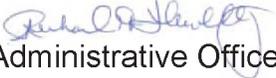


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INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Date: June 16, 2020

To: Budget and Finance Committee

From: Richard H. Llewellyn, Jr., City Administrative Officer Subject: **CITY PLANNING – ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST II AND CITY PLANNING ASSOCIATE FOR THE WILDLIFE PILOT STUDY (BUDGET MOTION 13 – C.F. 20-0600-S13)****RECOMMENDATION**

To note and file this Motion.

DISCUSSION

Budget Motion Number 13 proposes to amend the 2020-21 Budget to add resolution authority without funding for one Environmental Specialist II and one City Planning Associate in the Department of City Planning (Department). These positions would, once funding is identified, conduct the Wildlife Pilot Study to examine biological resources and identify potential impacts on wildlife habitats in the Santa Monica Mountains.

The Department's 2019-20 budget includes resolution authority for these two positions, but the 2020-21 Budget did not continue these authorities due to the City's fiscal constraints.

As the result of various salary account reduction, including those from the Hiring Freeze, it is unlikely that, if approved unfunded, the Department would be able to fill these positions. Further, there are no special funds eligible to support the costs of the positions. Finally, approval of this Motion would result in an unfunded demand on the Department's 2020-21 budgetary resources and would not comply with the City's Financial Policies requiring position authorities be supported by funding.

In light of these concerns, the City's current economic condition, and the uncertainty of revenues in 2020-21, the action in this Motion is not recommended. Budget Motion 49 also requests approval of these positions, and this Office has prepared a memo recommending against adding the positions.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation to note and file this Budget Motion will have no fiscal impact. If the Motion is approved and the positions are funded, the total costs are \$248,220 (\$168,709 direct cost and \$79,511 indirect costs).

FINANCIAL POLICY COMPLIANCE

The recommendation to note and file this Budget Motion complies with the City's Financial Policies. If the motion is approved and the positions are added without funding, this action is not in compliance with the Financial Policies, which state that positions added in the budget should be funded.

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