though i just have a brief uh brief

[Speaker 1] (51:47 - 52:07)

question uh you mentioned citations earlier so i guess it's not really a question would you do you think that this type of change negatively impacts the ability of the city to issue citations or does it is it neutral i would say it definitely would not negatively impact it

[Speaker 6] (52:07 - 52:26)

it would be either neutral or positive it just depends on if that sergeant takes it upon themselves to motivate their officer and we're going to go out there and write tickets today then it would increase and i would hope that that would be the case and whoever gets this selection i'm going to have that conversation with them that's my expectation is the traffic enforcement continues to improve so i think it will have a positive impact on that

[Speaker 1] (52:26 - 52:42)

okay yeah i mean even independent of this new position i tend to be a big fan of that so as do i um i would encourage you and the department to to do that and now i will open it

[Speaker 4] (52:42 - 53:10)

up wait don't do that yet i have two more questions for staff all right and you can chime in if you need to um if we were to do something along the lines of a community facilities district would that require us to which would make it the thousand one officer per thousand people and change our general plan is that something that staff can just propose at a next meeting and do the work for or is that something we as a council need to have a full conversation about i think

[Speaker 10] (53:10 - 53:27)

mala this is you yes we would need direction and i think we would need to agendize that appropriately to come back okay as opposed to okay i think that might be and there are costs associated with that okay and that could be brought back at a future discussion okay great thank you

[Speaker 7] (53:27 - 53:55)

now hi chief um well i am um supportive of you in this but i do have a couple of questions so um one patrol officer um or regular officer becomes a sergeant is there a downside to the shift which is now not going to have that other officer no because it will still be the same

[Speaker 6] (53:55 - 54:20)

number of people on that shift just one will be a supervisor so okay what we kind of can run into now is depending on because we do signups by seniority we could wind up with our two newest people on a shift alone with no supervisor and that's our issue so with the supervisor in every shift we're guaranteed that someone with some experiences on that shift regardless of where the officers choose to sign up so um it would not negatively impact it as far as that second person

[Speaker 7] (54:20 - 54:53)

and i know we've talked about that and i think sergeant shaw and i have talked about that too um the other thing uh two other quick questions one i think on our growth we said in um the recent housing element it could increase the population by about 2300 so that i think we did talk about that how that could justify um two additional officers down the road um did you or maybe sergeant shaw told me that there's one position on the force that's paid for through state funding

[Speaker 6] (54:54 - 55:17)

am i remembering that correctly it's federal it's the cops federal yes and so one position at least since i i remember one of the first conversations i had with chief lawrence after he congratulated me for getting the job as he let me know i was on a grant position and if it ever went away so would my position and i said well i didn't know that he said don't worry it's been here and in place for a long time and it's not going anywhere i think since 2010 or so right

[Speaker 7] (55:17 - 55:41)

and so is that another opportunity to to um if we're talking about maybe really getting to a sweet spot of 12 um is are there federal funding opportunities to um increase the force to add maybe other than a parcel tax just saying we are constantly out there looking for grant money and

[Speaker 6] (55:41 - 55:58)

for positions that can be funded by um you know either the state or federal um we haven't had any success i mean i've only been here for a few months but i know they've been trying even before i got here and haven't had much success on that but that's something we're always

looking to do because if we can find money where it's a zero cost to the city and we can add people we're

[Speaker 7] (55:58 - 56:06)

always looking to do that and have we ever asked any of our local state representatives to assist

[Speaker 6] (56:06 - 56:16)

us with that or not that i'm aware of i just met with senator glazer's assistant a few weeks ago and she wants to try to set up a meeting where i can meet with the senator and so that's definitely

[Speaker 7] (56:16 - 56:38)

something that and i just met with him last week so that's why i was thinking he's like here's my cell phone number if you need anything um and i think the other thing that we talked about is there might have been an opportunity and vice mayor diaz i think this was your idea originally of maybe funding through it's like a tobacco enforcement officer and is that something we've

