

SUPPLEMENTAL #1

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:**SUBJECT: City Manager - Supplemental Information to Item 12A**

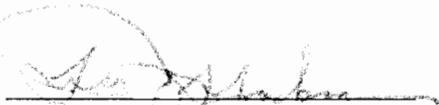
Attached are responses to questions from the City Council and Community Concerns received to date.

Respectfully submitted,

LeROY J. JACKSON
CITY MANAGER

By 
Aram Chaparyan
Assistant to the City Manager

CONCUR:


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Responses to Questions
from the City Council
&
Community Concerns

October 12, 2010

General Questions

Budget Item 12A Corrections

- Page 4 – The Operations Specialist Position is listed as vacant, however the position is currently filled. The incumbent firefighter will be assigned to fire suppression.
- Page 5 – Under One-Time modifications, the “Accountant” position is listed twice in the General Employees Group. The 4th position should be the Library Assistant I.
- Page 5 – The summary table on the bottom of page 5 is the target expenditure and not the actual reduction amount.
- Page 8 – Under Group E, the reduction of vacation accrual for the Fire Department should be 12.6 hours instead of 9 hours.
- Page 23 – Enterprise Fund explanation was cut, it should read:
 - *“Enterprise Funds are operations that are operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise. Typically the costs of these operations are fully recovered, typically through fees. Examples include Water, Trash, and Transit. These funds are separate from the General Fund. Special Revenue Funds are “earmarked” for a specific purpose and any expenditure of funds is restricted for the fulfillment of that purpose.”*

Sea Aire Golf Course Fees

- After further review of the analysis that staff have provided, the Community Services Director recommends deferring the fee increase for our senior citizen population at Sea Aire Golf Course. Staff will review user patterns and provide additional analysis on similar local municipal 3 par courses to determine the average market rate. With this deferral the golf rounds for our senior citizen population will remain at the current \$4 fee until this analysis is complete. Lastly, the department will continue to support the increased fees of \$6 for youth and \$10 for adults to continue to be in effect for the Sea Aire Golf Course.

What % of City budget is Police and Fire?

- 55% total of General Fund
 - 35% Police
 - 20% Fire

What % of total budget is PERS for all employee groups, perhaps break down by each group, i.e. City %, EE %, and EPMC.

- PERS costs 19% of all Labor costs, all funds
 - \$32.6 million total PERS
 - 23.86M City Cost
 - 8.74M Employee Cost paid by City

What are current City General Fund and Self Insurance Fund Reserves?

- See table on next page

What is the difference between “Freezing”, “Un-Funding” or keeping a position “Vacant?”

- Freezing – position remains fully funded, but not allowed to be filled.
- Un-funding – position is removed from the budget.
- Vacant – position is not currently filled.

Chaparyan, Aram

From: City Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 11:01 AM
To: Chaparyan, Aram
Subject: FW: SEA-Aire Green Fee Increases

For the record.

Sue Herbers

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From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 9:35 AM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: SEA-Aire Green Fee Increases

From: Helene & Bob [spaceclef@cox.net]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 7:59 AM
To: Scotto, Frank
Cc: frankberry@verizon.net
Subject: SEA-Aire Green Fee Increases

Mayor Scotto:

The recent Sea-Aire green fee increases from \$2.50 to \$3.00 to \$4.00 to \$8.00 place a heavy burden on a seniors group whose members are on fixed incomes. I know that municipalities are struggling with budget problems and that basic emergency, educational, and social services are hurting. However, the steep increases at Sea-Aire will deprive many seniors of the only exercise and social activity available to them. I hope that the city government can see its way to reversing these increases, at least to the level of sacrifice being made by other similar organizations.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Reid

Sea-Aire Member

Chaparyan, Aram

From: City Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 11:00 AM
To: Chaparyan, Aram
Subject: FW: sea aire friday morning senior club

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From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 9:35 AM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: sea aire friday morning senior club

From: Sweetweasel@aol.com [Sweetweasel@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:06 PM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: sea aire friday morning senior club

we as a group will be at council meeting Tuesday night. I thought the print out was a mistaken says \$8.00 for nine holes. if it read \$8.00 for eighteen holes, it would make it much easier for the seniors to participating.

please considerthis matter.

thank you

carolyn joyce shofner

president

weasel

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 11:00 AM
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Subject: FW: Sea Aire Prices!

