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From: DebbieM <debbiem@companyv.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 11:41 AM
To: 'Nguyen, Alexander'
Cc: 'Bill Clark'; Bert Perello (perellobert@gmail.com); 'Sandra Burkhardt'; Fischer, Stephen (stephen.fischer@oxnard.org); 'Rozell, Kenneth'; Klima, Shiri (shiri.klima@oxnard.org); 'Bryan MacDonald'; 'Oscar Madrigal'; 'Rosemarie Gaglione'
Subject: RE: Meeting regarding Mandalay Bay Seawalls (History and Issues)

Hello Mr. Nguyen,

Thank you, I would want to include Bill Clark as well – and between us the most flexible days would be any time on any of the first 3 Wednesdays of December- 5th, 12th, and 19th.

If none of those are available - with enough notice other days between 12 and 2 can probably be done.

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From: Nguyen, Alexander [mailto:alexander.nguyen@oxnard.org]
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2018 10:08 AM
To: debbiem@companyv.com
Subject: Re: City Council meeting agenda item 4 November 13

Tell me what you do know.

On Mon, Nov 12, 2018 at 16:57 DebbieM <debbiem@companyv.com> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you - I would be very interested in that opportunity.

I do work full time and may need to do some schedule juggling.

Sincerely,

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From: Nguyen, Alexander [mailto:alexander.nguyen@oxnard.org]

Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 12:29 PM

To: debbiem@companyv.com

Cc: Bert Perello; Sandra Burkhart; Stephen Fischer; Rozell, Kenneth; Shiri Klima; Bryan MacDonald; Oscar Madrigal; Rosemarie Gaglione

Subject: Re: City Council meeting agenda item 4 November 13

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

While I was not here for all the conversations you outline, I think I can understand your frustration.

If you would be willing, I would like to meet with you, along with our Public Works Director and Councilmember Perello, and try to get on the same page about the seawall issue.

Sincerely,

Alex

Alexander Nguyen

City Manager

On Fri, Nov 9, 2018 at 9:52 AM DebbieM <debbiem@companyv.com> wrote:

Hello – thank you Mr. Perello, for your attention and for correcting my mistake on addressing to all!

While you have the deep appreciation on the attention to the water quality issue, I am beyond frustrated that the homes in Mandalay have been under threat of seawall failure due to underfunding for years.

I agree that testing must be done to truly evaluate the CAUSE beyond the assumptions that this is all about the pumps. I also realize that the MOUs were not written in a way that funds are available for this directly from the existing agreements.

I am upset that THIS further depletes a very important source of funding and we never seem to get anywhere and also have seemed to have lost our voice with the city.

To get you up to speed:

The city representative from public works had presented the funding issue quite clearly at meeting in 2006

For an overview please read:

<http://channelislandsca.com/where-has-all-maintenance-money-gone/>

Since 2006 costs for repairs have increased exponentially.

The plans for Seawall projects **approved and permitted** have been **placed on hold** – we are behind in dredging (which could also contribute to water quality). We had a PLAN for testing a repair system on Hemlock that could benefit the entire area of Mandalay – NOT sheet metal...

Bill Clark and I met with My Nyhoff when he first came to the City – he was stunned by the condition of funding in our concern and promised it to be a priority – of course that opened a can of worms much larger than our very small corner of Oxnard and we were patient...

We met regularly with the city and NBS and provided supporting documents and information requested to attempt to resolve this. A roadblock became apparent as the “plans” requirements evolved to a point where the estimates of costs began skyrocketing over the longer term requirements that could not be reasonably projected. We requested the projects be cut down to priority funding needs.

Our HOA has always made every attempt to calm the nerves and concerns of our residents who express concern and frustration.

In the past 2 years all communication has been tumbled through upheavals City wide. I was excited to finally have a Neighborhood Council – but expressed concerns for a long time that the developments within our council boundary may cause conflicts as the structure, history and primary concerns of each are very different.

To see an RFP released without notice just blew a gasket with me.

My husband and I started attending HOA meetings with his parents years ago (before we moved here) – they were one of the very first purchasers in Mandalay – before the development was completed. The concerns over the Seawalls and funding for repairs have been a persistent issue for as long as I can remember. We moved here after the death of my father-in-law to be closer to my mother-in-law and that is when my involvement began. Sadly this past year has been very stressful with her declining health and she just passed away October 21 - she would have turned 99 in December.