[Speaker 6] (56:38 - 57:23)

looked into yet yeah so um in my previous agency i was able to get that funding and i was able to add an officer for three years that was fully funded by the state um i know they tried to do that here before i got here and it was not successful this last time i think i was very fortunate when i got it in in central california that it was new and it hadn't really the word hadn't gotten out yet so it was relatively easy to get that fund now everybody knows about it and it's still kind of a limited amount of money so it's gotten harder to get it i know the agency that i left they got it renewed but they only got half of what i had asked for so it comes up i can't remember what month the application process starts again but that is something i'm going to try and see what happens we'll just keep trying and if they keep telling us no they keep telling

[Speaker 7] (57:23 - 57:37)

us no okay and my very last question is this will be an internal candidate and so will you open it up then to um those that are not sergeants to say i mean or do you have somebody in mind already

[Speaker 6] (57:37 - 57:49)

no we'll open to the those that meet the qualifications that we set forth um some may not even be interested in putting in not everybody wants to be a supervisor so we'll see what happens but i'm confident that we'll get a quality candidate thank you

[Speaker 1] (57:49 - 58:08)

thank you um i would like to i'd open this up by this item up for a public comment if there's anyone in the audience that before you do that i have a follow-up is it a question or could we take

[Speaker 2] (58:08 - 58:24)

care of it through this it's a question all right please proceed uh when when did you say i may have missed it is the next time for the opening on the tobacco grant is that because i because i believe with your leadership and your experience before you should be able to apply and get it this

[Speaker 6] (58:24 - 58:33)

time when is that it is this year i don't remember what month it was that with the cutoff i want to say it was due by august last year so i'm guessing it's going to be the same this year so i keep an

[Speaker 2] (58:33 - 58:41)

eye on that they will keep your eye on i was strongly urged to do that all right uh if there's

[Speaker 1] (58:41 - 59:10)

anyone in the audience that would like to make public comment and now is your time and if not janet one i do not have any hands raised on this item excellent um then i will close public comment is there any other discussion items that we have on this uh and i i think uh we're done with our

[Speaker 2] (59:10 - 1:00:20)

questions yeah thank you very much thank you all my leading for support of this although i think it's a band-aid for a much bigger issue i want to make sure that in our goal setting that we look at a parcel tax to fund strictly the police department because when the last tax issue came up uh it was only funding a portion of the need at the time and the request that i got from people what are you going to do with the other million and a half that you uh that you raised so it would be i would be narrowly focused and i know that we can't get it into the system until for the 2024 election so i understand that's why i'm saying it's a much longer longer term so i want to make sure that that gets considered uh at the goal setting and this retired annuitant we have got to address the traffic situation in this town it's becoming intolerable okay any other uh

[Speaker 1] (1:00:21 - 1:00:26)

comments or discussion items from council no i'm in favor of it i think it makes sense

[Speaker 4] (1:00:26 - 1:00:52)

to make sure that we have sergeants on or a supervisor on every um shift i mean just seeing what's happening around the country you see what happens when there isn't one and so um i don't expect anything like that would happen here but um as the chief said you want to make sure that they're protected and that their organization is and to me it makes sense to to support this i would keep that position open and keep it a 12th officer now but that's just me

[Speaker 9] (1:00:54 - 1:01:05)

okay i appreciate chief mckitchen coming and uh giving his first request to the council and i'm more than in favor of supporting that with that i'd move adoption of this resolution resolution

[Speaker 1] (1:01:05 - 1:02:00)

yeah i would i i would just say that um you know thank you chief for bringing this forward i know that this is something that you are interested in it uh i i do i am always keeping in mind the cost but i think that the difference is uh the amount is marginal at this point for the value that we get and so and i'm very glad that you consulted with the poa as well um to the extent that you as chief are in favor and the poa as an organization is in favor i think that speaks well to the um cooperation that the that the department has so i i would you know i think that's that's great and i i do think that there's a lot of work that we still need to do as vice mayor diaz described but this will at least get us to where we need to be right now and we could look forward to the other things as we go forward so um i think uh peter i think you made a motion