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From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 9:36 AM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: Sea Aire Prices!

From: Jack Drake [mnjdrake1224@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 5:56 PM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: Sea Aire Prices!

Unbelievable! From \$2.50 to \$3.00 to \$4.00 and now \$8.00 to play - for retirees?
 Does the word "retiree" suggest Caribbean cruises, Country Club dining, servants, etc.? Mr. Mayor, I hope you will urge the Council to countermand this assault on one of the few affordable pleasures left to us! Many of us are subsisting on very little, but we manage our resources as best we can. We have 50 members who, when we greet each other on Friday mornings, say something like this: "How are you? and the answer: "Well, I'm still vertical".
 It is not an exaggeration to say that some, maybe many, of us will have to drop out. Is this the way the City wants to treat its seniors?
 Thanks you for your attention to this matter.
 Yours, Jack Drake
 mnjdrake1224@yahoo.com

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From: City Clerk
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From: Scotto, Frank
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To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: SEA AIRE SENIOR GOLF

From: grace.kobel@mailbug.com [grace.kobel@mailbug.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 2:28 PM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: SEA AIRE SENIOR GOLF

FIRST WE COULD BUY GOLF BOOKS FOR \$25.00, THEN THE PRICE WENT UP TO \$30.00, NOW WITH YOUR PRICE INCREASE WE WILL HAVE TO PAY \$80.00 - HARDLY SEEMS FAIR AT ALL. THE MAJORITY OF THE 50 CLUB MEMBERS ARE AGES 70 TO 90 (MYSELF I AM 85) WE USE OUR CLUBS AS CRUTCHES TO GET AROUND THE COURSE. SOME OF US CAN ONLY PLAY 9 HOLES DUE TO OUR HEALTH - BUT IT IS SUCH WONDERFUL EXERCISE FOR US - NOW YOU WANT TO TAKE AWAY OUR ONE HEALTHY ENJOYMENT - WITH OUR SOCIAL SECURITY WE CAN JUST AFFORD WHAT WE HAVE BEEN PAYING - YOUR PRICE INCREASE WILL MEAN WE JUST STAY HOME. EVEN MOVIES \$6.00 for 2 HOURS FOR SENIORS IS SUCH A GOOD DEAL BUT THERE IS NO EXERCISE SITTING IN A THEATRE. I SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU MR.MAYOR AND YOUR COUNCIL WILL RECONSIDER THIS EXTREMELY EXORBITANT PRICE INCREASE. I WOULD APPRECIATE A FAVORABLE REPLY - GRACE KOBEL - gkobel@socal.rr.com -- p.s. NEW PLASTIC BENCHES WERE INSTALLED AT SEA AIRE CLUB THIS WEEK - BUT UNLESS YOU TAKE A BIG TOWEL WITH YOU YOU CANNOT SIT ON THE BENCHES AS THEY ARE ALL WET AND THE WATER DOESNOT EVAPORATE.

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From: City Clerk
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From: Scotto, Frank
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To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: Sea Aire Golf Fees

From: LEWIS E BASKINS [lewnjak@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 9:32 AM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: Sea Aire Golf Fees

Please reconsider the increased fees to play Sea Aire. It's hard to believe that the counsel would find the need to increase the fees 320% in less than a year.

For me, a senior, living on a fixed income find this is just too much to play there when I can play 18 hole courses such as El Segundo's "Lakes" or the county course "Harbor" for much less.

Playing for many years with the Torrance Seniors Friday Golf Club I find this to be a "slap in the face" to the Torrance Senior Citizens.

Lewis Baskins

Chaparyan, Aram

From: City Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 10:58 AM
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From: Scotto, Frank
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To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: Sea-Aire Golf Course

From: frankberry@verizon.net [frankberry@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 7:16 AM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: Sea-Aire Golf Course

Mr. Mayor,

I am the Golf Director of the Sea-Aire Seniors Golf Club. We play at Sea-Aire every Friday morning.

Yesterday we were informed that our green fees were doubling, with immediate effect. I have to inform you that this will inevitably result in the demise of our club.

