

Agenda Item 4 - Special Budget Meeting - 06/02/2020

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From: Brandon Kanner [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Special Meeting - Funding Plan

Members of the Council,

These are difficult times, which do require difficult decisions by the elected officials including this Council. Tonight staff has presented to you options to close the budget gap which has been caused in large part by the required response to Covid-19. And while this council must mull over those options I would encourage the Council to ensure the decision they make this evening does not destroy the public's faith in the current Council as well as future Council.

Years ago a previous Council went to our community to pass Measure V, with the promise that those funds would be used to enhance our community with new amenities. This Council must honor that commitment and view these funds as a third rail when discussing general fund short falls.

If it's the believe of this Council and their advisors that the promise made to the community can be broken and Measure V funds used to bridge the shortfall, then I would propose that no dedicated funding should be off limits. If the Council's can use Measure V funds why not use Staff retirement contributions, or allocated payroll monies.

Promises have been made to this community and promises must be kept to ensure faith in this institution is maintained.

Thank you,

Brandon Kanner

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From: Dino Margaros <dmargaros@tracycitycenter.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 10:03 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: June 2, 2020 - **Special Meeting Agenda Item #4**

Dear Council,

I am writing you today in support of the proposed flexibility in using Measure V (amenity) funding (on a temporary basis) as a bridge to maintain programs important to our community's quality of life. It is more critical than ever that we present our city in its best light, and a big part of that is (but not limited to) programming at the Grand Theatre, community events like the downtown Block Party series, landscape maintenance in our parks, medians, and public facilities, programming for youth and seniors, and a host of other "curb appeal" type services that need to be maintained at all costs. These programs/services create a multiplier effect on our overall economic vitality and quality of life for the city as a whole. We have collectively built a community to be proud of, but need to maintain that pride going forward at all costs, even during the most difficult of times. Please allow flexibility in the budget to help us get through this unprecedented crisis and back on a path to a much better future.

Sincerely,

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From: Don Cose [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 2:56 PM

To: Adrienne Richardson <Adrienne.Richardson@cityoftracy.org>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Measure V Funds

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the protests that are going on in Tracy, and the uncertainty of Tracy's future, we recommend that the community temporally divert Measure V Funds from Legacy Fields & Elis Water Park development.

We believe these funds should be diverted toward the existing Tracy Seniors & Tracy Youth Programs, Grand Theater, and other public projects that involve a large number of community members.

We cannot lose the existing fabric that Tracy has worked so long to develop. At this time it is paramount to continue these programs that are already in place.

We believe that the Legacy Fields & Elis Water Park development are important to the future progress of Tracy when funds can be accrued.

From: Executive Director <execdirector@grandfoundation.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 4:32 PM
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Subject: June 2, 2020 - Special Meeting Agenda Item #4

Dear Tracy City Council,

I'm writing on behalf of the entire Grand Foundation Board of Directors in support of the proposed flexibility in using Measure V funding in order to bridge the funding gap to maintain programs important (we would argue essential) to our community's quality of life. Now more than ever before, it's critical that we present our city in the best possible way and continue to fund access to the very things that make our unique city vibrant and diversified. One of the most valuable **assets and amenities** our community has is our crown jewel, The Grand Theatre Center for the Arts. Funding programming at The Grand is perfectly aligned within the context of what Measure V was designed for...amenities. The Grand's success has demonstrated a snowball effect over the last 12 years into the surrounding downtown economic vitality and has improved the quality of life for the city as a whole. Please, PLEASE, allow flexibility in the budget to help us get through this awful crisis and back on track to a positive community future. Use the Measure V funding for what it was designed for and fund The Grand appropriately.

Thank you,

Kaylin Dell'Aringa
President, Grand Foundation