

From: John Holic
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 6:23 AM
To: Edward Lavalley <ELavalley@Venicegov.com>
Cc: Linda Senne <LSenne@Venicegov.com>; Lori Stelzer <LStelzer@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Fw: General Fund Revenue and Fire Fee Consultant Contract

Ed,

Please provide me with a copy of the tax that Mike Rafferty is asking about. It should be obtainable from Finance Department as apparently a partial answer was already given him.

In addition, there are a number of taxes that we impose, some like the 1 cent sales tax are done by referendum and are at the maximum rate. Others have been imposed by resolution and may or may not be at the maximum.

I would like to have a synopsis of all taxes we (the city) have imposed and what their controlling document is. Additionally, I would like to know which are at a maximum and which can be raised. Please include the restrictions on use.

Finally, are we missing any taxes that we could be using? We found out about fire and police impact fees while doing the fire fee assessment study, but we didn't explore additional potential sources of revenue.

I would appreciate an answer on the Mike Rafferty question today if possible, the rest of the information will go on the next agenda for council consideration and direction.

Thanks,

John

John Holic
Mayor, City of Venice

From: Mike Rafferty <mer112693@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 5:27 AM
To: John Holic
Subject: Re: General Fund Revenue and Fire Fee Consultant Contract

Thanks John,

-----Original Message-----

From: John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com>

To: Mike Rafferty <mer112693@aol.com>; Edward Lavalley <ELavalley@Venicegov.com>

Cc: Linda Senne <LSenne@Venicegov.com>; Lori Stelzer <LStelzer@Venicegov.com>

Sent: Tue, Aug 29, 2017 7:50 pm

Subject: Re: General Fund Revenue and Fire Fee Consultant Contract

Mike,

This will have to wait until tomorrow. There are several taxes that we are at the maximum allowable and I do not have the resources available right now to look this up.

John

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From: Mike Rafferty <mer112693@aol.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 7:40:11 PM

To: John Holic; Edward Lavalley

Cc: Linda Senne; Lori Stelzer

Subject: Fwd: General Fund Revenue and Fire Fee Consultant Contract

Mayor/Ed,

Could you help flush out a response to this request?

Thanks,

Mike Rafferty

-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Rafferty <mer112693@aol.com>

To: lsenne <lsenne@venicegov.com>

Cc: lstelze <lstelze@venicegov.com>; jwelch <jwelch@venicegov.com>

Sent: Mon, Aug 28, 2017 5:09 pm

Subject: General Fund Revenue and Fire Fee Consultant Contract

Good afternoon Linda,

First of all, many thanks for the great job you are doing with the Finance Dept. Over the year's I had several encounters with your predecessor over City matters and you have made these issues much more transparent.

I asked you a question this morning about the 5% tax shown in the revenue section of the General Fund Budget and that was whether the Council can/has the option to increase that % (for example up to 6% would put another \$100,000 into the General Fund). I understood you to say yes, that that was within the prerogative of Council.

This is item 313.60-00 as shown on the June Budget Up date with a note "Water, kept at 5% tax"

I just want to make sure I understood you correctly.

When you reply, could you also include the amount of Stantec's original contract on the Fire Fee project and what has been billed to date?

Thanks,

Mike Rafferty