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17. (21-0419) Recommendation to request City Manager to develop a plan and vision for a Long Beach COVID-19 Memorial that will be dedicated to those lost during the pandemic. A community advisory group should be formed for the selected project.	Pat Lynch	p.a.lynch@earthlink.net		<p>Please vote to table item R-17. There is ZERO urgency for addressing this request during a time when city leaders are preparing to approve extreme fiscal austerity measures to offset projected budget deficits. City leaders expect eight-figure budget deficits for the next three years. Why, then, would you consider spending taxpayer dollars on, and diverting staff resources to, creating this memorial now? As noted by Budget Manager Yoon, this requested action "will likely impact or delay other current projects and initiatives." She further states, "reserves may need to be utilized or other offsets may need to be identified." Unlike a whole list of critical issues city residents face, there is no urgency to this one. Please act responsibly. Do not divert city resources to non-urgent requests. Wait until the city is in a financial position that will enable it to consider non-critical expenditures such as this one.</p>	5/11/2021

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<p>18. (21-0420) Recommendation to adopt Specifications No. R-7163 and award a contract to C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc., of Ontario, CA, for the Long Beach Boulevard Pedestrian Improvements Project, in the amount of \$2,486,828, with a 15 percent contingency in the amount of \$373,024, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,859,852; and, authorize City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to enter into the contract, including any necessary amendments;</p> <p>Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$1,722,000, offset by Federal Highway Funds from Caltrans (STPL-5108(183)), approved by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro);</p> <p>Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$1,722,000, offset by transfer of Federal Highway Funds from the Capital Projects Grant Fund; and</p> <p>Accept Categorical Exemption No. CE-21-040. (Districts 6,7)</p>	Padric Gleason Gonzales	padric.gleason@gmail.com		Please support this motion. As a resident of Long Beach who does NOT own a personal vehicle, I rely on our city's sidewalks and pedestrian infrastructure. There are many places across the city that are simply not designed for people. This Council should invest primarily in people, not cars. Please support this motion to improve pedestrian safety and catalyze growth and density along the Long Beach Boulevard corridor. These improvements will increase our neighborhoods' appeal and help residents navigate safely.	5/8/2021
19. (21-0424) Recommendation to conduct a study session to receive and file an update on the City's Strategic Vision efforts.	Laurie Angel	lcangel2012@gmail.com		It would be so helpful to the public if the agenda item were actually posted so that we had something to comment on - a timeline, the public process, and an explanation for the reasoning and need for an update to the City's Strategic Vision.	5/11/2021
19. (21-0424) Recommendation to conduct a study session to receive and file an update on the City's Strategic Vision efforts.	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		We need to address the litter and homeless crisis in this city. We cannot have a thriving, healthy city with all the trash all over.	5/11/2021
PUBLIC COMMENT:	Michelle Baker	michellebaker199@gmail.com		Please come up with a litter program for the summer.	5/11/2021