



Comments re: New Business Items #1 and #4

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Dear Members of the City Council:

Regarding NB Item #1 tonight, I think it might be eye-opening to go back and look at [the terms of the last petroleum contract signed under the county's cooperative agreement back in 2021](#). On the plus side, the city has actually *reduced* its petroleum consumption from 175,000 gallons per year to 150,000, a 14.2% reduction. That's pretty great!

But, sadly, the cost of that 2021 contract was estimated to be \$400,000 annually, while the current proposed contract has ballooned to \$700,000 annually despite the overall reduction in petroleum consumption. And that is because, of course, the wholesale price estimated under the contract has shot up from ~\$1.91 in 2021 to ~\$4.66 today.

I am curious re: the amount of petroleum storage capacity the city might have. This current contractor appears to provide fairly steep discounts for bulk purchases, but I have no idea if the city can access that pricing or not given its current facilities. It looks like buying in small amounts will require the city to pay a premium to the base pricing, so more storage capacity may defray some of its own costs over time due to those savings.

Second, Re: NB Item #4, I would encourage the Council to use this opportunity to revisit its policy regarding recording and/or live streaming city committees. If any of the older AV equipment that is being replaced at the council level would be suitable for conversion for use at the committee level, I would strongly support and encourage that. A lot is happening in our committees these days and I think it would promote both general awareness and transparency to provide the public with greater access to their deliberations.

Finally, thank you [@citymanager@costamesaca.gov](#) and [@CITY CLERK](#) for providing an updated agenda with a strike through of the removed item. That's very helpful for us in the public so we can understand what has been removed without having to go line-by-line.

Best,
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