

City Council Meeting 7/12/17:

1:18 - Councilmember Mosby: "I feel everything I said in the last several meetings wasn't even heard."

Patrick Wiemiller: "My direction came from the council as a whole but I don't work for individual council members. I don't work for the mayor. I work for the majority of the council."

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1:16 Vega: applauded what Mosby was doing. Need to buffer police dept. We can't tax our way out of this.

1:24 Jim: "I don't know how far you guys want to go down in there. Want to get down into the departments. I stayed at the upper 10,000 foot level giving a viewpoint in there. I do have an analysis all the way down to the dollar to figure out where we can do it. Give some money back to the utilities as well which could off-set some of the utility rate increases. as well. Understanding this again is going back again in funding the pension programs. This is also with a study like this, with numbers like this we keep animal services fully funded, all the non-profits fully funded and we move forward. Like I said, we do a little bit of reset in some of the experiments we had that we can't financially afford anymore. If we didn't have this new obligation that came around the corner, the new \$10m bump from 60 to 70, we wouldn't have to do this. But that's what you do, When you do something you move forward. Sometimes you do have to have a correction. This is what we are looking at. This is a correction. Remember we went up 40% in expensing and this is a correction. It's not like a catastrophe and we're throwing things away. In a couple of years, if it seems like we're in a position again we can move - granted if PERS doesn't come forward and say hey, but the way, next year you owe more. But we have an opportunity to go through and do this and do a simple reset. That's kinda what you have to do. That's a standard practice for businesses - the pendulum swings this way, it has to swing back that way a little while. And that's I believe we can do.

1:25 Dirk - "Yeah, I just want to go back and remind the council now too let's look at some notes a while back. We agreed that we were going to look at 4, 5, & 6% across the board cuts to general fund. These cuts were only going to apply for the 17-19 budget." "Modification of pulling money into a capital improvement plan was discussed, natural growth, and then resetting the budget for new positions recent and past but no new positions. We were going to look at attrition and see what kind of savings there was going to be."

1:35 - Vega - "Again, I think Councilman Mosby has been very clear here that the pendulum is swinging and does need to swing a certain way."

1:39 -Vega - "Just another comment here. I understand you know that we need to find money in the budgets that's why I'm listening to Councilmember Mosby to see what he has to offer here and some strong guidance so that we can hear this. I think the continued utility increases are not always the answer. We argue that we can" build out of it. We argue that it's only \$6-10 and \$6-10 dollars multiplied by multiple years of increases are taking away from families. From the research that I've done here it says here that Lompoc here from the census bureau is 21.3% of the population are living below the property line (*poverty line*), which is higher than the national of 14.7%." (*blah, blah, blah*)

2:18 - "So again, I applaud Mr. Mosby and the direction he is going."

1:48 - Jenelle - "Not just put it on our employees' backs. So I agree that Councilmember Mosby has pointed out several areas where we could potentially trim or put on hold hiring. I would love to hear if there is anybody who has volunteer furloughs and wants to help out and considers it a contribution to paying their share that we can pay the pension fund. I appreciate the idea that we take the pension fund off but that wasn't a cost saving model." **"Again, I fully support finding a balanced budget based on what can we trim** but I also think fully funding these other entities that are not city responsibilities is fool-hardy for longer than a year unless we see a change in our revenue.

1:50 Bob - City Manager from comments that have been made from Councilmen Mosby and Councilwoman Osborne do you need clarification on any one of their directions?

Patrick - **No I appreciate it. I'd like to have the opportunity to return with a plan if it's the pleasure of the council as a whole or the council majority to follow those - Mr. Mosby and Miss Osborne's recommendations. I don't think I need more clarification. I appreciate the 10,000 foot level and I'm concerned more clarification might bring it down below that glide path"**.