

City of Carpinteria
Special City Council Meeting (State of the City) Agenda
Monday, September 29, 2025
Veterans Memorial Building, 941 Walnut Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013

5:30 p.m. Special Meeting
In-Person Participation

Attendance/Viewing Options:

- Attend the in-person meeting at the Veterans Memorial Building (941 Walnut Avenue).
- View the meeting live through the City's website (<https://carpinteriaca.gov/city-hall/agendas-meetings/>).
- View the meeting on Government Access Television Channel 21 (broadcast live and rebroadcast on the Wednesday and the Saturday following the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., respectively).
- Call 669-900-9128 (and enter Webinar ID 849 5178 9727) to listen to the meeting.
- Join the City's Zoom webinar by [CLICKING HERE](#). Alternatively, you can join the Zoom webinar by logging on to www.zoom.us, downloading the application, selecting "Join Meeting", and entering Webinar ID 849 5178 9727.
- Spanish interpretation will be available at the in-person meeting and through the City's Zoom webinar.

Public Comments

- Provide a live public comment during the in-person meeting at the Veterans Memorial Building (941 Walnut Avenue). For this meeting, public comment will be limited to 1 (one) minute per speaker.
- Though this meeting is viewable through the City's Zoom webinar, public comment via Zoom will not be available for this meeting.
- Submit a written comment (as either a general public comment or on a specific agenda item) to be distributed to Council Members by **5:00 P.M. on the day before the meeting** by either submitting your comment via (1) email to PublicComment@carpinteriaca.gov, or (2) the **eComment** link on the City's agenda website available at <https://carpinteriaca.gov/city-hall/agendas-meetings/>. Please reference the agenda item to which your comment pertains. Although written comments become part of the record, they will not be read aloud at the meeting.

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Applicants and their agents before the City Council are subject to the campaign disclosure provisions detailed in Government Code Section 84308. No City Council Member may

accept, solicit, or direct a contribution of more than \$500 from any party for 12 months following the date a final decision is rendered by the City. No City Council Member may accept, solicit, or direct any contribution from an agent of the party during the same time frame. This prohibition commences when an item involving the entitlement has been placed on the City Council's agenda for a public meeting, when the City Council Members knows the action is within the City Council's jurisdiction and it is reasonably foreseeable that it will come before the City Council as a decisionmaker, or when the proceeding is before the City Council for its decision. A party to a City proceeding—which includes both applicants and agents—shall disclose on the record of the proceeding any contribution of more than \$500 made to any Council Member by the applicant, or any donations made by the agent, during the preceding 12 months. No party to a City proceeding, or agent, shall make a contribution to a Council Member during the proceeding and for 12 months following the date a final decision is rendered by the City. Prior to rendering a decision on a City proceeding, any Council Member who received contribution of more than \$500 within the preceding 12 months from any party, or who received any donations from an agent, to a proceeding shall disclose that fact on the record of the proceeding, and shall be disqualified from participating in the proceeding. However, if any Council Member receives a contribution that otherwise would require disqualification, and returns the contribution within 30 days of knowing about the contribution and the relevant proceeding, the Council Member shall be permitted to participate in the proceeding. If you believe that these provisions apply to you or a Council Member, please inform the City Clerk at the earliest possible opportunity. Failure to do so may affect the City's ability to process your application.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL ONLY BE HEARD CONCERNING THE AGENDIZED ITEM BELOW

STATE OF THE CITY:

Schedule (Times are approximate and subject to change.)

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| 5:30 p.m. – 5:35 p.m. | Opening Remarks by Mayor Natalia Alarcon |
| 5:35 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. | Chumash Land Acknowledgment by Julie Tumamait-Stenslie |
| 5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. | City History Presentation by Interim Public Works Director Dave Durlinger |
| 6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. | Budget Overview by City Manager Michael Ramirez |
| 6:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. | Question & Answer Session led by Program Manager Juliza Briones |

7:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Public Comment Period

7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. End of State of the City and the public is invited to the City staff tables in the Veterans Hall courtyard

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular City Council meeting will be held October 13, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (805) 755-4403 or the California Relay Service at (866) 735-2929. Notification two business days prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements for accessibility to this meeting.

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This agenda was posted on Friday, September 26, 2025, in the City Clerk's Office, on the City Hall Public Notices Board, and on the Internet.



