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Carole Quandt submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 15.1 PUBLIC HEARING - PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA FY 2021-22 OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET BACKGROUND: The City Charter specifies numerous actions to take place leading up to the City Council adopting a budget prior to the last day of June each fiscal year. City staff published a summary of the current year budget (FY 2020-21) on December 30, 2020; held a budget priorities public hearing on February 9, 2021; held a budget study session on May 18-19, 2021; published a budget summary and public hearing notice on June 8, 2021; and, made copies of the proposed budget available to the public on the City's website at www.srcity.org on June 8, 2021 RECOMMENDATION: The City Manager and the Finance Department recommend that the Council hold a Public Hearing and by seven (7) resolutions, adopt the City Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Operations and Maintenance Budget, and FY 2021-22 Capital Improvement Program Budget.

eComment: Your task in tailoring this budget is a challenging one once again. I don't believe things will get any easier, fiscally speaking, any time soon. I write here to request not only NO cuts to Park staffing, but suggest as well ADDING maintenance staffing and skilled workers. The State of California came up with a happy logo for use by all community systems: "Parks Make Life Better!" Note the exclamation point at the end of the motto. I fear in Santa Rosa's case the exclamation point should be replaced by an asterisk: "Parks make life better* except we can't adequately maintain them or develop them or improve them because we can't afford it. Sorry." The voters of Sonoma County approved a sales tax measure to improve regional and local parks. I hold out hope that the next eight years' worth of the funding--projected as almost 2 million dollars annually for City of Santa Rosa--can truly go to improvements rather than filling in budgetary shortcomings. Please fund our parks properly. Coming out of Covid, we need them more than ever. And right now is the rare opportunity for the community to engage and participate in the parks more than ever! thanks for considering options with our community's treasured resources--the parks--in mind. Carole Quandt, Board of Community Services chairperson

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