

City Council Meeting June 14, 2022

- Good Evening Mayor Julian and our distinguished City Council Members.
- My name is Sheila Marie Costa Cepeda. For those of you wondering, yes, Council Member Costa is my brother. Having grown up in Guadalupe, I love living in our small community.
- I was surprised to see posted on the city's website a public comment memo from a new resident in Pasadera regarding a Council Member's previous position as a PCF volunteer with our fire department. That position was held more than 10 years ago. Having a Council Member who has worked in the fire department should be looked at as an asset. This gives some insight to those who are unfamiliar with the operations of a fire department.
- It was also mentioned that using the \$100,000 allocated for "Emergency manager – grant money coordinator" be used to restore the fire chief position. We are in need of someone who can devote their attention to researching and applying for grants. Grant writing is not an easy task and requires someone's full attention. I took a grant writing class offered through Hancock and realized how much work was truly involved in the application process.
- Has anyone considered... diverting the overtime pay our fire fighters are earning and using that for either, a Battalion Chief, Fire Chief or another position within the department? Our city has paid \$102,345 in overtime for the 2019/20 fiscal year and \$209,699.43 year-to-date, per the Budget Report for calendar period 06/21, Fiscal 12/21. The 2019/20 figure was found in the 2021-2022 Proposed City Budget posted on the city website. The Budget Report was received pursuant to my public records request. I'm sure some community members are not aware that some fire fighters received as much as 43-56% of their base salary in overtime pay. Is the overtime necessary? I truly believe if we pay this much in overtime, another position is needed. Let's use these funds to fulfill that void.
- Instead of making it seem as though the City Council is not in support of our Fire Department, let's look at realistic ways to utilizing city funds for the better good of our community as a whole.

Thank you for your time.

~Sheila Marie C. Cepeda

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Sean McMahon, President
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Dear Mayor Julian and Mr. McMahon:

I have heard from constituents who have expressed concerns regarding the continuation of a dedicated Fire Department as part of the City of Guadalupe as recent negotiations have addressed a possible volunteer fire department.

I understand that there are many challenges to provide services to communities, especially with the recent pandemic and continued supply chain issues. The continuation of a dedicated fire department provides essential services such as timely response in relation to emergencies, both fire protection to the local community, as well as guaranteeing quick medical response through Emergency Medical Technicians.

We must recognize that this is the time to invest more in our workforce, not less. Particularly, our first responders that sacrifice so much for their community. I am hopeful that the City of Guadalupe and the IFFA Local 4403 are able to successfully find a mutual, beneficial outcome to ensure the continuation of dedicated emergency services.

Sincerely,

SALUD CARBAJAL
Member of Congress

Michael Cash

From: Ariston Julian <ariston.julian3@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 3:58 PM
To: Motta, Wendy
Cc: Todd Bodem; Phil F Sinco; Michael Cash
Subject: Re: Letter from Congressman Carbajal

Hello:

There has been no discussion at the council level, nor approval by the council for a Guadalupe Volunteer Fire department. I can guarantee you that any discussions regarding a volunteer fire department are meant to divert attention of the public since the City is concerned about excessive overtime. Our four Captains make in excess of \$130,000 per year, not counting Benefits. One captain makes over \$160,000 per year, about \$40 K above the Public Safety Chief.

We have indicated to the Association representatives and voices that priority is for Public Safety, for the City to remain financially in the black and that Recreation services, including parks and recreation, : these are our top priorities for the City.

We have also indicated to everyone that you cannot provide more services that one can afford. We have made significant headway in eliminating budget deficits and over the past 3 years, have been in the black but barely. The County Grand Jury has indicated that we should not continue as a city but residents have passed four tax measures to increase the resources to the City. Our last 2020-21 audit continued to say that there are doubts that we should continue as a city since our reserve does not meet a 15% reserve of our total budget. . Our proposed budget for 2022-23 requires a reserve of \$800,000 plus reserve. And we will be less than 1/3 of this amount. But we are trying.

Appreciate congressman's note but it would have been appropriate to hear the other side of the story. We still love him and his support for the City of Guadalupe and its residents.

Best to you and Representative Carbajal.

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On Jun 13, 2022, at 3:38 PM, Motta, Wendy <Wendy.Motta@mail.house.gov> wrote:

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Agenda #13

The amending of the Municipal Code (Chapter 3.20 Title 3) expected to raise \$20,000 to \$30,000 annually by changing the TOT tax rate from 6% to 10% is commendable as is the change from Hotel to the more inclusive Lodgings.

But a large portion of the newly anticipated revenue has been lost by the costs of making this change due to staff time, attorney time and printing, that could have been avoided had the Council listened to the small voices –not the loud ones—saying that 10% TOT has been standard for many years as noted in the survey of neighboring cities, and in place at the time of setting the rate originally.

