

Lisa Wolfe

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From: Marilyn Bardet [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 8:18 PM
To: Lisa Wolfe
Cc: Kathy Kerridge; Constance Beutel; Mary Frances Kelly-Poh; Nancy Lund
Subject: Comments on Item 14.C. for tonite's council meeting

Hi Lisa,

Please read these comments at the meeting, for item 14.C.
Thank you!

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Good evening Mayor Young and council members,

I want to support the letter submitted by Good Neighbor Steering Committee member, Kathy Kerridge, in which she explains why the Council cannot re-appropriate Valero/GNSC Settlement Funds for city purposes defined by Council. The second Amendment of the Settlement Agreement, signed in 2019, allows that those funds, now being considered by Council for city tree-trimming, must be retained for benefit of the work of the Sustainability Commission, for future purposes the Commission recommends.

As a non-voting member of the Commission representing the Good Neighbor Steering Committee, I look forward to meeting with a newly appointed Commission with its eager new members and leadership.

Thanks to the Amended Settlement Agreement of 2019, the Council will soon be hiring a new Climate Action Coordinator. There will be fresh energies of new commissioners that will invigorate the work of the Commission, to make recommendations and advance programs that limit our City's and community's carbon emissions, save energy and water. That work will necessarily include recommending updates to the Benicia Climate Action Plan.

On that note, I'd like to know what the City is doing with the funds allocated by the Settlement Agreement for creating a comprehensive water management plan and for hiring a water management plan coordinator.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Marilyn Bardet
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2021 7:03 PM
To: Kathy Kerridge; Lisa Wolfe
Cc: Christina Strawbridge; Lionel Largaespada; Steve Young; Tom Campbell; Erik Upson; Ben Stock; Trevor Macenski; Cindy Mosser
Subject: Re: Mid year Budget Update

Dear City Staff, Mayor and Council,

I am in total support of Kathy's email and concerns.

Constance M. Beutel, EdD

> On Mar 2, 2021, at 5:01 PM, Kathy Kerridge <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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> Dear Council, Mayor, Mr. Upson, Ms. Mosser, and Mr. Stock,

> In the Update to the City Budget, item 14C, p. 5 there is a proposal for " • Other Special Revenue Funds o An expenditure increase for a transfer to the Community Service of \$32,000 from the Valero GNSC fund for tree maintenance."

> I know that the city manager, attorney, and finance manager have not been here for the negotiations and the settlement discussions that lead to the Valero/ Good Neighbor Settlement Agreements. These are agreements that the city approved and became a party to. Under the Amendment to the Agreement dated May 4th, 2010 paragraph 3 H states that "The City's Sustainability Commission shall review and recommend to the City Councilfor approval additional projects for funding" The money that is proposed to be given from this fund must be approved and recommended to the City Council by the Community Sustainability Commission. To do otherwise would be in direct violation of the contract that the city entered into. This item needs to be withdrawn from the proposed budget update. It should be under the purview of the Sustainability Commission to make recommendations for spending..

> One other part of that contract also provided for a yearly accounting of all expenditures to the GNSC, Valero, and the Sustainability Commision. Now that the Commission is up and running that accounting should be made.

> Sincerely,
> Kathy Kerridge JD, member of Good Neighbor Steering Committee