

General Comment - Ornelas

From: [Eunize Ornelas](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: El Toyon Park
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 10:13:11 AM

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Hello City Council Members,

I wanted to bring to your attention the ongoing homelessness and suspicious activities that go on a daily basis. For a couple of years now the park has become unsafe to its residents and families to enjoy and play due to the ongoing risky activities going around. Recently there was a man shot near El Toyon Park and residence area which is unfortunate that this occurred near our community but these are the same individuals that come to this park and park in double lane in front of home residences with loud music, as well as smoke marijuana all day or disturb the community with their loud inappropriate conversations.

It has gotten to the point our children cannot play outside OUR frontyard due to feeling unsafe and lately it feels that way all the time! Also, homeless individuals playing in the park or sitting in the public benches in the middle of the night with their own lanterns. This park has 24 hours of all kinds of activities. This is only one of the many ongoing issues. The playground for children needs vital repairs and the one close to the field track completely needs a new playground. Not only this gives a negative image to the community its attracting more negative activities to say the least. I invite you to check 911 and non emergency records of residents calling for assistance with el Toyon homeless issues or reports and or other incidents reported. Also, please take time to drive around the park in the morning, afternoon and after 6pm to see all these activities going on. My main concern is our safety and the well being of our residents. This is only put this community in a disadvantage, inequality, and increase negative social interactions. Which really concerns me when raising my young children here in National City.

Please enforce stricter rules for this park to reduce inappropriate activities and increase guest sense of safety. Add supervised programs to this park that has been abandoned for so long included with recreational activities for children that are non-existent. I have to travel to another city to have my children participate in out of school activities because my community does not offer them.

Thank you for reading this and please help increase a positive reputation for this park given the recent circumstances.

Sent from my iPhone

Item 6 - Godshalk

From: [Ted Godshalk](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment for ITEM 6 from Mr. Ted Godshalk
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 3:12:42 PM

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Council,

The staff has already recommended that you return to open public meetings in-person. The recommendation two month's ago stated that there is no hybrid or alternative to meeting in person. Most local, and other, governments have resumed the regular meeting format. You have made a plan to return, but it looks like you are dragging your heels. By continuing this resolution this month, you are going against the staff's recommendation. It is past time to return to meeting WITH THE PUBLIC.

You do, in fact, organize public meetings. You seem to know the right thing to do. You have already made concessions to this fact by meeting at the Port's Pepper Park planning workshop and by having a Community Breakfast planned for this Saturday. You're just not leading by example.

Please pull down the curtain and meet with the public in-person. We increasingly see the very important issues dealt with on Zoom, rather than face-to-face. Are there really some things you need to accomplish in the virtual format that are better done without people in the room?

Ted Godshalk

Item 9 - Godshalk

From: [Ted Godshalk](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Item 9 from Mr. Ted Godshalk
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 3:03:45 PM

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June 7, 2022 -Public Comment for Item 9 from Mr. Ted Godshalk

Council,

Ok, the long shot possibility of a tie vote is considered tonight. There is another condition that I have brought to the attention of the City Attorney.

In light of the new District elections, you need to develop and adopt new procedures and policy for filling vacancies on the City Council.

Qualified candidates for a vacant council seat in need of an appointee **must be residents of that district**. Please deal with this policy before the need arises and confusion or manipulation ensues.

Thank you,
Ted Godshalk

From: [Ted Godshalk](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Item 12 from Mr. Ted Godshalk
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 3:24:28 PM

Item 12 - Godshalk

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JUNE 7, 2022--PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEM 12 FROM MR. TED GODSHALK

Council,

I walk along the Mile of Cars for my exercise and I believe it looks pretty good. There are, however, two issues I think you must address.

First, you need to actively work to replace the vacant car lots on the east side of the street near 26th Street with housing. There is a need for more housing, and this would minimally impact existing neighborhoods. Vacant Car Lots only advertise one thing. A Blighted Community.

Second, the Assessment District for the Mile of Cars includes the large red-white-and blue steel flags sign at 23rd and McKinley Ave. This is west of I-5.

This sign was installed decades ago and I felt it was a terrible design then. It continues to be so today. You need to go and look at this rusted and derelict "Disneyland Parking Lot" version of a sign and have it taken down immediately. The money is there in the Assessment District budget for "improvements" to our community. Improve it !!

This sign presents an eyesore at a gateway entrance to our city. Please take care of this overdue work in this work plan.

