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Below are responses on questions submitted on agenda items for tonight's meeting:

Mayor Lee

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Item #3—Add Classification of Assistant Engineer

- *Please confirm that this is adding a new classification rather adding a new position.* Correct, this action just adds a new classification to provide flexibility in filling the vacant engineering position at either the Senior, Associate, or Assistant level.

Mayor Pro Tem Shah

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Item #5—2018-19 Mid-Year Financial Report

- *Why are the franchise fees projected to be lower?* We believe the franchise fee revenue will be approximately what we received last year but the budgeted number was this year too high. We'll modify this revenue estimate for the 2019-20 budget.
- *What is the status of Police staffing given the projected salary savings for the year?* Overall, the Police Department staffing is doing better than last year as all 19 full-time sworn positions are now filled. However, of those 19 positions, 2 are currently in the academy, 3 are on various medical leaves, 1 is in training and 3 are administrative (Chief/2 Commanders). That means there are only 10 officers working patrol shifts. This is still an impact that we are navigating and we anticipate having all officers on patrol by November 2019. Police is currently conducting a hiring process to overfill our sworn staff temporarily by one position in preparation for the cannabis detective retirement at the end of the fiscal year and recommendation to move this position from 32 hours/week to a full-time assignment in July 2019. This overfill will be funded using salary savings and we anticipate the new officer to be on board in April.
- *What are some examples of the General Fund work that more Public Works time has been charged to than budgeted?* Examples include additional park work, additional sidewalk and tree work, irrigation and landscaping of city medians and parkways, additional building maintenance and repairs that are not specific to the waste or wastewater systems or Measure K-14 street repairs. Previously expenses were assigned to a particular fund based on a cursory review of the annual log books. We have been more precise over the past 1-2 years in logging actual time on each item and assigning the fund right on the time sheets to be more accurate. We will recommend adjustments in the 2019-20 budget to better reflect these General Fund assignments.
- *How many jobs have been created by the commercial cannabis businesses?* In November 2018, we reported that approximately 50 jobs were created by the three operating businesses at that time (Natural Healing Center, 805 Beach Breaks, and The Hive). Since then, three other businesses have started opening though we have not yet identified how many

additional jobs have been created. We will work with these businesses to generate this information.

Council Member Lance

Item #6—Financial Forecast

- *Please provide further information on the Development Review Fund Repayment in the forecast.* The Development Review Fund Repayment involves a transfer from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund to the General Fund back in the mid-2000s to start a Development Review Fund where the costs would ultimately be paid by development and permit fee revenues. The Council at that time approved a \$765K transfer from the Wastewater Fund to get this new fund off the ground but the fund was subsequently not created though the transfer funds were not repaid to the Wastewater Fund and rather absorbed into the General Fund. Once we discovered this in 2017, we put this repayment to the Wastewater Fund on a five-year schedule to be repaid beginning in 2024-25 after the broadband fiber loan repayment to the Wastewater Fund is completed. Such a schedule paces out this debt service cost over time rather than doubling payments sooner.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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