

5/31/16 meeting
Agenda item 10

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From: Lynda Merrill [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 4:11 PM
To: Council
Subject: Joel Clay for TBid Board, at large position

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Dear Mayor Irons and Councilmembers,

*We understand Joel Clay, concessionaire for our 3 local County golf courses, is applying for one of the at large positions on TBid board of directors. We have know Joel for 25 years ,because of our play at the Chalk Mountain, Atascadero golf course. He is a hard working man who has always promoted golf for tourists and locals alike. He now has the contract for Morro Bay and Dairy Creek as well. He has always been very generous with his time and facilities local fundraisers, youth golf and hosts the County Tournaments when asked. He would bring a new golf oriented component to the board and add the golf perspective to the board. Golf is important to tourism in our area. We believe he will be a great asset to Morro Bay's TBid board.
sincerely, Lynda and Frank Merrill*

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From: Lynda Merrill [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2016 6:51 AM
To: Council
Subject: Budget? misappropriation of funds

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Mayor and Councilmembers:

This years budget has some grave misappropriation of funds.

The most recent contract for a fiber optic cable is just one example. \$150,000 is just the beginning of that expense. The City taxpayers will be stuck with additional costs as this welfare for the rich. as this 'project' continues. Trickle down economy does not interest me! I have never seen this work as promised.

\$15 an hour: The least paid workers in our government will be receiving \$15 an hour and Mr. Buckingham points out this will need to be planned for in the future.

(1) One worker at \$150,000 would be the equivalent of 10,000 hours of worker pay.

(2) adding a full time worker to keep our Public Restrooms clean needs to be a special line item? Keeping these facilities clean for tourists and residents (when they need them), is very important. This needs to be in the budget permanently. I was a volunteer for Art Association for Art in the Park, hundreds of people used the public restrooms. There were temporary restrooms, but they failed the clean test on Sunday at noon. Not sure the problem?. There were complaints.

975 Harbor building, has become a giveaway. I do not see the 'free' rent in the budget? The Chamber of Commerce is not a group in need and is a political Political Action Group. This is inappropriate use of government funds. The Radio Station, if a non profit, should pay rent. If, it is a public benefit I don't see it, as I don't listen to the music or anything on that station. I've lost track of the groups getting free rent there, TBID?, Visitor Center is receiving \$50,000 and should pay rent. Could someone get back to me about how the rent or lack of rent is shown in the budget? It should be a minus, somewhere.

This budget is top heavy with high paid employees and skimpy on those who work hard everyday to keep our City function ing. I would like to see people try to live on \$7.25 an hour! just for a month. It is difficult and surely two people must work to survive. We need to improve the quality of life for our lower pay workers, as they need housing (MB is full of vacation homes that no one lives in full time), adequate childcare, medical , and a chance to send their children to college. All of this high paid employees are able to provide.

I look forward to employees receiving \$15 an hour minimum and benefits.

Lynda Merrill

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