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14. (21-0541) Recommendation to authorize City Manager, or designee, to accept sidewalk grant of easement deeds for sidewalk widening purposes from the various property owners along Market Street, between the Los Angeles River and Cherry Avenue. (District 8)	Janet West	jayjay76511@verizon.net		<p>Why are you first voting to accept sidewalk grant of easement deeds before outreach to impacted property owners?</p> <p>From the memo: "Public Works staff have not performed any outreach to impacted property owners specific to this issue, but will do so as a first step upon approval of this item.</p>	6/15/2021
18. (21-0546) Recommendation to receive supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and adopt resolution amending the Master Fees and Charges Schedule adopting new fees and penalties for violations of Chapter 8.81 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, relating to fireworks. (Citywide)	Charlotte Blaire	cblaire@gmail.com		<p>Thank you Council & Fireworks Committee for addressing fireworks issues during the last few council meetings. We need to continue our efforts to combat this issue that is greatly damaging the lives of people, pets and wildlife in the community. The city needs to look into gunshot sound technology to detect fireworks. Also, because many fireworks are being detonated by people in cars that recklessly speed away after lighting these bombs, we need to look into adding cameras, getting exemptions to use drones and using the helicopter to have a true view of the city. Cameras, drones and increased helicopter usage would also assist law enforcement with other crimes. Although the airport may create some restrictions for drones, drones could be flown after flights ceased for the night, and also in areas, such as North Long Beach, which do not fall into the restricted areas. Above all, we need enforcement. Nothing works unless the laws are enforced. The residents are depending on enforcement.</p>	6/15/2021
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