It usually is good to look to the future in planning potential revenue sources.

Item #6 - FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM – LEROY PARK

“Leroy Park – Celebrating a new park for a new era” – Provided by Rancho de Guadalupe Historical Society – Special Issue – June 12, 2022

“In 1871 Theodore Le Roy donated several acres along the Guadalupe River to establish a park. The hand-written deed specified that, in perpetuity, the land was to be *‘for the use and enjoyment of inhabitants of the future Village of Guadalupe, for recreation and healthful amusement to promote health and happiness of the beneficiaries’*”

Thanks to the LeRoy family’s generosity and foresight, the park stands as a testament to Mr. LeRoy’s wishes.

“Today’s LeRoy Park hopes to meet the ever-changing needs of our growing community with a focus on recreational and health activities for all ages.” 1871

Program Overview:

- Blessing by Father **Masseo Gonzelez**, El Padrecitro, offering blessings for our new community center.

Color Guard – Presentation of the Colors/4 Guard Units:

- **Chumash Color Guard:** Deek Segovia, Mathew Cepeda, Charlie Centeno & Louie Espinosa
- **Boots and Shoots:** Mr. Louie Navarro – Veteran and 86 Year resident of Guadalupe
- **Vietnam Veterans of America Post #982** – James May, Ray Espinoza, and Dennis Hennisey
- **Mid Coast Veterans Alliance** – Mike Rosas

National Anthem

- By Guadalupe Resident – Mr. Dennis Paduganan

Sponsorship Acknowledgements

- **Central Coast Community Energy (3c Energy)** – Paid for Free BBQ’s
- **Community Health Centers of the Central Coast**, Financial Sponsor
- **Taylor Farms** – Provided Salads and memorabilia Frisbees (also support food bank)

GUEST SPEAKERS

- **United States House of Representative – Salud Carbajal (1.7 million Phase 2)**

Provided Acknowledgement to City of Guadalupe

- **Carson Link, District Representative State Senator Limon (State Sponsoring Royal Theatre project along with Representative Cunningham)**

State of California Senate – Certificate of Recognition, Presented to

City of Guadalupe

“Celebrating your commitment to positively impacting our community by increasing access to public spaces in Santa Barbara County. For your exceptional leadership in offering families and children an opportunity to connect and enjoy their local parks. Congratulations on the Grand opening of LeRoy” - Park, June 12th 2022

- **Joan Hartman, 3rd district County Supervisor (Former Representative of Guadalupe)**
- **Steve Lavagnino 5th District Supervisor. Offered his ongoing support of Guadalupe residents as supervisor for Guadalupe and Northwest Santa Maria: Laid down BBQ challenge comparing Guadalupe to Santa Maria Style BBQ’s- I will let him know that he lost his challenge as the Guadalupe Knights of Columbus prepared their BBQ following the Far Western recipes going back to 1958**

ENTERTAINMENT

**LOS COMPAS DE GUADALUPE – TWO SESSIONS
PADRECITO FOKLORICO GROUP**

TEAM THANKS

- **Amigos de LeRoy Park** – Recreation and community member input on park design
- **City of Guadalupe** – Parks and Recreation Commission for their input towards the project development.
- **Designer and Contractors:** Andrew Goodwin Design, Quincon Construction and Cannon Engineering in coordination with Public Works Director, Shannon Sweeney

ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT THANKS

- **Tom Bradeberry, CEO Los Amigos de Guadalupe**, expertise in seeking and applying for securing funds and was instrumental in all aspects of the Project in conjunction with the City of Guadalupe and its residents.

- **Los Amigos de Guadalupe** Board of Directors for supporting this project and other ventures in the City of Guadalupe.
- **Guadalupe Knights of Columbus** and crew led Lenny Lizalde for preparing upwards of 1,000 free chicken and tri-tip meals for attendees. To set-up, prepare meals, efficiently serve, and clean the site as if no one ever used the new BBQ area, takes experience and commitment which indicates what this Guadalupe based organization is all about.
- **Nichole Segovia** : Los Amigos de Guadalupe for assisting in setting up the project before and after the event.

CITY STAFF SUPPORT

Recreation and Parks Department: Hannah Fuentes and Juan Montero for providing tables and chairs for individuals, returning these items plus collecting refuse for disposal.

- **Guadalupe Police Department,**
- **Guadalupe Fire Department**
- **Guadalupe Youth Explorers**

For monitoring traffic, walking the site for security, helping with refuse pickup, and basically helping everyone who needed assistance during the event.

RIBBON CUTTING

Went as planned without a hitch and little fanfare!

FINALLY

Thanks to Lilliana Cardenas, Council Member for translating the itinerary for Spanish speaking attendees.

And to all not mentioned above, it was a great event made possible by many.

ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GUADALUPE,

THANK YOU ALL!