State of the City Address

September 29, 2025

Opening Remarks

Mayor Natalia Alarcon

District 2



Carpinteria City Council, 2025



Natalia Alarcon
Mayor
District 2



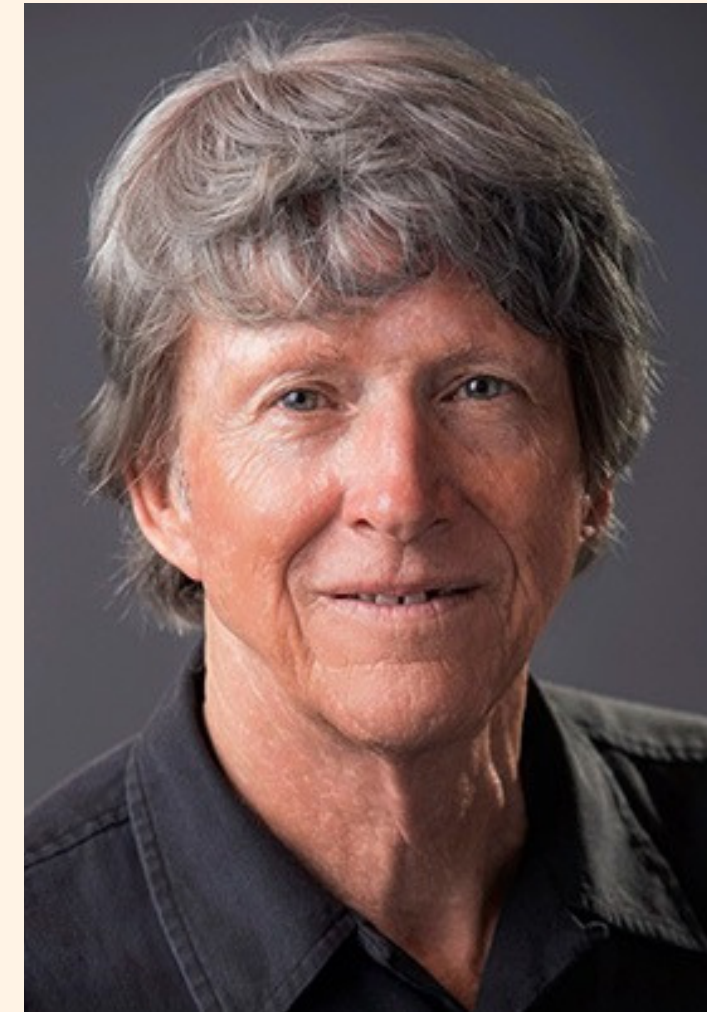
Mónica J. Solórzano
Vice Mayor
District 1



Julia Mayer
Councilmember
District 3



Wade T. Nomura
Councilmember
District 4



Al Clark
Councilmember
District 5



Why Veterans Hall?



Left to Right: Robert A 'Olly' Olivas, James E. Gray, DDS,
Allan R. Coates, Jr., Margaret M. Mills, Ernest C. Wullbrandt

First City Council Meeting- September 28, 1965



Land Acknowledgment

Julie Tumamait- Stenslie

Chumash Elder



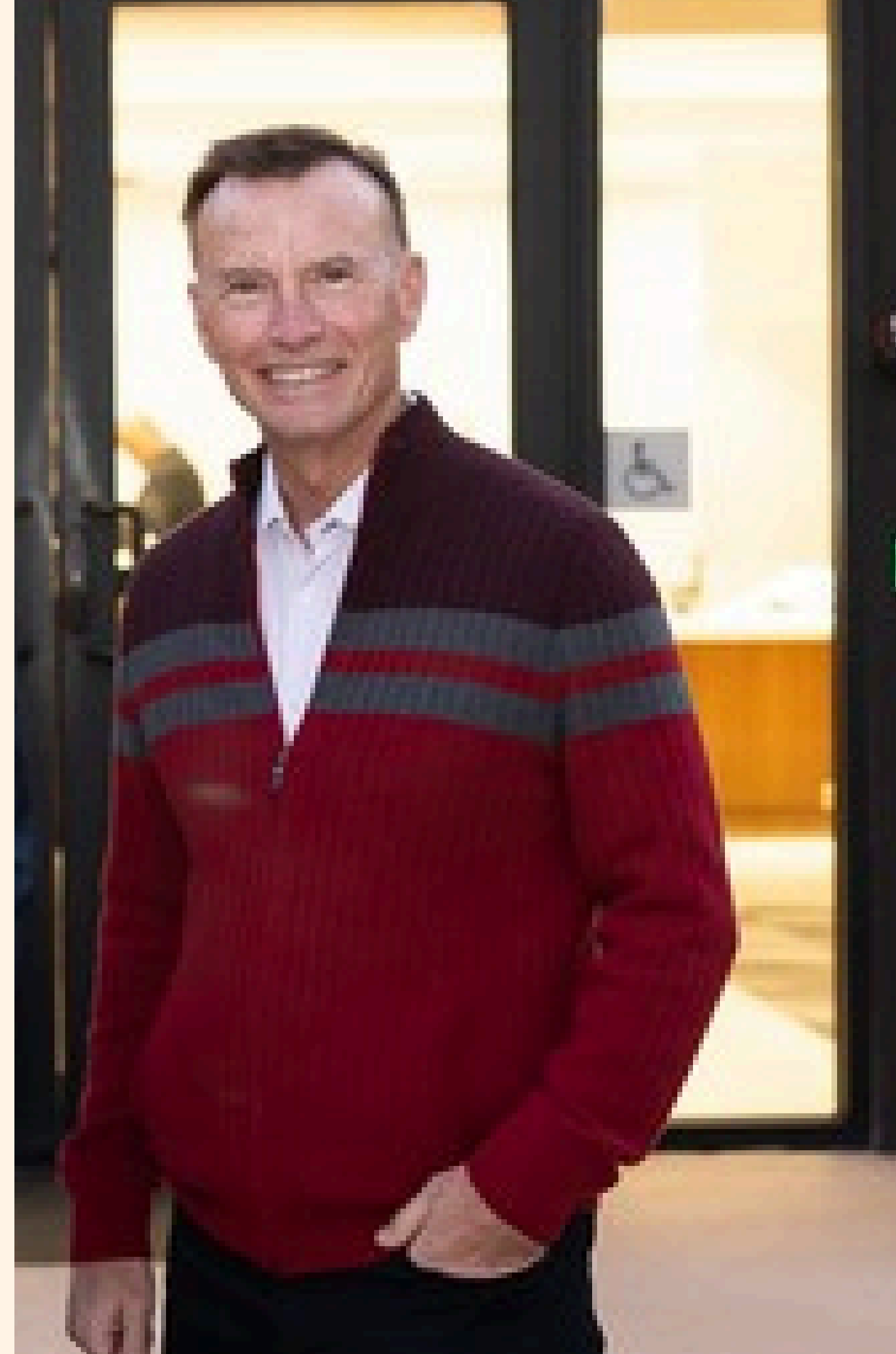
Carpinteria at 60: A Journey Through Time

