

Date: August 16, 2021

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: John Gross, Director of Financial Management 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Response to Questions from the Budget Oversight Committee and City Council Budget Hearing on August 3, 2021**

During the Budget Oversight Committee (BOC) and the Budget Hearing held on August 3, 2021, staff provided updates on the budget engagement and educational opportunities for the community, updates on the Long Beach Recovery Act programming and funding status, and an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget. This memorandum responds to questions raised by members of the City Council during that time that were not fully addressed on the floor or needed further clarification.

1. What is the community engagement plan around the 2030 Strategic Plan? (BOC)

The City has engaged the consulting services of ARUP to assist the City in the process of collecting and analyzing over 25 strategic plans from across all City Departments, reviewing community feedback from over 15,000 voices that are reflected in those plans, and synthesizing this information to prepare a collective Strategic Vision to serve as the City's road map to a healthy and successful 2030. To ensure full representation is reflected in the Strategic Vision, the team is in the process of collecting additional information through a variety of opportunities, including having conversations with people at vaccine sites across the city; facilitating visioning sessions as part of the Proposed FY 22 Budget community meetings; attending councilmember-sponsored opportunities for visioning if council members choose to host, including visioning questions in the FY 22 community budget survey; and, engaging City leadership and employees across the organization through surveys and facilitated virtual sessions. By using an equity and resiliency lens as an overlay for this Strategic Vision, the City is seeking to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic with a renewed energy to pursue a vision where Long Beach residents are healthy, safe, and well; housing is safe and affordable; transportation and mobility needs are met; economic opportunities exist for everyone; the environment is sustainable and resilient, and, the community is equitable and fair.

2. What is the plan for Admiral Kidd Park, and how to restore it? (CIP Presentation)

Last month, the playground at Admiral Kidd Park was destroyed after a fire severely damaged all the equipment. The estimated cost to rebuild the Admiral Kidd Park playground is projected at \$600,000 to \$750,000. Staff is working to identify funding that could be made available for this use, including utilizing savings from other projects and areas, such as potential savings from the Willow Springs Park project. Any needed remaining balance would need to come from the City's Insurance Fund.

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