I apologize for my accusatory tone but this issue MUST be sanely addressed!

My heart also goes out to all in this time of fire crisis and sadness.

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From: Bert Perello [mailto:perellobert@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2018 10:41 PM
To: Alexander Nguyen; debbiem@companyv.com

Cc: Burkhart, Sandra; Fischer, Stephen; Kenneth Rozell; Klima, Shiri; MacDonald, Bryan; Oscar Madrigal; Rosemarie Gaglione

Subject: Re: City Council meeting agenda item 4 November 13

Ms Mitchell:

I am forwarding your request to the two Councilmembers you do not list as we both know it is a five member council and knowledge needs to be shared to have real value. I have no intention or desire of violating the Brown Act by sharing information which would have prevented much of the distrust surrounding these matters for far to long, sunlight is natures antiseptic.

I was not kept informed by staff or management about any dealings you had with former City Manager Nyhoff as I have stated at multiple Channel Islands Task Force (CITF) meetings since it had been stated by residents, meetings took place with he and an elected official. Our Mayor has said he could not inform me due to Brown Act rules as we both serve on the CITF.

I do understand your frustration and concerns; I hope you understand mine, and possibly that some others on Council could be in the same situation I found myself not knowing what statements or promises may have been made; but I know since being placed in District 1 I have come to learn, to my regret, I was kept in the dark about many things, with no explanation given why.

I have pledged to work with all parties in seeking a collective solution to the water quality matter. I believe my efforts past present and on going have proven my resolve to carry out that promise, I look forward to future collaboration on matters of mutual concern.

Bert Perello Councilmember

On Thu, Nov 8, 2018 at 8:38 PM DebbieM <debbiem@companyv.com> wrote:

Please consider moving ITEM 4 to a meeting where it is NOT the last item on the agenda and to a date when we would have more time to communicate with home owners.

In the event that is not possible PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THIS!

I am so disheartened after YEARS (DECADES) of meetings with the city of Oxnard that you are betraying trust and disregarding our most important issues in such a blatant display of disrespect!

This item on the agenda is insulting! **We have been BEGGING YOU – THE CITY OF OXNARD to address our lack of funding FOR YEARS – and instead you deplete them?**

1. Water circulation was to be addressed by Seabridge and the City in the event the powerplant was to close. Yet now Mandalay is to be responsible 55% of the budget???
2. With the lack of foresight shown in NOT doing anything until a disaster strikes is the city waiting for our seawalls to fall?
3. Are you intentionally depleting our funds so that we will agree to anything out of desperation?

WHO will care about water quality if the channels are not navigable due to seawalls falling?

4. SUBJECT: Approval of First Amendment to Agreement for Ongoing Water Quality Sampling, a Nutrient Study, and a Long-Term Water Quality Plan at the Channel Islands Harbor (5/5/5)
RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:
 1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to Agreement No. A-8093 with Aquatic Bioassay & Consulting Laboratories, Inc. in the amount of \$306,045 for ongoing services relating to the Channel Islands Harbor water quality issue; and
 2. Authorize a budget appropriation totaling \$315,806, as follows - General Fund (\$27,500), **Waterways Zone 1 (\$153,200)**, Waterways Zone 2 (\$25,069), Seabridge CFD (\$36,913) and Westport CFD (\$36,211) - to fund the First Amendment to Agreement No. A-8093 and transferring funds from Project Z43801 - Seabridge Waterways TR5266 into Fund 173 (\$36,913).
Legislative Body: CC Contact: Rosemarie Gaglione Phone: (805) 385-8055

Document: [K-4 Staff Report & Presentation](#)

Also insulting is the recent Request for Proposal (RFP) Bid Close Date: November 6, 2018 (see attached).

A sheet metal fix referred to in this proposal was reviewed and dismissed by the seawall team and engineers years ago as a possible fix for some of the issues – It was determined at that time that it would require the removal of all DECKS and would need to be added 3 feet in front of the existing seawall (on the water side) to allow enough reinforcement to sustain the walls.

AGAIN – perpetually wasting funds on consultants rather than fixing the issues with our seawalls!! We were making better headway prior to Nyhoff and all of his promises about making things better and fixing the issues!

I am regretting ever volunteering for ANYTHING!

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Thank you,

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Alexander Nguyen
City Manager