Dave Durflinger

Former Community Development Director, 1999-2001

Former City Manager, 2001-2023

Interim Public Works Director, 2025





CARPINTERIA HERALD

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45th Year—No. 51 Thursday Morning, September 23, 1965 Carpinteria, California \$4.00 Per Year—10c Per Copy

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A CITY IS BORN



ALLAN COATES



DR. GRAY



MRS. MILLS

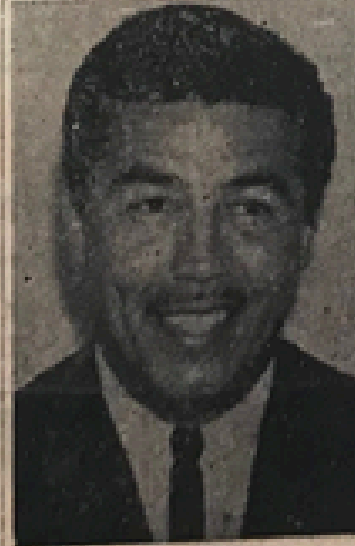


ERNEST WULBRANDT

Election Night's Color, Excitement

The color, excitement and the atmosphere of an election night 40 years ago was in evidence at the proponents's campaign headquarters Tuesday night.

Packed to the doors by the dedicated workers and candidates cheers would go up as precincts reported in, just as they would years ago when all returns came in by telegraph and were taken to campaign headquarters by run-



OLLY OLIVAS

Supervisors Schedule

Dr. Gray, Allan Coates, Mrs. Mills, Wulbrandt, Olivas Chosen For Council

A city was born yesterday — the City of Carpinteria — as local voters went to the polls to approve incorporation 895 to 635 after a long battle. In the process, voters elected five members of the new council: Allan R. Coates, Dr. James E. Gray, Mrs. Margaret M. Mills, Ernest A. Wulbrandt and Robert (Olly) Olivas.

County Clerk J. E. Lewis announced the final and complete results, as yet unofficial totals, show incorporation being approved 895 to 635.

Votes for the five council members were Dr. Gray, 783; Coates, 748; Mrs. Mills, 618; Wulbrandt, 561; and Olivas, 495. These totals differ somewhat from those listed below since they include absentee ballots.

Lewis announced these other totals in the council race: Al Bevilockway, 242; Frank Chufar, 90; Tom Cundith, 327; John Hales, 205; Henry Iverson, 54; Tim Lane, 46; Edward Macias, 387; Martin Macias, 211; David Mallis, 106; Ernest McCurry, 402; Guy Robitaille, 431; Abraham Romero, 64; Ted Shreve, 82; Dick Underwood, 351; and Lester Weiss, 153.

Supervisor George H. Clyde offered his congratulations and expressed his interest in work-

Water Bonds Defeated

A \$185,000 Summerland County Water District bond issue was defeated yesterday. The vote was 42 for the bonds and 112 against. A two-thirds majority was required.

