

RESPONSE TO COUNCIL QUESTIONS RE: 5/12/20 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Agenda Item #4.B (20-517)

Action on an Ordinance Amending the Compensation for the City Clerk As Set by the Salary Setting Commission

Council Question: Is there is a presentation, I would like to know what reasons were given to reduce the Clerk's salary. I realize the Salary Setting Commission makes decision but what was basis?

Staff Response: During the period of January 8, 2019 to June 20, 2019, the Salary Setting Commission met on twelve (12) occasions to discuss the compensation for the City Clerk position. The Commission discussed in detail various data factors pertaining to setting the compensation for the City Clerk, including, but not limited to, the reduced duties of the City Clerk, comparator agency salary levels, and City budget projections.

The Salary Setting Commission Report (19-771) for June 20, 2019 can be found at <https://santaclara.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=695532&GUID=3105CA9F-09CC-4177-8B45-23A7146649E0&Options=info|&Search=>

An Informational Report (RTC 19-816) was also presented to the City Council in August 2019, which can be found at <https://santaclara.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4088467&GUID=534BE69C-DAA8-48A7-9A9D-D842A196B93A>. This report noted that the Administration would be returning to the City Council with an Ordinance to change the compensation for the City Clerk position from \$2,000/monthly to \$1,500/monthly at a later time.

Agenda Item #4.M (20-471)

Action on an Agreement for Services with Vicki Vanderburg, Inc. dba Power Systems Operations (PSO) for Software License Update and Maintenance of the Validate, Estimate, Reconcile, Allocate (VERA) Settlements Software and Provision of Cloud Hosting

Council Question: Was an RFP ever done?

Staff Response: This is a relicense and not new software. The VERA software was developed as a joint project between NCPA and SVP. Both organizations had just negotiated a Meter SubSystem (MSS) agreement with CAISO.

There was no software available in the open market to address the unique settlement requirements and equations of the MSS agreements. NCPA and SVP jointly worked to develop a software solution that met our needs. This is the software the we continue to use and evolve as CAISO settlements evolve.

It is still unlikely that there is any competitive software options given the very limited number of customers with similar needs. SVP is, however, working with NCPA to create other ways of streamlining the CAISO settlement process.