Most of our members are fixed income retirees that will find the new fees untenable.

They do not even make any sense from a golfing standpoint. Like most seniors, I golf during the week, not at weekends and as such I can play Alondro for half of the new fees, Domingues for 75%, Harbor and El Segundo for the same price. I do not know if you are a golfer but I can assure you these are all far superior courses.

As a long time Torrance resident I am shocked and disappointed by the action of the city and respectfully ask that the increases be reconsidered.

Yours,

Frank Berry

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 10:58 AM
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Subject: FW: Sear-Aire Rates

Importance: High

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From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 9:37 AM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: Sear-Aire Rates
Importance: High

From: Beverly or Jim Flynn [jflynn@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 6:47 PM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: Sear-Aire Rates

Mayor Scotto,

As a long time resident of Torrance and a retired senior citizen, we want to express our concern over the new rates that the city is imposing at the Sea-Aire Golf Course. We have belonged to the Senior Golf League for many years and I serve on the golf committee. I have given my resignation to the committee effective at the end of this month.

In July of 2009, we were paying \$2.50 a round to golf at your course during the week. My husband and myself would golf there 3 days during the week at a total cost of \$20.00 a week.

In June of 2010, the rates increased to \$4.00 a round during the week. We was not happy with the

increase, but we managed to continue golfing at \$32.00 per week. With the harsh economic times, it was hard to do, however, it was the only exercise that we were getting.

Now you want us to pay \$64.00 a week to continue to golf at Sea-Aire. I don't think so!!! I often see approximately 20 other players there during the week from our senior league playing. After speaking with them, we find that they also will not be continuing. Once our ticket books are gone, so is our golfing at Sea-Aire.

You have added the new cell phone tower which brings you income for the golf course. We often play on Wednesday morning and have been the only players on the course for the first hour. In the future, please plan on no one on the course for several of the hours. We, especially the seniors, cannot afford it. If we wanted to pay that kind of money, we would golf at the Lakes in El Segundo or at Alondra in Gardena. Both of these are much larger courses and lower or equal priced.

The seniors that have been supporting your course in the past cannot afford any kind of increase, not to mention the percentage increase that you are asking. Currently, some of the senior members of the senior club cannot golf every Friday because of their limited income. Is your objective in this increase to close the course down and sell the property. If so, you are headed in the right direction.

We, as in true of most seniors, do not get pension increases, social security increases or any other type of increase in order to keep up with these outrageous costs. Everything else is increasing in Torrance. The price of classes offered by the city, our house taxes, utilities, food etc. and every other expense has not gone down. We can no longer afford to go out to eat, we stay away from the shopping centers as there is no extra money for these things. I guess the next thing we will be eliminating is golfing, or at least, golfing in Torrance.

With the prior two increases, we were given some kind of notice in order that the senior club could buy some books in advance. With this increase, we were told the day of the increase, probably so that we could not buy the books at the old prices.

I think that you will find that the course will receive less total money as the number of players will be very limited.

I would appreciate your reconsideration of this increase as it would not hurt only the Torrance residents, but it will affect the total income of your golf course.

Jim and Beverly Flynn

Torrance Resident.

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Subject: FW: Sea Aire fee's

For the record.

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 9:37 AM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: Sea Aire fee's

From: RON CARUSO [rcaruso2k@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 6:40 PM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: Sea Aire fee's

Mr Mayor,

as a senior who has faithfully golfed with the Torrance SEA AIRE senior league member for the last year, today was my last day golfing with my group.

How could you allow the fee's to increase from 4 dollars a round to 8 dollars!!! it was only 3 dollars a few months ago! this latest increase was totally outrageous and i will no longer golf there. I will no longer support Torrance with my dollars. For same price i am heading to El Segundo to golf the Lakes which is a much higher quality golf course.

You and your bean counter are wrong; you will lose more than you will ever make, and Mr Mayor, respectfully, you are no friend of seniors on fixed incomes.