[Speaker 9] (1:02:02 - 1:02:11)

move adoption of the resolution support the change of staff i'll second okay thank you

[Speaker 11] (1:02:11 - 1:02:24)

um janet would you call the roll please council member tubiano yes council member telman i council member cloven hi vice mayor diaz yes on the band-aid fix marijuana hi

[Speaker 1] (1:02:25 - 1:02:42)

thank you uh and with that this item is closed and we will move on to item 8c this is a uh introduction of an ordinance adjusting the signature so who needs signatures on certain documents i'm not going to read this whole thing so

[Speaker 8] (1:02:43 - 1:03:46)

city manager would you please take this away sure thank you mayor and council members this side this is a pretty simple item currently the vice mayor or the mayor are one of two signatures on all checks uh for the city the request is that the mayor and the vice mayor be removed from that responsibility and the responsibility now be with either the city clerk the city manager or the police chief anything less than a thousand dollars would require one of those three signatures and anything above that amount would require two and we have checked with our external auditor who has reviewed this and says that we have adequate separation of duties and internal controls in place in in our efforts to become more efficient so i'd be happy to answer any questions you might have it's just a small

[Speaker 4] (1:03:46 - 1:04:41)

question and that is whether or not the newly designated signers are officials i think the terminology that's in the document was officials because it had mayor and vice mayor etc in there and that's that's my only question now you have to find it give me one sec it is on page in the document it's page 232 it's um under section two the paragraph at the very bottom and it is right in the middle the signatures of any two of the three above described city officials shall be

required for the due execution of such warrants or checks that exceed a thousand dollars and it's right before um before the rest of the sentence lined out we can we can change that to city employees yes and maybe just search for it i think it's in there a couple times we can do a

[Speaker 10] (1:04:41 - 1:04:57)

we can do a global check and make sure that it references city employees yeah okay uh i'd open

[Speaker 1] (1:04:57 - 1:06:09)

this item up for public comment if there's any public comment now's the time mayor wan i do not have any hands raised on this item okay and with that i will close public comment and bring it back for discussion the only item that i had on this was i am not clear on why we are segregating under 1 000 to over 1 000 i would think that just in a normal procedure when you have a check run you're going to have all your your batches together and you'll print them in order and whatnot and there will be some that will be over a thousand some they'll be under i'm not sure if it makes sense to segregate that population because you're going to be doing them all at the same time anyways so plus i do like the idea of two signatures in general um and for our small organization multiple 900 incidents would still be problem uh problematic sorry so my my suggestion would be that we eliminate the segregation of the 1000 but that would be

[Speaker 9] (1:06:09 - 1:07:33)

the only change that i would have i'd actually um agree with you on that that two signatures and remove that as well based on my experience i'm gonna throw a little monkey wrench in this as somebody who both loved and hated to sign checks for the past year there are multiple times it was just a pain that took us to go down and and sign checks but there are also also times where i just really appreciated the exercise of signing checks um as as mayor um especially during the time uh during the pandemic and and the covid relief and actually there's an empathic um nature of the physically signing a check for citizens or vendors um i'm not against having the city manager the city clerk and police chief being the primary signers but i don't think we should take that ability away from the mayor if they desired to be a signatory not a requirement to sign but at least a signatory on the checking account um so my suggestion would be just include them as a signatory but not a required signature and that's my just a suggestion um

[Speaker 1] (1:07:33 - 1:07:44)

mm-hmm what does that mean if you're a signatory but not a required signature does that mean like you could go down to the bank and like well sign stuff first of all we just discussed that there