2 Carpinteria Items On Today's Agenda

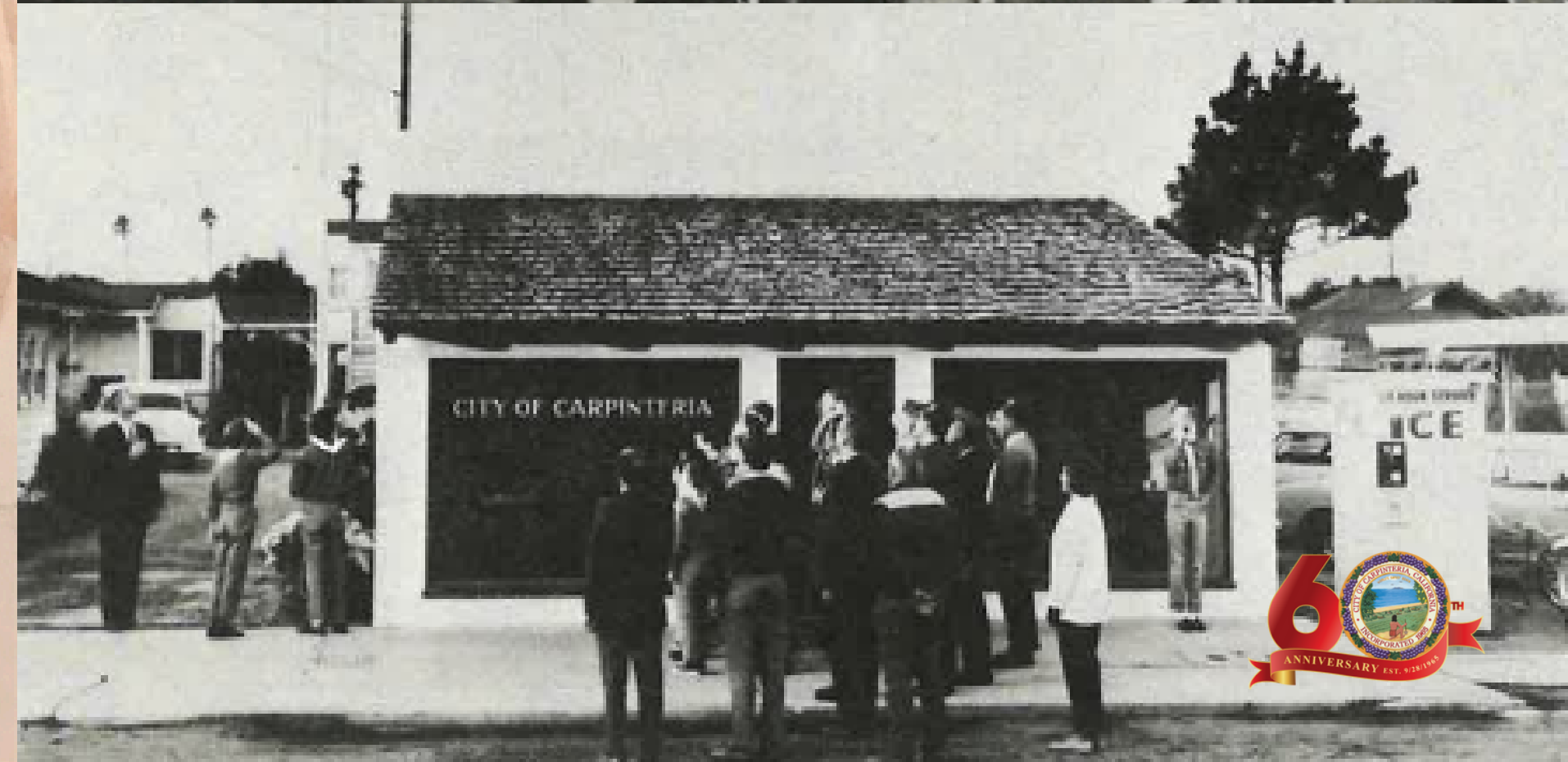
Two items of special interest to Carpinterians are on the County Planning Commission's agenda today (Wednesday).