Sincerely, Ron

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From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 9:37 AM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: Sea Aire Golf

From: Joyce Eby [joyceeby@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 4:52 PM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: Sea Aire Golf

Shameful that the city raised the rates at the Sea Aire Golf. Without notice it was raised from \$4.00 to \$8.00 for seniors. The Sea Aire Golf Course has been there 50 years and is a little oasis for pitch and put golf. They recently installed a cell tower on the grounds. Why doesn't the fees for the cell tower pay for the maintenance of the golf course. But no we have to pay for city employees retirements and pay increases and the city will take money any which way it can. It's disgusting. Just more tax payer abuse!!!!!! These fees should be repealed immediately. Torrance Citizen, Joyce Eby

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 10:54 AM
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Subject: FW: A BAD DECISION

For the record.

From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 11:49 AM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: A BAD DECISION

From: Joe C [j.dcam@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 11:29 AM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: A BAD DECISION

SeaAire golf course for decades has been a jewel in the resources that Torrance offers the community. However, the recent decision to double the course fees on top of earlier recent increases was, from a number of different views, an incredibly bad decision. Let me explain why.

Reduced Usage

Obviously, the price increase was made to generate additional revenue but the price/demand curve works here and the city can expect significantly reduced usage. As a result, I expect that if the revenue goes up it will be by an insignificant amount. On the other hand, there is a very high probability that the loss of income from reduced usage will more than offset the gain from higher prices so in fact the net revenue after the price increase will be lower. For many people who regularly play the course (especially many seniors), the increased price simply makes playing at SeaAire a luxury they cannot afford. The Senior Golf Club that plays regularly every Friday has 50 members and once the new price structure was disclosed many said that they would probably leave the club. In fact I think that the Friday Senior Club may not survive this increase. Consider also that many of these members also regularly played during the week to tune up for the club tournaments etc. The ladies club that plays on Thursdays may have similar problems.

Another factor that will drive down SeaAire usage is that there are other alternatives that are much more attractive at the new prices. For example, with a senior card, Alondra's 3-par course cost only \$7 for 18 holes compared to \$16 for SeaAire. Dominguez golf course is \$12 for 18 holes. The Lakes in El Segundo is \$8 for seniors for 9 holes but has two par 4's and offers the golfer much more. Harbor golf course is \$10 for seniors with card so for \$20 (just \$2 more than SeaAire) a senior golfer can play 18 holes at a full regulation course. Clearly, at the newly increased prices, SeaAire is priced

out of the market and no longer an attractive option.

Negative Impact on Community

Aside from the monetary factors, it is sad to see a resource that for decades has had a tradition of having a positive, wholesome impact on the community (families and people of all ages) suddenly become less available. I've met many adults who have told me of the great times that they have had through their young years playing golf with their fathers on this course. I know many seniors for whom this course over the years has been a center point in their lives for fun, socializing and physical activity. For many of these people, they will not be able to avail themselves of the alternatives and it will leave a substantial void in their lives.

For all these reasons, I urge the City Council to rescind this latest price increase. The earlier price increases should satisfy everyone that the SeaAire golf community has already done its share to deal with the city's budget problems. One thing we can all agree on is that further fee increases at SeaAire are not the solution to the city's financial problems.

Joe Camarata

j.dcam@verizon.net

Chaparyan, Aram

From: City Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 10:54 AM
To: Chaparyan, Aram
Subject: FW: Outrageous Sea Aire green fees

For the record.

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From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 11:53 AM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: Outrageous Sea Aire green fees

From: Gary Matzke [mmatzke@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 11:05 AM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: Outrageous Sea Aire green fees

Your Honor,

When I learned of the doubling of Sea Aire green fees last Friday I was astounded. If I had to, I could afford to pay them. However, I never would pay them because the course is not worth \$8.00. I can go to a number of courses which are far superior (The Lakes in El Segundo and Alondra par 3) and cost the same or less. I used to go almost every day because it was so cheap and it was easy. At \$8 I will go elsewhere.

Many of my friends who go to Sea Aire can not afford the increase. They will either cut back on how frequently they go or, they will not go at all.

I believe the net effect on Torrance revenue from this price increase will be negative. I hope you strongly reconsider this short sighted price increase.

Gary Matzke
5549 Maricopa St
Torrance, CA
310-962-6136

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From: City Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 10:53 AM
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Subject: FW: Sea Aire Golf Course

For the record.