[Speaker 9] (1:07:44 - 1:08:14)

were two signatures required and we have well that's for the check yeah and we and we have we have three people listed it's uh city manager city clerk completion i'm just suggesting adding the mayor as one of those people as well and if the mayor wanted to like for coverage in case there's absences of just in coverage in cases absences and it's not a requirement that the mayor set the science but it's it's again the ability to do so in case there is a need that

[Speaker 1] (1:08:14 - 1:09:17)

seems cool that seems fine um i i you know i i used to sign a lot of checks um in various roles and as technology moved forward we went to all electronic signatures on all of our documents so that we didn't need to do that until the authorization and approval was all systemized systematized and so um when we're signing checks i always think i am not the one that has the most insight into the details of the transaction when i'm signing and i'm not sure there's i don't understand that there's a it is an exercise that does add a certain value but i i'm not sure that it adds a control function since we we have all the checks here written prior to them we approve them all collectively and you know all the support is available so i i'm totally open to leaving the signing ability uh extent but not necessarily as a requirement i think that's

[Speaker 9] (1:09:17 - 1:09:22)

that's a worthwhile change thank you that's my request i appreciate it thank you

[Speaker 1] (1:09:24 - 1:09:39)

okay any other discussion items that we have so where are we ending up give me the bottom line bottom line because there's a couple changes on the fly yeah so i think uh we are ending up with um we will update the language to make sure it's consistent throughout the document there's some

[Speaker 4] (1:09:41 - 1:09:51)

well you can keep it now i guess if we're going yeah i guess i think if we're going to add the mayor back in you can keep the language and maybe say um official and staff i was just going to say

[Speaker 10] (1:09:51 - 1:09:56)

persons and keep it simple perfect and if we're going to add the mayor in okay so we don't have

[Speaker 1] (1:09:56 - 1:10:29)

to have city official employees so we will have it so that we will remove the requirement that the mayor or vice mayor signs all checks we will leave the mayor as an available signer we also require two signatures on every check and of the two the requirements are there's a pool of of three employees uh it is the city manager police chief city clerk and then the mayor would also be available in the event that two of those three are unable to sign my question is more specifically

[Speaker 2] (1:10:29 - 1:10:57)

what level is a cutoff no no so it's still going to be the same because the thing that used to first take the hell out of me was when i would go in there to sign the checks one would be for thirteen dollars and fifty cents for a sprinkler head then the next check was five hundred thousand dollars to repair the street and i'm going what's i don't get the rationale behind this so i would favor something that eliminates the need to find the high or sign those ones for under a hundred

[Speaker 1] (1:10:57 - 1:12:12)

dollars or something i don't know what that number is well without i think that the challenge is with that with our systems we do not have electronic signature capability to stamp on the check and so we could probably get it it would just cost a lot of money and so um the value prop isn't necessarily there and so we can continue to send checks there's not that many and i think if we push it down to staff who are in the details on the day-to-day operations we we will be removed from that process and i think that is probably better for staff to not have to rely on us because you want to be able to do your business you know as expediently as possible and so i think this does alleviate some of those things and so staff is able to operate smoothly that's really the intent and this is really it's not necessarily to lift the burden off you know the signers it's mostly to make it so that city operations and staff is more efficient and so that they can do their work without having to like have periods of stoppage that they just have to wait um so yes okay uh so with that i would entertain a motion uh for this second i'd move as

[Speaker 2] (1:12:12 - 1:12:24)

amended move amended second second all right you spoke up and said you moved i i always did you grumble no i always ask for the motion no no no i'm talking about cloven did he say move or not

[Speaker 1] (1:12:24 - 1:12:30)

yes he did he what did he say he said that he would make the motion after okay so we are good

[Speaker 11] (1:12:30 - 1:12:35)

janet uh will you please call the roll councilmember schiapiano yes councilmember selman

[Speaker 1] (1:12:35 - 1:12:48)

hi councilmember cloven hi vice mayor diaz yes mayor wan hi all right and with that uh this item is closed thank you uh we will move on to uh item nine council items this is limited to requests

