



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember
Donald Rocha

SUBJECT: SURPLUS LAND POLICY

DATE: February 2, 2016

Approved

Don Rocha

Date

2/2/16

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council take the following action:

1. Defer a decision on adopting the proposed City Council Policy for disposing of surplus property.
2. Direct staff to bring the item back to City Council for consideration, and at the same time bring before the Council a review of all the surplus developable properties the City owns (the staff report states there are about 30 such properties.) This review should inform the Council of all relevant facts about each developable property, including the location, the current land use designation, any debt the property may be carrying, or any other relevant information.

ANALYSIS

Page 6 of the staff report says the following:

While the City has disposed of most of its developable surplus properties, a remaining number of approximately 30 would be impacted by modifying the City's previous procedure and adopting the attached Surplus Property Policy.

If we are passing a policy that could potentially affect 30 properties owned by the City, it is my belief that the Council should know what those properties are and where they're located. The public should also be privy to this information. It's very difficult to evaluate the merits of a policy if we don't have the ability to think in concrete terms about the effect it will have.

Thus, I recommend we defer this item and ask staff to bring back a review of all developable properties owned by the City. I believe this information qualifies as material facts that are necessary for me as a member of the City Council to make an informed and knowledgeable decision on this matter. I thank my colleagues for their consideration.