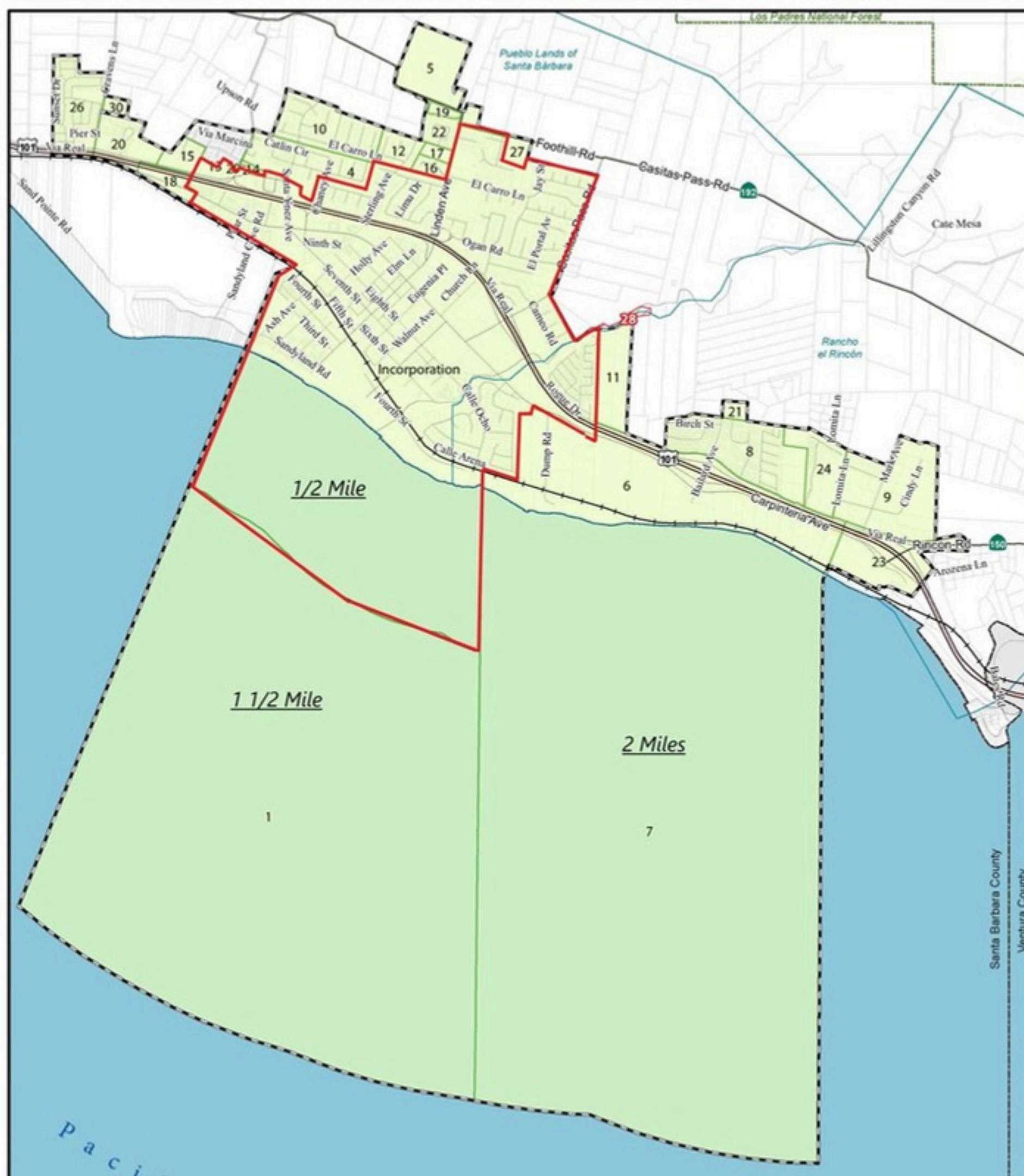
One of the items involves the precise plans for the 30,000-sq. ft. Safeway building planned on property directly behind the existing store.

After completion, the present building will be removed to make room for additional parking. The general plans were approved by the commission earlier this year.

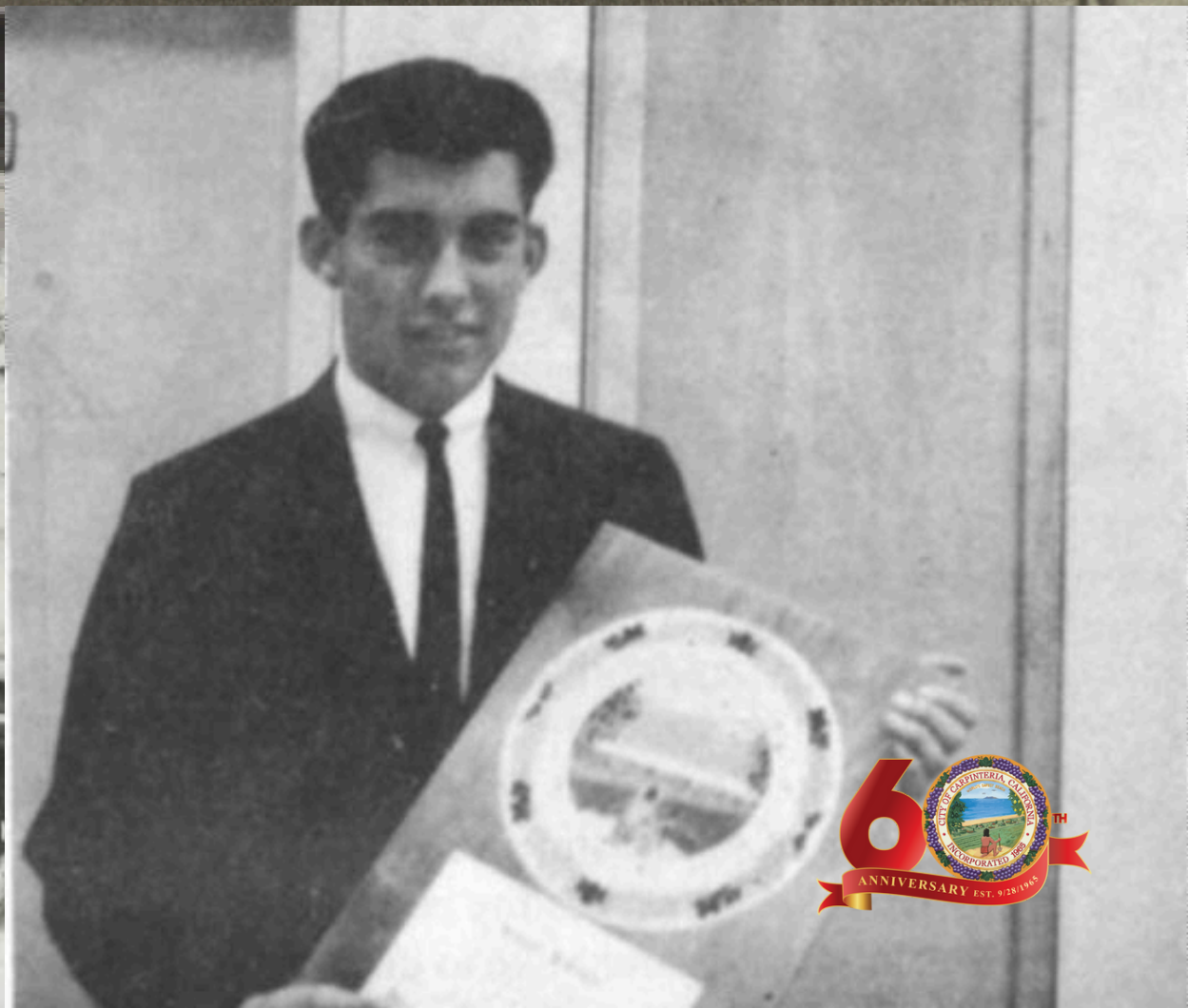
The second item involves the request from Standard Oil Co. for additional oil processing and storage facilities on its property east of town.

