

EXTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

The City Clerk's Office received
the attached correspondence regarding
**Agenda Item #3-A through 3-D on the
4-29-15 City Council Agenda**

LARA WEISIGER

From: Amy Wooldridge
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 11:53 AM
To: LARA WEISIGER
Subject: FW: Before tonight's meeting

Hi Lara,

I received the email below today. I'm forwarding it to you as I assume it should be included as written correspondence on the OPEB item.

Thanks!

Amy

From: Gabrielle Dolphin [mailto:gdolphin@mail.cho.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 10:22 AM
To: Amy Wooldridge
Subject: Before tonight's meeting

Alex no longer with the City, my email was directed to you:

In preparation for tonight's meeting, I hope you had time to review the history of Alameda's MOUs. The promise of health benefits for retirees and their dependents was memorialized as early as the 1993 MOU. The language of that MOU remained virtually unchanged until around 2008 when the City realized that a contribution of \$16 per employee was not going to cut it. The rate increased to \$101. The solution continued to evolve as of 2010, the result of John Russo working collaboratively with the bargaining units.

Tonight, some will urge the City Council to wait before taking further steps to shore up the OPEB liability. The record shows what has NOT worked has been years of talking tough with no action. What HAS worked is dialoguing and collaborating with interested parties. An MOU now is NOT final. It does not need to expire for further action to be taken. Further work can continue after putting in place this CRITICAL shorter term solution. To slam on the brakes now flies in the face not only of the good will earned, but threatens to turn back the clock to a time Alameda was mired in fruitless bitter partisanship. Our City deserves the best moving forward. This agreement is a sure step in that direction.

The above has paraphrased our Bayview Blogger, Lauren Do, save the items highlighted in red.

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