[Speaker 4] (1:12:48 - 1:14:20)

for future meetings uh please i kind of already alluded to it but i would like um and i'll talk to to our city man interim city manager about it but um at a future meeting and it can possibly be after our goal setting session but for us to discuss um either having a community facilities district which means that with these new developments that are coming into town that it's on the developers then um to have an assessment that would actually go towards paying for officers since they're the ones who are adding more to our community um we can talk about it more in detail i think at the goal setting session so if we can have that possibly as an agenda item um so that we can talk more in detail about that but it definitely goes into more about um figuring out what our right numbers of the officers are and finding the funding for it uh in addition to that given that the um arpa funds did help balance our uh budget last year and we know that we're not going to have that going for it all the time i do want us to think about whether it's in 24 or 26 or even 28 the different types of parcel taxes that we're going to need to have if we have them

and i'll give you an example why um we do have uh for the trails and landscape committee and i'll talk about this in more detail in the next agenda item but we do have um that ending and we're going to need to go to the voters um post-haste like we're going to have to go to them pretty quickly um and so i do want us to talk about that in future meetings in detail and that's it and

[Speaker 7] (1:14:20 - 1:14:26)

and i just have a question have we uh determined the date and time of the goal setting i know i

[Speaker 1] (1:14:26 - 1:14:35)

did the doodle yes yes it is a monday march something okay excuse me we we actually are

[Speaker 8] (1:14:35 - 1:14:52)

going to be bringing an agenda item for you to um approve that date as a as a group so that's our tentative date okay yeah thank you do we have any other items under item number nine

[Speaker 1] (1:14:54 - 1:15:04)

okay i will move on to council reports um this item 10a did you want to kick us off

[Speaker 9] (1:15:05 - 1:16:08)

certainly um really appreciated meeting with the uh clayton art and wine uh festival leaders as they were getting ready for the event coming up at the end of april um it's always been a fantastic thing and i'm really looking forward to seeing what they do again this year um but something that hasn't happened in the past uh three years is clayton cleans up and i stated last year that i'm spearheading that this year and we're going to do that the weekend before the art and wine festival on april 22nd we'll be showing up at nine o'clock in the morning and having a three-hour pickup and then a barbecue put on by republic services at noon um in downtown talk to republic services they're fully into supporting this i've talked to pioneer they're fully into advertising this we'll have t-shirts and pickers and everything else we'll have a great community day and look forward to more details as i solidify those thank you um i just want to ask a question

[Speaker 7] (1:16:08 - 1:16:16)

about that um because i had that on my list to ask tonight also did you mean the 22nd earth day

[Speaker 9] (1:16:16 - 1:16:23)

or the 27th earth day the 22nd isn't it i thought you said the 27th i think it's the second 22nd

[Speaker 1] (1:16:23 - 1:16:46)

yeah saturday if i can get a new t-shirt this year with the updated year that would be great i have my old one from 2018 um are there any other items under this uh oh wait sorry my bad this is

[Speaker 4] (1:16:46 - 1:20:54)

