CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024 AT 12:00 PM

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3. Yvonne LaRose - Public Comment re Agenda Item 3_ Residential Electric Bill Rates
4. Yvonne LaRose - Public Comment_ Agenda Item 4 - Gay Pride
12. Memo for Corrections

Additional Documents Agenda Report

ITEM NO.

DATE: June 18, 2024

FROM: Arminé Chaparyan, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Luis Frausto, Acting Deputy City Manager
Mark Perez, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: **Amended Additional Documents to the June 18, 2024 City Council Meetings**

Executive Summary
The attached documents include submitted written public comments and amendments to the agenda. Submit by no later than 12:00 p.m., on the day of the City Council meeting. Correspondence received after this time will be distributed the following business day.

Attachment:
3. Yvonne LaRose - Public Comment re Agenda Item 3_ Residential Electric Bill Rates
4. Yvonne LaRose - Public Comment_ Agenda Item 4 - Gay Pride
12. Memo for Corrections

From: Yvonne LaRose
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment re Agenda Item 3: Residential Electric Bill Rates
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:43:28 AM

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SoCal Edison's (Edison) scheduled presentation for tonight regarding residential electric rates is of serious concern for me. I don't think my concerns are isolated. Many of us remember the 3-month rate spike from December 2022 to March 2023.

Although Edison (as well as SoCal Gas (SoCal) held customer forums in the initial months, and
although many customers asked their legislative representatives to speak against the rate spikes
no government representatives attended any of the hearings.

We customers endured bills that were from three times higher than normal to 10 times higher than normal. There were news stories about customers who could not afford the bills and either stopped using their utilities or lost service because of the exorbitant rates. Testimonies from many of the customers who attended the hearings echoed similar accounts. There were also news accounts of customers who froze, or froze and starved, to death because they lacked necessary, life-sustaining services - all because the utility rates were so high that they abstained from using the product. These consequences were most prevalent in areas that are remote and cut off due to weather conditions (snow in mountains, freezing temperatures in remote desert areas) that even prevented rescue services from providing aid.

This past winter we endured the time without rate spikes. We survived but we still have those exorbitant bills to pay down.

The wonderful news we received in March 2024 is that Edison and SoCal will be giving us customers an $86 rebate later this year. Edison has also begun an Ohm savings program that purportedly reduces the watts used in one's home and thereby reduces the amount of power consume, thus resulting in a lower electric bill.

Unfortunately, the two rebates of $86 are not comparable to the exorbitant bills (thousands of dollars each of the three months in question for some customers) incurred because of the Winter 2023 rate spikes. Another news account of approximately March or April 2024 announced Edison and SoCal will be increasing their customer utility rates.

The bottom line is we customers have endured enough in terms of utility rates. I hope I speak for many when I say I DO NOT want additional rate fees piled on to the current charges.

I WANT MY LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES to speak on their citizens behalf by finding some means to reject a new increase in rates. We are doing many things to alter our habits in order to be both environmentally responsible and to be prudent in our use of utility services. We do not need to be penalized for our endeavors to be economically and environmentally frugal, aware, and wise.

It is urged that both Edison and SoCal diligently find alternative sources for power that are available and more economical than the ones currently being tapped.

Viva
Yvonne LaRose, CAC
Organization Development Consultant: Diversity/Title VII, Harassment, Ethics

From: Yvonne LaRose
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment: Agenda Item 4 - Gay Pride
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 12:01:06 PM

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It was with wholehearted joy that I read the proclamation regarding Gay Pride recognition in South Pasadena.

The only troubling part of the proclamation was the fact that it read like an edited version of the three Sundown Town proclamations we already have on and in the books. And still, there is no affirmative language about what will be done to promote and encourage acceptance. There is nothing that addresses the practices of the past where de facto discrimination and what could be regarded as "unconscious bias" practices endure.

Perhaps there's more to celebrate regarding this proclamation than meets a civil rights advocate superficial eye. As with Juneteenth, recognition of the limitations of the past are being illuminated. We are free. We just need to become adjusted to accepting that fact of DEIB (diversity, **equity, inclusion**, belonging) and its value.

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City of South Pasadena
Finance Department

Memo

Date: June 18. 2024

To: The Honorable City Council

Via: Arminé Chaparyan, City Manager

From: John Downs, Finance Director

Dr. Scott Miller, Finance Management Consultant

Subject: Item 12 – Master Fee Schedule, correction to Administrative Citation fee

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On November 1, 2023, the City Council adopted an Ordinance (#2383) amending Chapter 1, Chapter 1A and Section 24.02 the South Pasadena Municipal Code updating various provisions including penalties for code violations.

Item 170 of the Fee Schedule is modified to read:

170A	Administrative Citation, 1st violation	$100
170B	Administrative Citation, 2nd violation	$200
170C	Administrative Citation, 3rd violation	$500