Ted Godshalk

From: [John Borja](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #21
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 12:55:46 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Item 21 - Borja

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Good Evening Colleagues and Elected officials

I am John A. Borja, I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the National City Chamber of Commerce. We represent 400 members in our organization for both businesses and non-profits in the region, We recently reviewed the recommendations for the Upcoming 2023 Budget for the City of National City. #6 on the list of recommendations is **Microgrants for Small businesses and Non-profits**, We believe The city should reconsider the amount allocated and consider increasing the amount for Small businesses and Non-profits.

Our regional economy is still facing a recovery from the pandemic as well as a looming stagnation in the economy due to inflation and potential for high unemployment . We at the National City Chamber of Commerce are turning to our elected officials to demonstrate its support for the existing businesses as well as the labor force that supports them. Most of National City's businesses and non-profits help attract new business to the region as well as provide educational services to the region . We must also recognize the obvious increases in materials, office spaces, Gas prices and other needs which continues to restrict business's ability to keep cost reasonable or afford increases from their supply chain . We are hopeful our City Council will value our relationship with the local community to increase the Microgrants in support of small businesses and non-profits in our region.

Respectfully

John A. Borja, Board member National City Chamber of Commerce

John A. Borja, AAI



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From: [Ted Godshalk](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment for Item 21 from Mr. Ted Godshalk
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 3:59:33 PM

Item 21 - Godshalk

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Public Comment for Item 21 from Mr. Ted Godshalk- June 7, 2022

Council,

Tonight, the budget is being presented in a manner that is completely acceptable to staff. At the May 17 council meeting, Mr. Raulston stated that the PowerPoint slides were available for the public to study, but he has not included the slides tonight for the public, **nor even for you** to study. Is this really because we are supposed to forget how the line item figures have been derived?

The add-ons "Council Direction Items" in last meeting were not officially adopted into the budget and it looked like there would be more discussion tonight. There needs to be more discussion tonight before making decisions. But the slides are missing.

Holding this item during a virtual meeting is further proof that the virtual process is now your acceptable way to deal with important issues. It is much easier to manage the issue and, in fact, hide discussion points.

We are left to wonder if the amount budgeted for the four new employee positions. At over \$560,000, you should be doing analysis to see if these salaries and benefits are appropriate. **THE SALARIES SEEM HIGH.**

The Principal Planner level for the EJ position is too high and will result in upward pressure on the salary of the Planning Director and then ripple through the rest of the upper management.

Have you checked to see if the Code Enforcement officer \$106,000 is the right salary?

Does the new Homeless Coordinator warrant a salary package of \$144,000?

Have you considered that the National School District can handle after-school programs during the school year and the City could provide more robust Summer and Spring Break activities that build a culture of year-round learning, fitness, and community service?

This budget discussion should be continued to the next meeting so there can be a more educated decision.

Ted Godshalk

Item 22 - Rincon

From: [Joan Rincon](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: June 7 Council meeting, item 22
Date: Saturday, June 4, 2022 4:06:20 PM

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My comment applies equally to items 22 and 23 for both Clerk and Treasurer, but of course you only need to read it once.

Why don't you guys give this idea a rest. In other words, back off and skip it for a few years.

The voters just said no to this in 2020.

That may be a sign that they don't trust the electeds or staff to appoint these positions. I can certainly understand why they feel that way....what with video meetings being the only meetings while everybody except Mona is out campaigning and attending parties.

Stop wasting the voters' time and money on this, and instead learn to take no for an answer.

-Joan Rincon



Item 25 - Castleman

PLASTERERS' LOCAL NO. 200

Operative Plasterers' Cement Masons' and Shop Hands' International Association,

6/7/2022

Civic Center Council Chambers
1243 National City Blvd
National City, California 91950

RE: The Union Tower Project Grant Funding

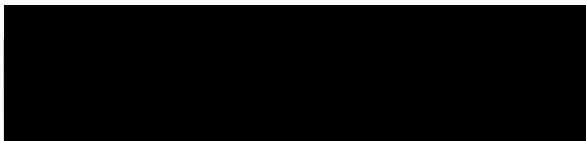
Dear Chamber Members and the People of National City,

The Union Tower Project is the result of hard and persistent research, education and dedication by the Board of Directors of 'The National City Park Apartments' (NCPA) also known as 'The Building and Construction Trades Council Family Housing Corporation'. As a non-profit organization whose main purpose is to help provide safe and affordable housing for area residents, we have been and are still committed to maintaining a level of high-quality housing for years to come. To do that, we need to continue to find 'all' available financial resources that could make this National City vision of Modern Development a reality. A Grant by National City could be the financial propellant necessary to make National City an envy and model for the surrounding cities.