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From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 10:44 AM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: Sea Aire Golf Course

From: Ray F [rayme080@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 4:25 PM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: Fwd: Sea Aire Golf Course

My Mayor Frank Scotto,

I am referencing The Sea Aire Golf Course, which I have been a member of the Senior Citizen Club for several years, at a reasonable fee. Last week I was notified of a double increase on green fees (\$10) for nine holes. I find this increase is unconscionable. In fact, playing fees have increased 3 times in one year now. And this is after a great winfall from T.Mobile which erected a relay terminal on the golf course ! Try to find out the real reason for this hard-ship. Thank you.

Ray. Felice

Chaparyan, Aram

From: City Clerk
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To: Chaparyan, Aram
Subject: FW: Sea Aire 320 % Increase?

For the record.

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From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 10:45 AM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: Sea Aire 320 % Increase?

From: rfields_551@netzero.net [rfields_551@netzero.net]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 3:17 PM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: Sea Aire 320 % Increase?

Sea Aire 320 % Increase?

You and the city council must be out of your minds to expect retirees on fixed incomes and no SS increase in sight to accept green fee increases of 320% in less than a year!

What do we have here in Torrance, Bell II? Have you guys no shame!

Then again, Sea Aire is obviously worth more to you in developed real estate than as a local park/recreation facility, of more than fifty years, I might add.

I was playing there last Fri. AM with a potential new member when we were informed of the doubling of green fees and the new guy just left after one round (he'd paid for two @ old rate). We won't see him again.

As for myself, I do not expect to continue to play there past the use of the my current book of passes. Old book \$30, latest book \$40! Future books \$80!!! Ridiculous!

This was a fun time to get together with others for a weekly game but now its just another way to get ripped off!

Nuts to you!

Chaparyan, Aram

From: Herbers, Sue
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 3:58 PM
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From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 3:47 PM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: Sea-Aire Rate Increases

From: George Brown [mailto:gbrown773@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 1:46 PM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: Sea-Aire Rate Increases

Dear Mr Mayor,

I am member of the Sea-Aire Seniors Club and the Torrance Young Seniors and have enjoyed the golf club and the golf course very much since retiring 5 years ago.

I have been taken aback recently by the sudden doubling of rates at the golf course this last week. Rates are now \$8 for seniors; a doubling of the rate from \$4; this is also the 3rd rate increase this year. I can assure you I speak for many Seniors club when expressing my outrage for this sudden increase.

I want to remind you that we seniors viewed our Golf club and the Sea-Aire Course management (and staff) as a exemplary outlet for us to get exercise and meet socially with our friends who share common interests in golf. It has helped enhance our senior life style. Up to now we have felt a kinship with the Torrance City Parks Dept in providing seniors with reasonable senior advantages for our city's senior citizens. It is troubling to say the least to see this new development which appears to

be a un-thoughtout rash method to cut costs due to less State Govt funding.

Here are a couple facts that I am sure your naive finance dept lead has not considered.

-Your income from Sea-Aire due to the last increase (not this recent one) did not result in a income increase for the city; in fact I am betting that it resulted in a decrease.

-Our weekly Friday golf time from 8 to 11am will now cost us \$16. This is for 18 holes and takes about 90 minutes to play. Compare this to Alondra's 3-par course cost of \$7 for 18 holes (senior rates); also Compare this to The Lakes in El Segundo which is \$8 for seniors for 9 holes but is the Lakes is 5 times the yardage.

I urge you to reconsider this rate increase and leave it alone. It has been hard enough for our senior members to adapt to the 2nd increase this year. I'm sure you don't need to be told that most of us are retired and often live on fixed income.

Sincerely,

George Brown

Chaparyan, Aram

From: Herbers, Sue
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 3:58 PM
To: Chaparyan, Aram
Subject: FW: golf fee

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From: eleanor brent [mailto:erbrent@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 2:21 PM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: golf fee

I profoundly object to the doubling of the fee to play golf at Sea Aire golf course.

There was no advance notice of this.

It is a beautiful course. I am 84 years old, on a limited income, and I would hate to lose my one day of exercise outside my home due to the extra fees - \$65 to \$80. per month.

It would be nice to know what the extra fees would take care of. Things at Sea Aire or other city expenses?

