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Measure “P” Audit

- Annual audit of tax revenues collected and expended
- First audit due December 31, 2017

Measure “P” Compton Sales Tax

- Current Sales tax rate is 10%
- 1% “old” Compton sales Tax
- 1% new measure “P” district tax
- 8% Combined LA County/State sales Taxes
- LA County Measure “M” will not impact Compton’s Measure “P” tax
- If approved, Measure “M” would add 0.5 % sales tax
- Offset by 0.25% reduction in State tax after December 31
- Total Compton tax rate would be 10.25% if “M” passes and after State tax reduced or 9.75% after December 31st if “M” fails to pass

Mayor Brown asked that the number of Oversight Board members be increased to a 7 or 9 member board, and that membership requirements include a specific criteria so that members are qualified in a particular area or expertise.

Councilperson Zurita affirmed that tax paying citizens have credibility.

Councilperson Galvan proposed that membership for the Oversight Board include business and property owners.

Councilperson Sharif expressed a concern for committed members on the Board.

On motion by Galvan, seconded by Zurita, the workshop was closed at 6:44 p.m., by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - None

MOTION TO WAIVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

On motion by Brown (stepped from the Chair), seconded by Sharif, to waive the order of the agenda, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - None

6. ORAL PRESENTATION - Williams Resource Center - Geoffrey Walker, President/CEO Kick Stand

Geoffrey Walker, President/CEO of Kick Start, presented a PowerPoint presentation on a proposal to establish a Williams Resource Center within the Martin Luther King Jr. Transit Center to provide resources for families affected by violence and the issues associated with community violence and trauma.

THEIR PERSONAL STORY

On September 14, 2003, Yetunde Price was shot in a drive-by on the 1100 block of East Greenleaf, in the City Of Compton a mile from the playground where her sisters, Venus and Serena Williams learned to play tennis.

VIOLENCE IS A HEALTH ISSUE

Violence is a health issue because it negatively affects the health of people – both the obvious physical injuries of the victims as well as those who witness violence and consequently suffer from mental trauma. This mental trauma from exposure has been scientifically shown to increase a person's risk of adopting violent behavior themselves, meaning that violent behavior transmits and spreads based on exposure – just like an epidemic disease. Using health approaches to treat violence like an epidemic disease can effectively reduce violence.

THE IMPACT

After interviewing some 8,000 people in Atlanta, Emory University Professor of Psychiatry Dr. Kerry Ressler and his colleagues say that they are seeing evidence of there are higher rates of post-traumatic stress syndrome in urban populations than in war veterans!

"With pandemic levels of disorder there are serious consequences, violence makes it harder for kids to go through school or to play by the rules. It makes it harder for a parent to get a job or avoid addiction to drugs."

IMPACT

The chances that young men who experience trauma in their neighborhood will end up in jail are astronomically high. Studies have also shown a high correlation between neighborhood disorder, physical abuse and cognitive consequences as well.

Juvenile lifers (people sent to prison for life as youth) experienced high levels of exposure to violence in their homes and communities 79% of individuals reported witnessing violence in their homes; More than half (54.1%) witnessed weekly violence in their neighborhoods.

THE SOLUTION - YETUNDE PRICE CENTER

The Yetunde Price Resource Center funded by world champions Venus and Serena Williams and named in honor of their late sister who lost her life to gun violence in the City Of Compton, will serve as a drop-in center for families affected by violence and the issues associated with community violence and trauma. The mission of the Yetunde Price Resource Center will be to provide unique one-on-one case management services to help families who have experienced trauma - access and navigate public and private supportive services that provide mental health, family therapy and wrap around services that are necessary to heal, rebuild and provide stability in a tragic situation.

WHO WE WILL SERVE

Families Who Have Experienced Trauma And Its Side Affects Due To:

- Homicides/Murder
- Domestic Violence
- Urban PTSD
- Sexual assault/ Rape
- Drug addiction
- Employment services
- Anger management
- Human Trafficking

ONE-ON-ONE FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT

Each case will be handled by a culturally and community sensitive case manager that will work with the family from start to finish.

- Culturally sensitive
- Connection w/the community
- Experts in crisis response
- Liaison between families and government agencies/law enforcement

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CASE MANAGEMENT PROCESS

How Will We Work With Compton Families?

- Community walk-ins / Partner referrals
- Intake process / Assessment of trauma and needs
- Case management and navigation supportive services
- Tracking and follow up

SERVICE NETWORK + PARTNERS

Our Clients Will Be Referred To Partners That Will Provide The Following Services To Address Healing And Establishing Stability Within The Family.

