



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 05/07/2024

ITEM NO: 13

ADDENDUM

DATE: May 6, 2024
TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Review Polling Results, Authorize the Town Manager to Execute an Amendment to the NBS Agreement to Include Phase 2 in the Scope of Services to Prepare a 1/8th Cent Sales Tax Measure for the November 2024 Ballot and Increase the Not to Exceed Amount to \$105,000, and Authorize an Expenditure Budget Adjustment in an Amount of \$60,400 from the Available General Fund Capital/Special Projects Reserve

REMARKS:

Attachment 2 contains public comment received after 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 3, 2024, and before 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 6, 2024.

Attachment previously received with the staff report:

1. Draft Amendment to NBS Agreement

Attachment received with this Addendum:

2. Public comment received after 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 3, 2024, and before 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 6, 2024.

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Assistant Town Manager

From: [Phil Koen](#)
To: [Mary Badame](#); [Matthew Hudes](#); [Rob Rennie](#); [Maria Ristow](#); [Rob Moore](#)
Cc: [Linda Reiners](#); [Gitta Ungvari](#); [Laurel Prevetti](#); [Ashby Monk](#); [Andrew Howard](#); [Joseph Rodgers](#); [Gabrielle Whelan](#); [Wendy Wood](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #13
Date: Sunday, May 5, 2024 8:29:08 AM
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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Dear Honorable Mayor,

The Staff report for Agenda Item #13 – Review Polling Results stated the Finance Commission had the option to consider the polling results prior to Council consideration. The Vice Chair and I were first made aware of this option on Tuesday April 30.

Given the Finance Commission is under a tight timeline to make a recommendation to the Town Council regarding the FY 2025 budget and there is considerable work still outstanding, the Vice Chair and I made the decision it was more important to focus our time on gaining a complete understanding of the operating and capital improvement budgets. To be clear, the Finance Commission has many unanswered questions and is struggling to fully make sense of the draft budget.

Furthermore, since this was an offer to review polling results which the Council had decided to undertake, we did not believe any input from the Finance Commission

ATTACHMENT 2

was needed. The polling results are the results.

We did however inform Staff that if the Town Council wants to explore a tax increase based on the polling results, the Finance Commission should take that matter up.

I have attached the email correspondence between Staff and me on this matter.

I also note that as of this email, the polling results are not available online for anyone to review. The Staff report states that the results will not be made available prior to the Town Council meeting.

It is curious to me that if Staff was offering to make the polling results available to the Finance Commission for its meeting on May 6, why not make the results available to everyone prior to the Town Council meeting so residents would be able to offer input and comments.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify this matter.

Phil Koen

Chair of the Finance Commission

Phil Koen

From: Phil Koen
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 2:28 PM
To: 'Gitta Ungvari'
Subject: RE: Draft Agenda for 5/6/2024 - not to be included in the FC package -

Gitta,

I would prefer not to take up the polling results since the FC already discussed the merit of the poll and was not supportive of doing it at this time. I don't see we have anything more to say on this subject, at this time. If the TC wants to consider a tax increase at a later date, we should definitely take that up.

I would prefer to use all the time scheduled on the Budget. Let's re-write the agenda item to say exactly what was said for the April 29th meeting.

Linda, If you have a different view, please let me know.

Phil

From: Gitta Ungvari <GUngvari@losgatosca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 2:18 PM
To: Phil Koen [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Draft Agenda for 5/6/2024

Phil Koen

From: Gitta Ungvari <GUngvari@losgatosca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 9:42 AM
To: Redacted Phil Koen
Subject: Draft Agenda for 5/6/2024



External (gungvari@losgatosca.gov)



Good morning Chair and Vice Chair,

Based on our discussion yesterday, next week we will continue the budget discussion, concentrating more on the capital plan. In addition, Council will review the poll result for the potential 1/8 cents sales tax measure on May 7th. If the Commission is interested, staff recommend adding this item for next week agenda.

Please see proposed agenda for the May 6, 2024 Special Meeting and confirm it by the end of the day today, since we have limited time to prepare the reports.

Other Business:

- 1, Continue Discussion of the Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 Operating and Capital Budgets
- 2, Review Poll result for Potential 1/8 cent Sales Tax Measure and Make a Recommendation to Council

Thanks,

Gitta