the council reports wrong ones i didn't know if we were going to go in order or not okay yes happy to first of all happy black history month everybody um i did have a tlc meeting which is a trails and landscape committee meeting um since we last met and a couple of items to note from that meeting are that we did form our strategic safety um an assessment plan committee they're still trying to figure out what they want to be called but the gist of that is there will be four of those members from the tlc there are currently 10 members um who will be coordinating with larry who is our city engineer as well as with our interim city manager um ron bernal um and they'll be really trying to figure out what the plan is for how to use the funds um and also prioritizing everything that has to be done around the city right so they'll have they'll be residents in different neighborhoods that really want um a project done in their neighborhood but this will really be a top-down assessment of what the city looks like as a whole and figuring out the best um use of our funds or the funds in that um tlc in the trails and landscape district um landscape maintenance district rather and then bringing that back to us they'll be actually bringing council some of their suggestions but a few of the things that they did share during that meeting are larry has actually reached out to some of the regulatory agencies um specifically the um fish and wildlife um regarding the creek especially back here behind um in the cardinate trail there's a lot of erosion i know people that walk back there have been um stressing that that big oak tree and where the gabion baskets are that were kind of holding up the creek um we're losing a lot of that path and so that is definitely on the radar for um for them to to look at we're trying to find the sources for that because it's probably going to be to the tune of at least maybe half a million dollars to fix it um and to shore up that creek that was one piece let's see um um also for the assessment the current assessment year ends in 27 so we will have two opportunities to take it to the voters and this means we're going to have to go back to the voters to extend it which means they'll continue funding the landscape maintenance district uh we will possibly need to increase um the amount that uh the homeowners are contributing but we do need to have a conversation about that because november 2026 is the last election that this can be up for approval by the residents um and waiting until then will leave us no wiggle room so the goal is to have this um subcommittee figure out what the priorities are and then also make sure that we're educating all the residents on one what the needs are for the landscape maintenance district and go to them in 24 because the last chance will be this 26 and at that point it will sunset and it will be too late and we will no longer have it um so that's it on landscape maintenance district in the TLC um i also attended the cal city's um community services policy meeting that was statewide a couple of the important items that came out of that um as a committee is we will be focusing on homelessness and behavioral health and this is statewide again parks and access to open space which definitely pertains to us um in early learning child care and youth programs we do have two schools here in our area i'm hearing from a lot of parents excuse me whose children either need additional services whether they're pulled out of their classrooms or not but they're not being screened properly for dyslexia we have quite a few people in our community that are very passionate about that i am too as a former emergency credential teacher so this is very keen and i'll i'll get in contact with both of our principals at our schools to let them know that as there's funding coming up for this that there are things that they can tap into as well as the actual district that our schools are in what else um we actually had a clayton pride meeting committee meeting we will be having that event on june 4th that's a sunday this year so that it

doesn't impact the local businesses downtown which was a huge issue last year and as more details come to fruition as that date gets closer but mark your calendars and then i've already mentioned that i've had several meetings with a lot of our city folks and i was sad to see rain ago but ron thank you for filling in and that's it thank you

[Speaker 7] (1:20:58 - 1:23:35)

well first i want to thank the city for sending me to the league of cal city's training in sacramento for three days i don't know if you require a report from me but it was a fascinating three days i made a lot of great contacts um shannon was there with me we um you know i deliberately tried to meet people from other communities not hang with the folks that i knew um already and it was really fascinating i learned a lot um so thank you i did have a one-on-one with senator steve glazier and his district rep alexia and um he wants to know more about what the city of clayton needs from him i told him that um we do have some emergency needs here and by the way on that trail which i walk almost every day the cones got washed away this weekend too they were actually cones sitting on the top of the the trail and they're gone now with that little bit of rain that we had over the weekend but he said keep him posted on our needs so and we're going to continue to have meetings um i did attend the east bay leadership council um east bay series uh council member cloven was there with me i am on that board but again representing the city of clayton as well it was interesting a dinner with shannon watts mom's uh demand action was the keynote speaker um vice mayor diaz and i had our first concerts in the grove committee meeting last week and we had a small but mighty group of folks and i really want to thank howard geller and julie pierce for providing us a path forward and all the information that we need julie has sent me an enormous amount of documentation to help me with sponsorship this year and i am doing a community outreach on that so if anybody wants to be a sponsor email me call me uh let me know and um again that concert series will be may 13th to september 16th and i also attended my first mayor's conference last week in the city of walnut creek and it was very interesting and i plan on attending more in the future so thank you thank you uh vice mayor

