



RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

REGULAR MEETING | November 21, 2022

The City of Barstow welcomes Public Comment from its residents and general public in respect to various items pertaining to the business of the City.

In order to effectively address constituent concerns prior to City Council Meetings, we encourage residents and the general public to attend our committee meetings, which allow for public participation and direct discussion with city staff on citywide related issues.

Attending the committee meetings allows an open forum for discussion of resident concerns without the 3 minute time duration as implemented during Public Comment at City Council Meetings, allowing staff to address issues prior to City Council Meetings.

Please refer to our city website at www.barstowca.org to review the city calendar for scheduled committee meetings of interest.

We look forward to your participation.

7. APPROVAL OF AMENDED AND RESTATED LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COLANTUONO, HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY, PC

MARCIA WEASMA, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

Q: Are Measure Q funds used to cover the cost of lawsuits?

A: No, the cost of legal representation is paid primarily from the General Fund. However, if a lawsuit relates to an activity directly funded from a source outside of the General Fund, the funding for legal costs comes from that source, such as Trash or Sewer Funds (Enterprise Funds).

GENERAL, NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

MIKE HERNANDEZ, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

Q: Is there a report on the Measure Q fund and how funds are being spent?

A: The 4th Quarter Measure Q Financial Report was presented at the October 17, 2022 City Council meeting and is available at [7866 \(barstowca.org\)](http://7866.barstowca.org).

Q: Were Measure Q funds were spent on attorney's fees?

A: No, the cost of legal representation is paid primarily from the General Fund. However, if a lawsuit relates to an activity directly funded from a source outside of the General Fund, the funding for legal costs comes from that source, such as Trash or Sewer Funds (Enterprise Funds).

CARMEN HERNANDEZ, BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

Q: How is the City's bio-solids contract with Synagro affected by the cease and desist order issued to Synagro on September 29, 2022?

A: Prior to executing the contract, staff reached out to several regulating organizations, and due to some of the responses, staff baked in the two other EPA-approved locations. Unfortunately, it comes at an increased cost per ton.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

- FINANCE COMMITTEE
 - Meets as needed.
- HOMEWARD BOUND AD HOC COMMITTEE
 - Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- RESIDENT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
 - Meets quarterly (March, June, September and December)
- RULES AND POLICIES COMMITTEE
 - Meets the last Tuesday of each month
- STREET COMMITTEE
 - Meets on the first Wednesday of each month
- WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND AD HOC COMMITTEE
 - Meets semi-annually on the second Monday of January and July at 3:30 p.m., or as needed.