- Family crisis therapy
- Psychological first aid
- Crisis management
- Youth and children therapy
- Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- Private therapy and psychology referrals.
- Employment referral services
- Child care
- education referral services

PARTNERSHIP

The YPRC Will Be A Partner To The City Of Compton

- YPRC be a partner and resource in assisting public entities in supporting families affected by violence and trauma in City of Compton.
- We will help elected officials support families that have been affected by trauma and have a point person for resources and follow up.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The YPR Center will attract additional investment & growth.

- New partnership and investment from sponsors and partners of the Williams Sisters.
- Investment in parks and recreation Employment/employment development with established corporate partners.

COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY

- Fully funded by the Williams Sisters Fund
- No city resources needed
- 5-Year minimum financial commitment
- Fully-staffed and managed by Driving Force Group
- No grants or contributions
- Full security of the space

City Manager Groomes requested direction from the City Council.

Mayor Brown confirmed that she would support an item coming before Council for consideration.

Councilperson Zurita stated that this is the first time that she has heard about this proposal; and affirmed that it would be pre-mature to bring back a lease agreement so soon; and questioned if this item justifies giving away another city-owned facility.

City Manager Groomes remarked that there are no pending negotiations. Staff is requesting directions from City Council in order to begin negotiations discussions.

Councilperson Sharif suggested that the City work collectively with the Compton Unified School District (CUSD) Board of Trustees to establish a program on behalf of youth affected by trauma.

Mayor Brown stated that it would be a huge missed opportunity to not at least consider their proposal. Mayor Brown also stated that anyone on this Council who has any questions or reservations as to whether or not they want to move forward with welcoming millions of dollars of resources back to the City of Compton should be ashamed.

Councilperson Galvan asked Mayor Brown to explain where the millions of dollars will come from. Mayor Brown stated that they have committed to raising a minimum of one million dollars per year to pay for operational costs.

Councilperson Sharif stated that she is concerned about how these services will matriculate back into the classrooms for the children that are dealing with post-traumatic stress syndrome.

Councilperson Galvan asked the City Manager if this is the same property that was leased to Pressed Juicery. City Manager Groomes made note that the City is proposing to lease the first floor to Pressed Juicery and the second floor is currently unoccupied.

Councilperson Zurita asked the City Manager to give her a report on whether or not Pressed Juicery received \$100,000 from the City of Compton.

Mayor Brown called School Board Member Sandra Moss to make comments on what the school district is doing to assist the children in Compton Unified.

Sandra Moss, Compton Unified School District Board member, stated that there are not enough services offered by CUSD to address the different levels of trauma experienced by children serviced by CUSD. She admitted that they have limited funds and resources and that this proposal will only strengthen the District so that all children can have access to these services.

Councilperson Sharif stated that her only concern is that the City and CUSD work together to establish programs and resources for community members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Benjamin Holifield, Compton resident and President of the Compton Business Chamber of Commerce, expressed a concern for the well-being of the youth and asked that this City Council come together with a little love. He stated that he learned the process of approving legislation from his wife and confirmed that he understands what is going on. He contended that the members of this City Council are not business professionals, they are legislators; and questioned why they cannot come together to get a sign on the 91 Freeway, a traffic signal on Wilmington and Greenleaf, Compton Boulevard cleaned up, and community trash cans.

Robert Ray, Compton resident, stated that he supports the establishment of the Williams Resource Center as a founding member of two crisis intervention non-profit organizations. He went on to state that the people have spoken and said no to marijuana so therefore they do not need any surveys. He referenced Item No. 5 and stated that there is no mention of water and sewer which has to be completed before the streets are started. He maintained that Measure P has neither passed nor failed until the judge makes the decision next month. And lastly, he questioned what happened to the monies that were allocated to establish Alondra Regional Park.

Sinetta Farley, Founder and Director of Restoration Diversion Services, petitioned the City Council to allow her to lease the city-owned facility they are currently using for \$1 a year. She made note that they are not a federally-funded program and to-date, they have served 246 young ladies.

Stephan Borst-Censollo, Attorney and Advocate with the California Minority Alliance, petitioned the City Council to support Proposition 64 and approve the commercial use cannabis in the City of Compton.

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Royce Esters, NAEJA, spoke in opposition to allowing the operation of marijuana dispensaries in the City of Compton. He went on to solicit the City Attorney to work with the Sheriff's Department to shut down the marijuana dispensaries currently operating.

Susan Adams, Compton resident, thanked the City Attorney for meeting with her to discuss a plan to get rid of the illegal marijuana dispensaries in Compton. She referenced Item No. 5 and commended council members in Districts 1, 3 and 4 for asking the right questions, even though she felt as if they were being chastised. She referenced Item No. 7 and asked the council to tell the citizens where they stand on the issue of marijuana. And lastly, she petitioned the City Council to support Item No. 8 and the work that Sinetta Farley is doing in the community.

