

Item #1 - Serrano

From: [Danny Serrano](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Franco Garcia](#); [Danny Serrano](#); [Montserrat Hernandez](#)
Subject: RE: NC CC 2/1/22 Hearing - Agenda #1 MCAS - Public Comment - Danny Serrano/EHC
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 3:49:40 PM

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Good afternoon Mayor Sotelo-Solis and City Council members.

My name is Danny Serrano, and I'm providing comments on behalf of EHC. I'd first like to really thank Commissioner Secretary Naranjo for helping to adopt a strong Maritime Clean Air Strategies (MCAS). I'd also like to thank Port staff for all their work, thus far, in making progress in implementing the MCAS and for providing an update to the Council on 2/1/22. Heavy-duty trucks and cargo handling equipment at the National City Marine Terminal, for example, represent roughly 14 percent of cancer risk to National City per the Port's draft Health Risk Assessment. Implementation of the MCAS (such as the full transition of heavy duty trucks and cargo handling equipment to zero emission by 2030) will help to address the severe air quality issues that west National City residents experience in large part because of maritime industrial operations.

One of the challenges to implementing the MCAS, as with any important policy document, is limited funding. Although Port staff have already worked hard to secure state dollars to help implement some MCAS policies and are developing an elasticity study to consider new fees, much more funding and information will be needed. For example, at this point, it is unclear what the total cost of MCAS implementation would even require over the next five years. It is necessary to project future costs of policy implementation in order to understand what the funding solution needs to be. There remains a need to develop a comprehensive funding strategy for all of the MCAS implementation.

While it remains unclear exactly how much funding is needed, it is clear that the Port will need to find additional ways to increase the number of grants and other funding sources (e.g., Governor's request for \$6 billion in the state budget for heavy-duty zero emission vehicles, Federal 2021 Port Infrastructure Development Program Grant Awards etc.) to help pay for the implementation of the MCAS. One strategy for the Port's consideration is to determine the estimated costs for MCAS implementation measures over the next five years while creating a more transparent way of tracking the Port's efforts to align funding (such as grants, fees, etc.) to implementation. Port staff should also clarify how various funding sources are aligned with specific MCAS implementation strategies. EHC looks forward to working with the Port and National City to look at creative ways to develop funding mechanisms to implement the MCAS to benefit Portside Community residents.

EHC is asking that the City Council consider requesting the Port to take the following actions:

- Develop a comprehensive strategy to fund the implementation of the MCAS and incorporate the City of National City in this effort for any possible bilateral funding opportunities.
- Make quarterly updates to the National City Council on all available funding opportunities for the MCAS, how various funding sources are aligned with specific MCAS implementation strategies, the status of the Port's efforts to go/no go funding opportunities, any potential City/Port

bilateral funding opportunities, and progress towards addressing the funding needed to implement the MCAS.

EHC is looking forward to further collaboration with Port staff to help implement the MCAS and achieve health equity in National City. In order for EHC and others to track the implementation of the MCAS, we need the Port to develop a comprehensive MCAS funding strategy that is publicly available along with regular updates to the Portside Community stakeholders such as National City.

Sincerely,

DANNY SERRANO, AICP

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From: [Grace Kamenides](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Las Palmas Pool
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:29:37 PM

Item #17 - Kamenides

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I am writing to express the importance of a larger pool at Las Palmas. I've been going to water aerobics since I've been recovering from a broken knee. Water aerobics not only allowed me to regain movement in my knee, but also allowed me to continue the cardio exercise I need to stay healthy. Only two days a week is not enough. The expert instructors give us a real workout. Not a social hour. I am speaking for myself, but can guarantee that several of us are healthier, more flexible and in less pain because of Las Palma's Pool water aerobics. When classes were cut down to two days a week, it affected my health. Water aerobics is THE exercise for many of us. Having a bigger pool will only help our health because there would be more space for more classes.

Thank you.

Grace Kamenides.

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From: [Pat Sainz](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Las Palmas Pool Renovation
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 4:24:20 PM

Item #17 - Sainz

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Mayor Sotelo Solis & Council members:

I am writing in support of the expansion of Las Palmas Pool. I have taken swim lessons at the pool, participate in water aerobics classes and go for lap swim as well. By expanding the width of the pool to 25 yards wide, more activities could be scheduled to better meet the needs of our community. As a participant of the water aerobics class, i have noticed while our class is held, the capacity for lap swim is extremely limited. I have also seen that on the weekends when people go in for swim lessons, again the lap swim lanes are very limited. Since there are already plans in motion to upgrade the pool, this would be the perfect opportunity to expand it to make it better than ever. Many of us rely on this public pool for our daily exercise and increasing the activities would be of great benefit to a big part of our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Pat Sainz
Community member

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Expansion of the Las Palmas pool.
Date: Thursday, January 27, 2022 4:18:01 PM

Item #17 - Arnold

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I'm a regular user of the water areobic exercise program offered at the Las Palmas pool. Due to my on going arthritis problem this is the best exercise for me as prescribed by my Doctor. I feel that if the pool was expanded there would be less conflict of scheduling which would allow the areobic program to be offered six days a week. Many of the people that attend this program are retired and need this from of exercise to maintain their health and have a better quality of life. I feel this is a service that the city should provide for the better health of the community.

Marilyn Arnold

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Item #17 - Eledge

From: [Jim Donna Bret Eledge](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Las Palmas
Date: Friday, January 28, 2022 11:02:59 AM

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I'm excited to hear that the council is considering making the pool larger in order to serve more of your community in the South Bay. A. I've been a participant in water exercise classes for many years and also the lap swim opportunities recently added. I've always considered this part of my living well by providing my body the opportunity to move a lot in a way less demanding on my 73 year old joints. I would urge you to consider their proposal as an opportunity to be more inclusive in the neighborhood. I would encourage you to include some renovations to the showers and bathrooms particularly in the women's section. Your staff at the pool are amazing and very supportive. Thank you for this opportunity to provide input . Sincerely, Donna Eledge.

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Item #17 - Ramirez

From: [Jacqueline Ramirez](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Support for Las Palmas pool improvements
Date: Saturday, January 29, 2022 1:16:30 PM

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Hello,

I have been an avid swimmer and participant in water aerobics classes at Las Palmas pool for many years. I enthusiastically support the improvements and expansion that are being planned and look forward to using the pool again soon.

Thank you,

Jacqueline Ramirez

Item #22 - Godshalk

From: [Ted Godshalk](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: ITEM #22 Public Comment from Mr. Ted Godshalk
Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 3:49:06 PM

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Public comment for Item #22 from Mr. Ted Godshalk:

Council and Mayor,

I request that you continue to the next meeting the Resolution to extend the employment contract for Mr. Brad Raulston so the public can have all of the information it needs to judge your decision.

- 1- The staff report does not discuss the current salary, the salary history, or performance reviews of Mr. Raulston.
- 2- There is no rationale for using similar terms and conditions with labor groups.
- 3- There is no documentation of the salary comparisons with other public agencies.
- 4- There has been no review of the City Manager's office operations for many years, while he has made adjustments to other departments. Are there new "Best Management Practices" and more equitable procedures that need to be implemented? Does the City Manager's office consume a proper percentage of the city's budget?
- 5- The public has never been adequately involved in this important matter since Mr. Raulston was first promoted to the position.

Please continue this item to a future meeting.

Thank you,

Ted Godshalk