



# Additional Documents List

## City Council Meeting

### April 27, 2022

Item No.	Agenda Item Description	Distributor	Document
	Written Public Comment Item #3, #5, #6	Christina Muñoz, Deputy City Clerk	Emailed Public Comment.

**Public Comment  
Item #3**

## Christina Munoz

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**From:** Kim Carlson <kimicarlson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 5:58 PM  
**To:** D. Shane  
**Cc:** City Council Public Comment; Armine Chaparyan; Domenica Megerdichian; Tamara Binns; Ted Gerber; Michael Cacciotti; Jon Primuth; Evelyn Zneimer; Jack Donovan; Diana Mahmud; ben@southpasadenan.com; WISPPA  
**Subject:** Re: Special City Council Meeting on April 27, 2022: Public Comment: Agenda Item No. 3: Award of Contract to AKD Consulting to Evaluate the Current Condition of the West Side Reservoir

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Dear City Council members,

I also whole-heartedly agree with Delaine Shane and Sally Takeda. Please vote to approve the subject contract (Agenda item No. 3) to have the West Side Reservoir evaluated by AKD Consulting. Please vote to approve the subject contract (Agenda Item No. 3) to have the West Side Reservoir evaluated by AKD Consulting.

Kim Carlson  
732 Bonita Drive

On Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 10:10 PM D. Shane <[WEHOA\\_402@outlook.com](mailto:WEHOA_402@outlook.com)> wrote:

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Please vote to approve the subject contract (Agenda Item No. 3) to have the West Side Reservoir evaluated by AKD Consulting. Due to the reservoir's deteriorating condition, my neighbors and I want to know the extent of the reservoir's ability to continue its function in water storage or whether some immediate action is necessary to prevent a horrible public safety tragedy. A complete collapse of this structure would wreak havoc and destruction on our community. Two million gallons of water would not drain quickly along Meridian and would further impact our homes and G-d forbid lives in its wake.

I truly appreciate Mr. Ted Gerber of Public Works for working so diligently on this proposed contract to find out precisely what is happening at this water facility structure. Please vote yes. It is vitally important and cannot wait any longer.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Delaine W. Shane

2003 Meridian Avenue



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Kim Carlson  
[sopaskim@gmail.com](mailto:sopaskim@gmail.com)

## Christina Munoz

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**From:** Sally Takeda <sallytakeda@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 11:17 AM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment; D. Shane  
**Cc:** Armine Chaparyan; Domenica Megerdichian; Tamara Binns; Ted Gerber; Michael Cacciotti; Jon Primuth; Evelyn Zneimer; Jack Donovan; Diana Mahmud; ben@southpasadenan.com; WISPPA  
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Dear City Council members,

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Sally Takeda  
712 Bonita Drive

On Monday, April 25, 2022, 10:10:19 PM PDT, D. Shane <wehoa\_402@outlook.com> wrote:

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**Importance:** High

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Delaine W. Shane  
2003 Meridian Avenue





**Public Comment  
Item #5**

## Christina Munoz

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**From:** Chris Bray <chrisabray@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 26, 2022 8:24 AM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public Comment, Agenda Item #5, April 27 Special Meeting

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Councilmembers,

Reading the "Sewer System Management Plan" prepared by Carollo Engineers, Inc., I see this statement:

**"Sewer Spill Response Plan** – The City has prepared a SSRP, which provides information on procedures to be followed by City staff in the event of a SSO (Appendix D)."

An SSO is a sanitary sewer overflow.

This statement can be found on pg. 7-2 of the report, or pg. 5-49 of the agenda packet.

Providing context for the Carollo report, the staff report that precedes it says this, with emphasis added:

"On December 18, 2019, the City Council awarded a contract to Carollo Engineers, Inc. (Carollo) to prepare the IWWRMP and the SSMP. Carollo's work and the City's work on the plans **commenced in 2020** and concluded in 2022."