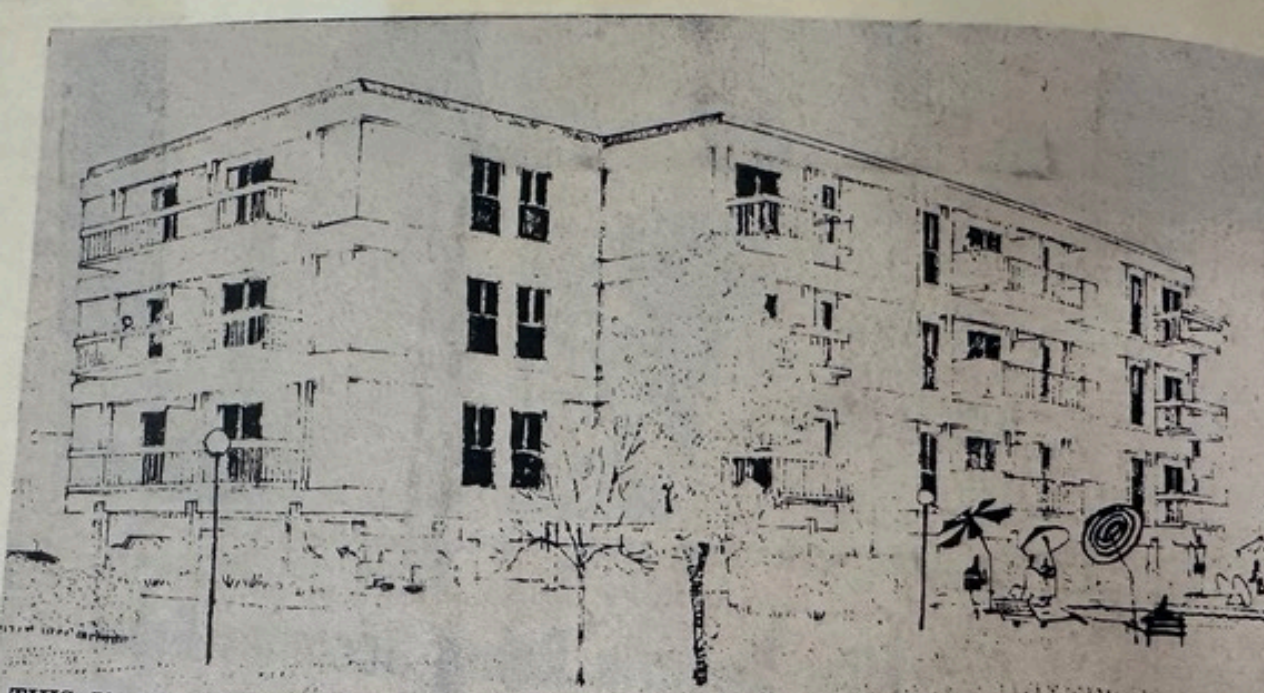
The company has requested approval of a second storage