As a Board Member of the NCPA for the last 18 years and now Vice President, I have witnessed all the 'Ups and Downs' of the maneuvers it takes to get where we are today, right on the fringe of success. I have seen Council Members come and go as well as members of the NCPA board. The National City Council is in a unique position for the current board to provide a lasting impression on its population of what progress can look like when City Government works with its Local Businesses/Organizations to improve the perception of this city as 'progressive'. Get the best bang for your buck by approving the grant funding for the Union Tower Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Tom Castleman
Business Manager
Plasterers Local 200
Vice President of National City Parks Apartments



Item 25 - Coleman

From: [Beau Coleman](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 25
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 8:04:14 AM

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Good Evening my name is Beau Coleman, and a proud Member of Ironworkers Local 229.

I urge you to support this project by approving this grant by the City's Housing Commission to Union Tower.

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Item 25 - Colmenero

From: [Paul Colmenero](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Union Tower
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 1:59:52 PM

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My name is Paul Colmenero, and I'm a member of the Roofers Waterproofers Local Union #45, as well as a National City resident for over 20 years.

I urge you to support this project by approving this grant by the City's Housing Commission for the Union Tower. The Tower project will provide additional needed affordable homes ultimately to upwards of 1100 homes to our community here in National City, a community that is in walking distance to the trolley station as well as being adjacent to multiple bus stops. The Union Tower project and all future redevelopment phases will increase opportunities for career development and apprenticeship programs for the National City and San Diego County residents.

Again, I urge you to support this project by approving this grant.

Thank you!

Paul Colmenero, Business Manager, Financial Secretary Treasurer
United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers #45



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From: [Dave Gauthier](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Union Tower Project.
Date: Monday, June 6, 2022 11:56:14 AM

Item 25 - Gauthier

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Good Afternoon,

My name is Dave Gauthier and I am the Business Manager/F.S.T. of SMART Local 206 and the President of the National City Park Apartments (NCPA), which is owned and operated by the San Diego County Building Trades Council Family Housing Corporation. I have personally spoken to families that reside within these apartments, some of them for decades. They have had the ability to live here and raise their families here because it's more affordable than most other options. We as an organization have made a commitment to these families that we will not sell this land to the highest bidder. Instead we want to reinvest into this property and this community with the Union Tower project.

Building this project under a local hire agreement enables this grant money to be earned and recycled within this community where it belongs. I represent hundreds of Sheet Metal Workers that live in the South Bay, raise their families in the South Bay, and want to work on meaningful projects like this along with their neighbors and new Building Trades Members that this project can and will recruit into a meaningful middle class career. I urge all of you to support this project for the future of National City and it's families. Thank you.

"The aim of argument , or of discussion, should not be victory, but progress " . - Joseph Joubert

Fraternally,

DAVE GAUTHIER
BUSINESS MANAGER / F.S.T.

Sheet Metal Local 206



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From: [Nephi Hancock](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Item 25
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 12:06:12 PM

Item 25 - Hancock

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My name is Nephi Hancock and I am a member of IBEW LU569.

- The Union Tower project is the first phase of a multi-phase redevelopment of the 23-acre property currently owned and operated by the National City Park Apartments that will ultimately lead to upwards of 1100 homes on this site;
- The Union Tower project will provide greatly needed high quality, safe, affordable homes to our community right here in National City in walking distance to the nearest trolley station as well as adjacent to multiple bus stops;
- The Union Tower project will be built under PLA by local workers, ensuring that National City's grants dollars will stay in the region and continue to cycle and benefit our local economy while providing construction workers all the benefits and protections of a strong union contract;
- The Union Tower project and all future phases of the redevelopment will increase opportunities for apprenticeship programs and career development for National City and San Diego County residents;
- This grant from National City will make our project's application for funding and tax credits to the state highly competitive and we could be breaking ground as soon as early 2023;
- I urge you to support this project by approving this grant by the City's Housing Commission to Union Tower.

Thank you.

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Item 25 - Johnson

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To: [Public Comment](#)
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The Union Tower project and all future phases of the redevelopment will increase opportunities for apprenticeship programs and career development for National City and San Diego County residents.

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