Sincerely,

Eleanor Brent

Chaparyan, Aram

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From: JohnPhyllis Holzman [mailto:jpholzman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 2:38 PM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: Seair golf course rate increase

I am one of the 45 or so members of the Torrance Senior Golf Club and have been a member for about 25 years. When the golf fee of \$8 per round is actually charged I will stop playing the course, and so will most of the other members of the club. Interest rates are at the lowest level they have been for decades and so is my income. I will go to the lowest bidder and that will no longer be the Sea-Air golf course.

Respectfully

John Holzman

Chaparyan, Aram

From: City Clerk
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 11:02 AM
To: Chaparyan, Aram
Subject: FW: Letter of Concern

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From: Scotto, Frank
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 9:35 AM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: FW: Letter of Concern

From: Corkins, Aaron (Patrol Sgt.) [acorkins@elsegundo.org]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 5:47 AM
To: Scotto, Frank
Subject: Letter of Concern

To: The Torrance City Council

My name is Aaron Corkins and I am a resident of the fine City of Torrance. I want to commend you on how you have maintained a safe and nice city to raise my family in. Considering the large size of the city, I recognize that this is no easy task. This city has a well earned reputation of having one of the best Police Departments in Southern California. The officers are well trained, professional, and are known throughout the South Bay for keeping criminals out. I called the police department on one occasion earlier in the year and was very pleased with the quick response and how they handled the incident. I am writing this letter to express my concern regarding potential budget cuts that the Police Department is facing.

I understand that every city in the South Bay is facing financial difficulties, and I understand that you are tasked with hard decisions in order to keep the city from going into financial dire straits. As a homeowner, the most important asset to me is a fully staffed, adequately paid, and well trained police department. I ask that you put the majority of the financial burden on the cutting of unnecessary programs, and on the tax payers in town. While it will be difficult for some to pay more taxes, and/or fees, I feel it is necessary to maintain the standard of living we have come to enjoy in Torrance. If the

Police Department is too harshly cut, staffing will decrease due to foreseen layoffs, seasoned officers will retire before they're ready to leave, and some will seek employment elsewhere. I would hate to see the gem of a department that Chief Neu and his staff have built start to disintegrate.

I commend you for your service to the community and appreciate the work you do.

Sincerely,

Aaron Corkins

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Chaparyan, Aram

From: Herbers, Sue
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 1:00 PM
To: Chaparyan, Aram
Subject: FW: Budget suggestions

For the record.

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From: Brewer, Tom
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 12:51 PM
To: Herbers, Sue
Subject: Fw: Budget suggestions

FYI

Regards,
 Tom Brewer,
 Council Member,
 City of Torrance

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From: Laura Leyman <leymanfamily@yahoo.com>
To: "Brewer, Tom" <TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov>
Sent: Tue, Oct 12, 2010 16:58:28 GMT+00:00
Subject: Re: Budget suggestions

Sir, thank you for your quick response. I know how busy you must be and that was a long response, which means you take your job and the residents seriously. I very much respect that.

I'm sure you are aware of the problems we have in El Segundo as well. The two communities are very similar in several ways. Public safety has always been a priority for both cities and neither has ever dealt with a serious budget problems like they do right now. In addition, both cities strive to be business friendly to attract great companies to the cities.

I'm not too familiar with how businesses in Torrance are taxed, but I can tell you it is the overall perception in El Segundo that our refinery gets a huge pass. I don't want to throw out errant numbers, but I know the Chevron refinery in Richmond California pays Richmond much more than El Segundo collects. It is my understanding that Richmond found creative ways to collect more money from their refinery (I have heard ten times more). 5.5 million is a drop in the bucket for Mobil, and a pretty good deal in exchange for being a City as great as ours. I wonder if other cities that have refineries should consider taking a page out of the City of Richmond play book to help balance budgets during these tough times.

I know parking meters are unpopular but what if we installed them like Redondo Beach has. I think their residents can buy a sticker for a fee and can avoid feeding the meters. Also, we cite for people parking in the street on street sweeping day. I know we don't

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have any rules on that in my neighborhood.

All these things will be unpopular, but it is Council's job to think about the future. These revenue generating ideas can be temporary by putting in a sunset clause (maybe two years). If the crime rate goes up, people like my family move to Huntington Beach and the slope becomes very slippery. Being that you are a Torrance guy like me, I know you agree with that.