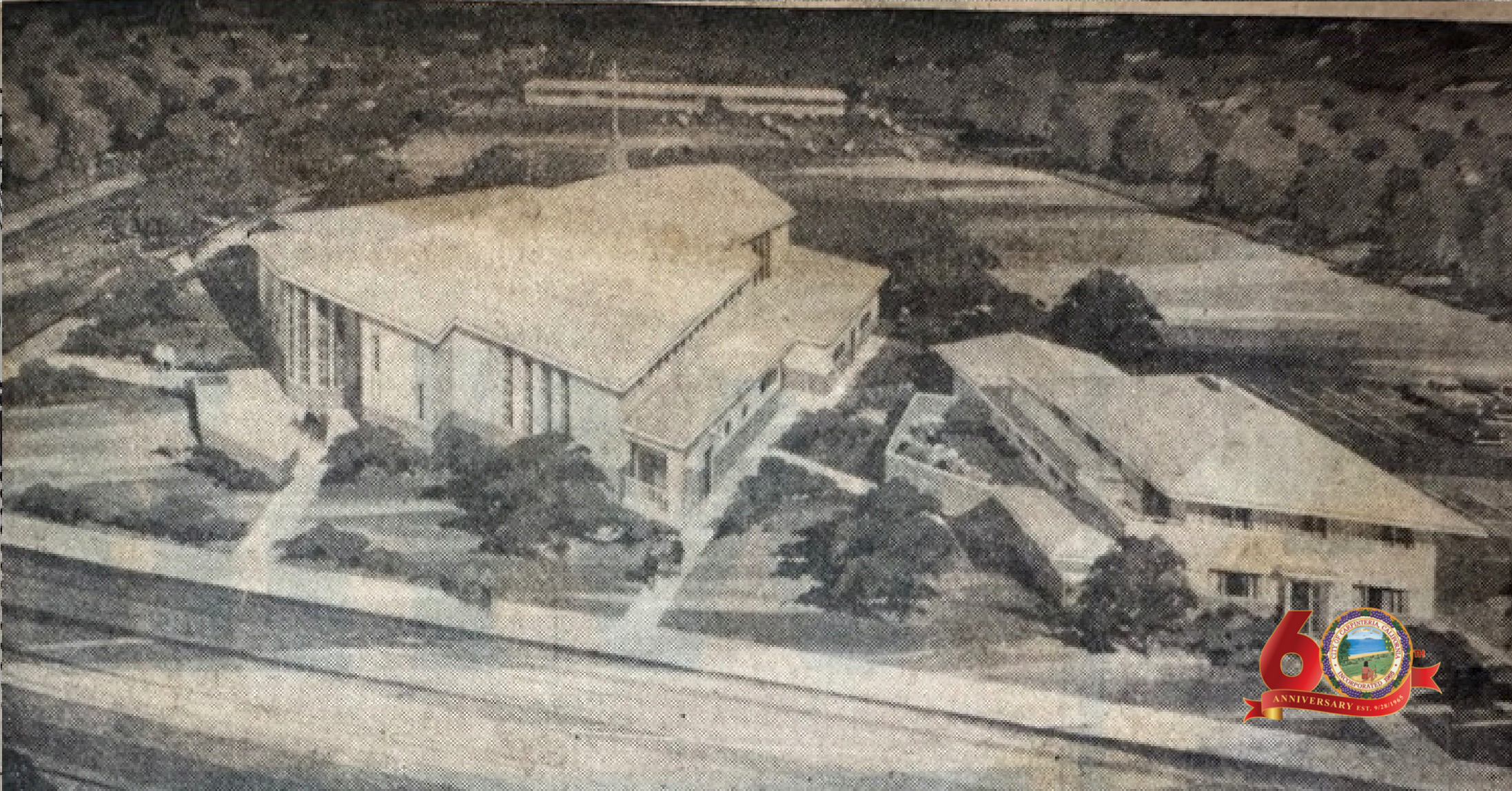


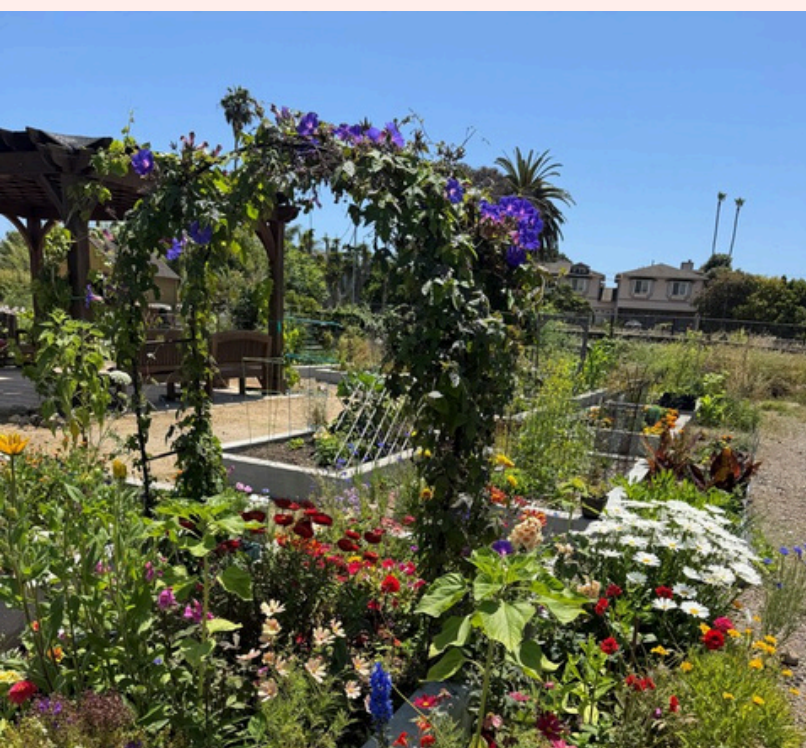






THIS IS AN ARCHITECT'S SKETCH of how the proposed four-story apartment house in the beach area would look from Ash Ave. There would be parking on the