

Supplemental Item for Agenda Item No. 10 –
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Fireworks Ordinance and Enforcement**

Supplemental Item No. 3

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(CC Mtg 3/08/2021)

From: [Linda Burke](#)
To: [Wendi Sims](#)
Subject: Fireworks
Date: Sunday, March 7, 2021 2:51:35 PM

They just cancelled my insurance as they say i am in a fire zone. Please do not make this fear come true. Do not allow fireworks.

Linda burke



Wendi Sims

From: Laurie Christopher [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 9:06 PM
To: CouncilMembers
Subject: Fireworks Issue

Good evening.

Thank you for putting this issue on the agenda. My husband and I were the ones who organized the community meeting with Mayor Lee.

We had seen year after year, the complaints on the NextDoor app, after 4th of July from all our neighbors. Last year we addressed it with everyone.

The main points we want addressed are:

1. **ILLEGAL FIREWORKS:** We had my father-in-law live with us and he had dementia. Loud noises rattled him and we would NEVER take him to see fireworks shows because of it. One of our neighbors dog had a heart attack because of them and there are many veterans with PTSD who are affected.
2. **THE WAY THE LAW IS WRITTEN:** currently the law says an officer has to observe the illegal fireworks or a neighbor has to make a citizens arrest. You would need to triple your force to be able to catch all the illegal fireworks AND the normal citizen is not going to put their family in danger and risk repercussions from that neighbor at a later time.
3. **DRONES:** while this sounds like an interesting solution, here is reality. You only would have one drone. Let's say the drone is flying over 4th Street and Ramona. But someone lights off an illegal at Oak Park and The Pike. By the time the drone would get there, the perpetrators would be gone. Would the drone have night vision? If the drone sees three people run from the lit fireworks into a home, can it identify the exact people? Or is this an issue like #2?
4. **GENERAL FIREWORKS:** Cal fire has a zero tolerance for illegal fireworks. All types of fireworks including "safe and sane" are illegal in San Diego, Mendocino, Lake, El Dorado, Napa, Los Angeles, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara counties and many more contemplating outright bans.
5. **AIR QUALITY AND GLOBAL WARMING:** Fireworks release carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and nitrogen into the air.

In conclusion.....it's a losing battle chasing the illegal fireworks activity. Not enough man power to accomplish this task. The only solution is an outright ban on all fireworks. In banning them you will save pets, seniors, vets with PTSD and numerous air quality health concerns, and city financial issues in regards to staffing.

Thank you!

Laurie Christopher and Dave Machado

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Wendi Sims

From: Janice Reid <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 1:33 PM
To: CouncilMembers
Subject: Fireworks

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I would like to voice support for restricting use of safe and sane fireworks to July 4 only. Also, I would like to restrict sales to 2 days before July 4 and no days after July 4. The only reason I support any fireworks at all is because it is a fund raiser. I have to move out of my house on July 4 because of the toxic fumes caused by the chemicals that create the colors. Those chemicals are toxic to all beings, not just me. I happen to have sensitive lungs due to working on the Mesa for 25 years.

Also is my dog is totally traumatized by the noise. Just as bad are the random fireworks that go off throughout the year. They are traumatizing to animals, veterans, young children and older adults.

Please stop all fireworks as soon as possible. Hopefully the city will find other ways to fundraise.

Thank you,

Janice Reid

Wendi Sims

From: Terrie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 7, 2021 1:24 PM
To: Wendi Sims
Subject: March 8 meeting, Agenda #10, Fireworks

I'm strongly opposed to fireworks on July 4th or any time of year for many reasons, a few being:

1. Fire hazard, almost always drought conditions in SLO County and CA. According to www.nsc.org (National Safety Council) fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires each year including 1,300 structural fires, 300 vehicle fires and nearly 17,000 other fires.
2. A recent article mentioned all the non-domesticated animals that are traumatized or killed by fireworks. They set them off in a big field - that field is home to birds, insects, rodents, etc.
3. There is NO enforcement on illegal fireworks. If none were allowed, enforcement should be much easier.
4. Fireworks are not only on July 4th, but for many weeks prior and months after July 4th. No enforcement. This causes issues for pets and especially people with PTSD.

PLEASE HELP.

Terrie Moffa

AG resident.

Sent from my iPad