[Speaker 2] (1:23:36 - 1:27:30)

yes uh thank you uh a couple things i uh have been re-engaged now with the county connection had the first board meeting on the 19th of january and then a committee meeting uh i'm assigned to the administration and marketing committee on the first of september so getting re-engaged back uh in that environment and things are moving along had a couple of meetings as i mentioned earlier with former police chiefs dan lawrence and elise uh elise warren involved in two other uh activities besides that i'm going to give a report on the standing committee but uh involved with the art and wine and the barbecue the barbecue is going to be the clayton barbecue is going to happen on the uh 26th and 27th of august and the first concert is on may 13th and the art and wine backing up into april 28 excuse me 29 and 30 of uh of april that's going to be a stellar event we've got a dynamite committee led by uh sandy johnson and uh last night we had the the biggest turnout of all of the of all the committee chairs and we've got a new uh maintenance chair so that's going to be a stellar event come in april back to the uh standing committee of the of the of the concerts in the grove i really want to applaud the effort of putting that back in place it had two goals that i want to share and make sure do not get confused

number one it's there to re-establish the um oversight responsibility it is a city event the money flows through the city flows out of the city liability insurances covers the the concerts all of those things including the staffing are handled by the city it is not not a cbca event uh so we needed to re-establish that contact and the communication and we did uh the second thing was a goal was to dispel all of these rumors that were flying around and reported in the in the paper that everybody was out to get howard geller that is the furthest furthest thing from the truth howard is going to complete this next season and by the way he has announced that this will be his last season he's going to retire after this he's booked all the bands he's got everything going it's going to be a great series uh one of the things that we're going to have to face for challenges is making sure that when people come out on saturday they do not come out there before 4 p.m or if they do they got to sit with their gear we may we may take drastic actions i don't know what that is but uh but my friend here came up with a great idea so uh it's going to be a great season starting on may 15 13th and howard's all energized and ready to go and uh kim is being real low-key on it but she's taken over all of the solicitation of the of the sponsors and that's moving real fast and we've got some of the major key sponsors already signed up and they're moving along so it's going to be a great concert season and information will flow from the concert back to the city again and we'll probably set up a special account we did so that we will we did yeah oh you did okay so it's done to make sure we're accounting for the money as it comes in and as it goes out end of report

[Speaker 1] (1:27:33 - 1:29:44)

thank you for that um i can go into detail about how the accounting was working with the concerts but it's okay it's water under the bridge now so that's good i'm glad to hear that that's that's been done um i attended i also attended the marriage conference alongside of council members tribunal and tillman here and it was great senator glaser was there he spoke there was a number of presentations one thing that did come up was and what we weren't clear at the time because i think some of the information was only conveyed verbally but there was a there was a mention that with the governor's declaration of emergency due to storms there was now available certain dollars it related to storm repair through fema he announced a website that immediately everyone tried to go to and it did not work so whether or not that's accurate i could not confirm because things kind of moved past that at the time but i would i would give that to our city manager and ask to if that is available that'd be nice um prior to the audit being presented here the budget audit committee met and we had a number of detailed questions it is really good that we do that outside of the scope of this because i think we spent an hour and a half just asking like little line item questions um with the audit but it is i am grateful that we were able to do that smoothly this year it's glad it's good to have bryce back again um he mentioned that he had been here for three years but it's longer than three years i think it's like at least six or seven so i'm not sure if he remembers that far back maybe he means in chambers ah maybe um and then we also had a item meeting with um the consultant that we've engaged to negotiate our garbage uh renewal just to kind of get some overall direction on things that we can pursue our contract we had postponed the renewal of our contract in the prior year because we needed time to gather information we're in the process of doing that now so hopefully that is able to move quickly there's uh it has been expired and so we want to make sure that we we get

that in place

[Speaker 7] (1:29:44 - 1:30:05)

and that is the conclusion of my report and i just wanted to add one thing that i did meet with larry fees our city engineer last week and he said he is following up on that emergency funding as well just because he knows a lot of that work is yes in his real house cross your fingers

[Speaker 1] (1:30:06 - 1:30:17)

all right and with that uh that concludes item 10a we do not have a closed session tonight and so i will adjourn the meeting at 8 31 thank you very much