So it appears the City of South Pasadena now has a "Sewer Spill Response Plan," and that this plan was newly created as part of a larger sewer management plan between 2020 and 2022. The effort to develop consistent policy for the management of sewage and sewage overflows "commenced in 2020."

What this appears to mean is that the City did not have a fully developed "Sewer Spill Response Plan" on January 11, 2018, which means that city employees responding to the sewage spill that occurred on Hanscom Drive that day *did not have* "information on procedures to be followed by City staff" in the event of such a spill.

In the absence of clear policy and established procedures, city officials responding to that sewage spill could not have determined the cause and origin of the spill through the use of a systematic, documented work plan. Such an absence taints the subsequent efforts by the City of South Pasadena's unethical lawyers, the amoral dirtbag halfwit grifters at Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, speaking of sewage, to pretend that the City had thoroughly and correctly analyzed the cause and origin of the January 11, 2018 sewage spill.

After four years of stupid litigation over a sewage spill that happened in 2018, we learn from an agenda packet that the city *started planning for sewage spills in 2020*.

But more importantly, *you knew*. City officials knew in 2018 that they had inadequate plans for responding to a sewage spill, inadequate plans for evaluating a sewage spill, and no serious plan for assessing the cause and origin of such a spill. If you didn't know that, you wouldn't have approved a contract with Carollo Engineers to create a plan. Why make something that you have?

So throughout a four-year legal battle, the City of South Pasadena has **always known** that the city was unprepared to respond appropriately to the sewage spill that happened on Hanscom Drive in January of 2018.

On a positive note, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley has made a lot of money from the stupid and shameful litigation. What absolute scumbags.

Chris Bray  
South Pasadena resident

**Public Comment  
Item #6**

## Christina Munoz

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**From:** Care First South Pasadena <carefirstsouthpas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022 10:42 AM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Item 6 of the April 27 City Council Meeting

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Dear City Council,

Care First South Pasadena is submitting the comment below on Item 6: Discussion of Potential Uses for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Care First urges the City Council to **wait** on giving city staff direction on how to allocate American Rescue Plan State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds until a public outreach and engagement process can be conducted. When the federal government awarded the funds to South Pasadena, city officials told our community at public meetings that such a process would be conducted to help decide how to allocate the projected \$4.8 million. That process hasn't occurred and it is inappropriate to begin to allocate such a large sum in isolation of a broader community-based budget discussion and based solely on what appear to be hurried staff recommendations.

Care First applauds the staff recommendation to use the funding to potentially foster development of affordable housing within the community. The high cost and limited availability of affordable housing, or any housing, is the number one issue in California. Care First urges the city to explore using the funds for such purposes as rental assistance, converting the golf course to housing and open space, as contemplated in AB 1910, or offering financial incentives for a nonprofit affordable housing development project.

See <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-04-22/golf-course-state-bill>. Likewise, Care First urges the city to examine how the funds could be used to create a housing resource center, including advocacy for tenants and services for the unhoused.

In addition, Care First suggests another potential use of the funding is to jumpstart what appears to be a stalled effort to create a mobile crisis response unit staffed by outreach workers and medics to handle calls for welfare checks and concerns about unhoused people instead of using police.

Another potential discussion is to hire civilian code enforcement officers to respond in the place of police to complaints about noise, parking, and to enforce requirements of numerous ordinances aimed, for instance, at saving water, preventing use of Styrofoam for take-out food packaging, switching from gas-powered to electric leaf blowers, rental housing condition requirements, etc. Palm Springs has successfully used code officers to enforce requirements on AirBNB rentals, cannabis stores, and for other purposes. The civilian staffers are paid about \$28 an hour. See <https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2022-04-22/coachella-2022-festival-palm-springs-party-airbnb-enforcement>.

Care First has other ideas, and no doubt so do many members of the community. This is why a public outreach and engagement process is needed before any of the money is allocated.

Sincerely,

Care First South Pasadena