When reevaluating Torrance's public safety costs, I hope the Council has a clear idea of what PD does. They are proactive, not reactive. They have police units on the street all night looking for bad guys, not waiting for calls. They are at risk every minute they are in uniform because cops are targets for bad guys. Only the good guys like us.

Respectfully

Jeff Leyman

From: "Brewer, Tom" <TBrewer@TorranceCA.gov>
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Subject: null

Good morning,

Thank you for your email. I have talked to our city manager about some of the items you mention in your email.

Before I address them, I would like to tell you that I have lived in Torrance since I was 2, and when I ran for a seat on the city council, public safety was one of my priorities. I also am a public employee, so I know how cuts affect employees. That being said it is very difficult to look at cutting city services, or changing employee benefits. But something has to change in order to cut 5.5 million dollars. Believe me; I am open to any suggestions.

One of the items in the budget proposal tonight does include raising fees. The city however, cannot raise fees anymore than the actual cost of the service provided. Fees must be revenue neutral. Another item tonight also includes reducing library hours. If those 2 items are adopted, we will still be millions short.

Our public safety budget now exceeds 55% of our budget. As this

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percentage goes up, we will be severely challenged to balance a budget without some change to public safety. I am not in favor of taking officers off the streets. We have explored a number of options to balance the budget and keep the number of employees the same. We will have to see what police, fire, and their associations bring to the table tonight to help balance the budget.

In lieu of changing compensation, I think we need to look at making changes that don't require us to go back and look at the budget again.

As far as increasing fees, as I said before they have to be revenue neutral and most of our fees are already at that point from the last budget adjustment. I have heard from a number of seniors that are living on fixed incomes and rely on city services that cannot afford anymore increased fees. The council is truly left in a very bad spot.

Hope to see you at the meeting tonight,

Tom Brewer,
Council member,
City of Torrance

Chaparyan, Aram

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Regards,
 Tom Brewer,
 Council Member,
 City of Torrance

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From: Laura Leyman <leymanfamily@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Tue, Oct 12, 2010 18:48:48 GMT+00:00
Subject: Re: Budget

Sir, thank you so much for your time and the information. It appears you have really tried to find creative ways to solve this issue. It also sounds like you are trying to take steps to start moving back into a good position.

The last thing I will suggest is regionalization. Torrance is big enough to generate money from other smaller South Bay Cities for services such as trash pick-up, city yard services, and animal control. El Segundo just went back to The South Bay Regional Communications Center and someone is generating money from that.

Do you have any suggestions of things I can do as a resident to help with this issue? Several people I work with live in Torrance and we are all concerned because sometimes it feels like the borders are closing in on us. The Galleria is just about unshoppable for me and I don't want Del Amo Mall to become that.

I realize your job is difficult and I am thankful that men like you step up and do the difficult job you do. Good luck with your work ahead.

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Jeff Leyman

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From: "Brewer, Thomas C." <TCBrewer@mednet.ucla.edu>
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I'm glad that you are involved in this whole process. I wish more people would pay attention to issues in our city.

Exxon-Mobil contributes millions to our city. However, like everything else, it fluctuates. Drivers, as you know are driving less, hence less money.

Right now we don't have the money to install parking meters. If we did, the revenue would be earned over a protracted period. Even then, it would have to go to paying for the meters. At most it would only generate tens of thousands of dollars. Same with street sweeping. We are ready to post no parking for sweeping, but we don't have the money to start the program. Again the revenue is only tens of thousands, not millions.

As far as I'm concerned the TPD is experienced and innovative. I'm proud of our department. Over the last year we have been in very tough times. We currently have 110 vacant positions throughout the city. We will continue to freeze positions as they become vacant. This will save about half of our budget shortfall. However, our infrastructure will begin to wear out. As we make cuts to the miscellaneous employee groups, the safety budget will consume a larger percentage of the overall budget. Our budget will be out of balance and that will eventually be the only place left to cut.

We have to make changes to the budget that will keep it balanced over the long haul. As anyone has seen from the State, short term solutions don't work.

Tom Brewer,
Council member,
City of Torrance

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