Laura Cardenas, Head Start Director for Crystal Stairs, petitioned the City Council to continue to partner with Crystal Stairs so that they can expand their service levels to serve more families with children between the ages of 0-5.

Al Sanders Sr., Compton Historical Society member, solicited the City Council to prepare a proclamation recognizing Compton as a representative of the My Brother's Keeper program. He also asked that the City Council support Ms. Sinetta Farley and her efforts to help women involved in sex-trafficking.

David Irons, Compton resident, spoke in support of commercial marijuana dispensaries operating in the City of Compton for medicinal purposes. He attributed the City Attorney's calm demeanor to his practice of Tai Chi and recommended self-defense classes for bullied children.

Terrance Cumby, Compton resident and Gang Intervention Prevention representative, cordially invited the citizens to attend their "Peace Cookout/Picnic" to be held on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at Burrell McDonald Park from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. He went on to challenge the citizens to do something to help save the City of Compton.

Craig Henry, Compton resident, voiced a concern for services being offered to mothers, fathers, and family members that have lost a loved one to community violence. He articulated his respect for this Body but feels as though they were not nice to the Williams' sisters. He asked that the City Council consider what is important when making decisions that affect everyone in the City of Compton.

Jackie Venters, Compton resident and Gang Intervention/Prevention member, commented on the importance of gang intervention prevention program services in a City like Compton.

Herbert Arceneaux, Compton resident, spoke in opposition to allowing the operation of commercial marijuana dispensaries in the City of Compton. He went on to state that Compton is the only City considering marijuana dispensaries in the entire region. And lastly, he asked why the citizens have to entertain the two elected officials that want marijuana in Compton when the majority disapprove.

Callie Parker, Compton resident and chairperson of the Oversight Commission, petitioned the City Council to reconsider adding Craig Henry to the Oversight Commission because he is an intelligent local resident with knowledge and expertise in the business world.

Tomas Carlos, Compton resident, asked the City Manager to minimize the Measure P project phases to a five year plan. He also recognized Marvin Hunt for his efforts to bring flag football back to Gonzales Park and made note of his desire to ensure that the youth have proper uniforms and equipment. And lastly, he announced that Mr. Jim, owner of a 7 Eleven store in the First District, has agreed not sell alcohol.

Fredrick Gordon, Compton resident, articulated his support for the Williams' Resource Center and made note that if this Body is going to make Compton great again, they should allow people to give back. He went on to affirm that he and other citizens will not be going away on the marijuana issue and questioned why the City Council is discussing the issue again after they approved a moratorium.

Joyce Kelly, Compton resident, stated that it upsets her that Mayor Brown would use and abuse the Fire Department when she wants money. She maintained that the firefighters need equipment, a raise, and a contract. Ms. Kelly went on to question why the City Council approved a TRANS after the budget was passed. And lastly, she encouraged Mayor Brown to respect her colleagues by allowing the other elected officials to express their concerns before she makes her comments.

Lynn Boone, Compton resident, referenced Item No. 7 and stated that neither City Attorney Cornwell nor Mayor Brown have a right to spend funding without it first being placed on the agenda. She referenced Item No. 14 and congratulated Mr. Dickerson. She referenced Item No. 5 and reminded the citizens about the time that she told them that Measure P would be a bond. She inquired about the Lease Revenue Bonds that were refinanced, and the money that was placed in the General Fund to improve and enhance local parks, lighting, and the Sheriff's Station.

Mayor Brown asked the City Manager to bring back a report on the Lease Revenue Bonds for the benefit of the public. Mayor Brown also stated that Measure P is a sales tax and not a property tax.

E. F. Muhammad Martinez, activist and campaign volunteer, encouraged the citizens to vote in the November election. He also questioned if Measure P will pay for the removal of the Rosecrans Bridge because it has negatively affected the Latino businesses located in that area.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Zurita, seconded by McCoy, the Consent Agenda was approved, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. October 11, 2016 (Approved)

END CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES AND CITY COUNCIL

4. APPOINTMENT(S) OF OFFICERS, COUNCIL MEMBERS, BOARDS/COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Oversight Committee - Appointment Gateway Cities COG - Appointment

Councilperson McCoy stated that she would come back with an appointment after she has had an opportunity to review the applications.

Gateway Cities Metro Service Council - Sub-Committee

Councilperson McCoy volunteered to be a member of this committee.

On motion by Galvan, seconded by Zurita, **Tana McCoy** was appointed to the Gateway Cities Metro Service Council, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Council Members - Zurita, Galvan, McCoy, Sharif, Brown
NOES: Council Members - None
ABSENT: Council Members - None