

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 4, 2019

AGENDA NO. 24

REPORT: Special Administrative Committee

SYNOPSIS: The Administrative Committee held a special meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2019. The following is a summary of the meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Receive and file.

Dr. William A. Burke, Chair
Administrative Committee

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Committee Members

Present: Dr. William A. Burke/Chair (teleconference)
Council Member Ben Benoit/Vice Chair (teleconference)
Mayor Judith Mitchell (teleconference)

Absent: Council Member Michael Cacciotti

Call to Order

Chair Burke called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

ACTION ITEM:

- 1. Appropriate Funds and Amend or Execute Contracts with Outside Counsel and Specialized Legal Counsel and Services:** Bayron Gilchrist, General Counsel, reported that this action is to appropriate \$450,000 from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for Legal's FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 budgets, and amend or execute contracts for specialized, environmental, and other litigation. Council Member Benoit asked if there are cases that warrant the extra cost. Mr. Gilchrist responded that the adopted budget usually only has \$250,000 available, but sometimes legal costs have exceeded \$1 million per year. There are a number of active matters, including an appeal in the Exide matter,

legislative issues regarding the potential sales tax, the Anaplex case resulting from toxics monitoring in the Paramount area, and defending an appeal of our environmental analysis in the Tesoro matter. In addition, it is anticipated that there will be additional litigation regarding U.S. EPA's recent actions.

Moved by Benoit; seconded by Mitchell, unanimously approved.

Ayes: Burke, Benoit, Mitchell
Noes: None
Absent: Cacciotti

OTHER MATTERS:

2. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

3. Next Meeting Date

The next regular Administrative Committee meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.