ground floor with a total of 36 two-bedroom residences on the other floors.







A Look at City Finances

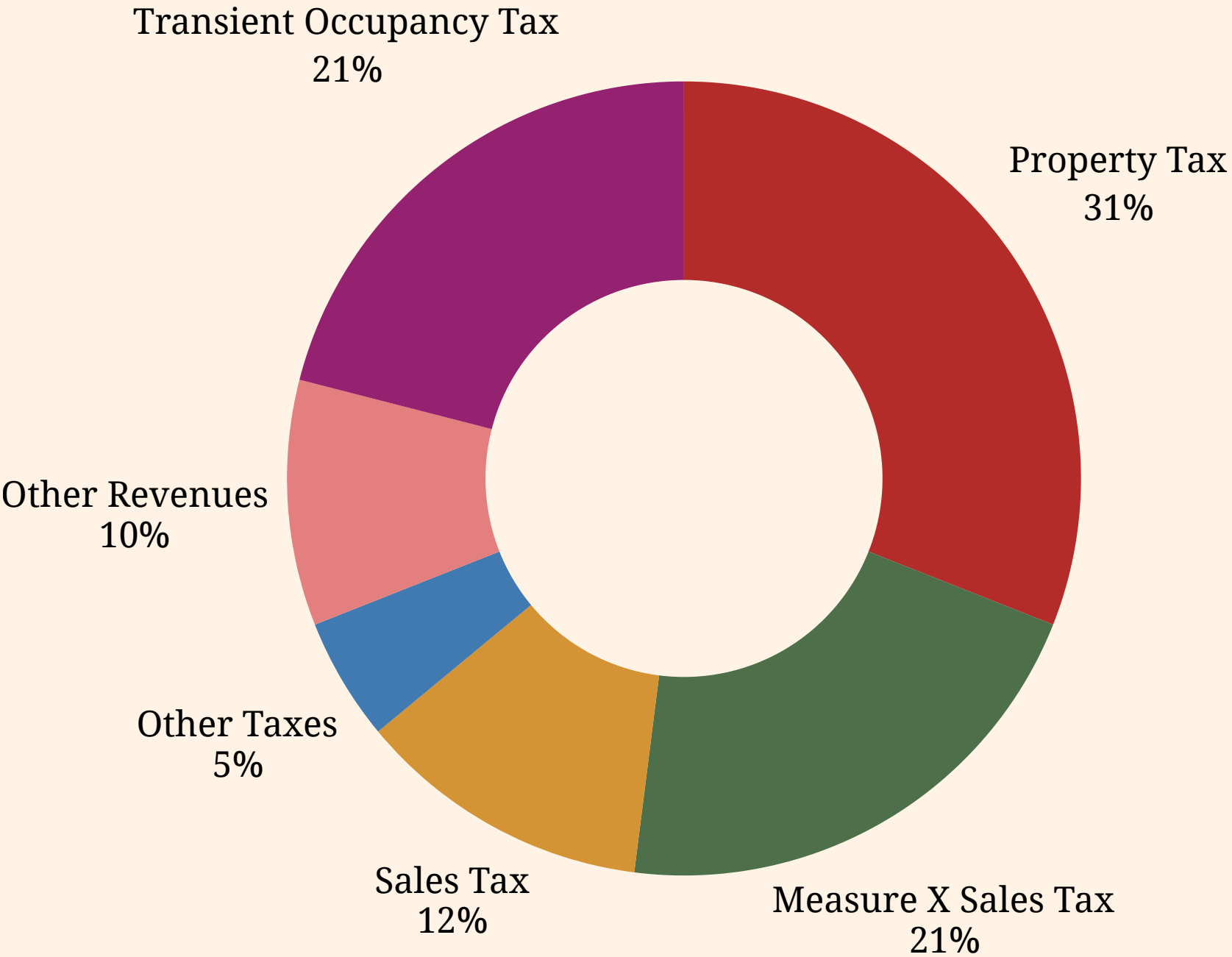
Michael Ramirez

Former Assistant City Manager, 2021-2023
City Manager, 2023- Present



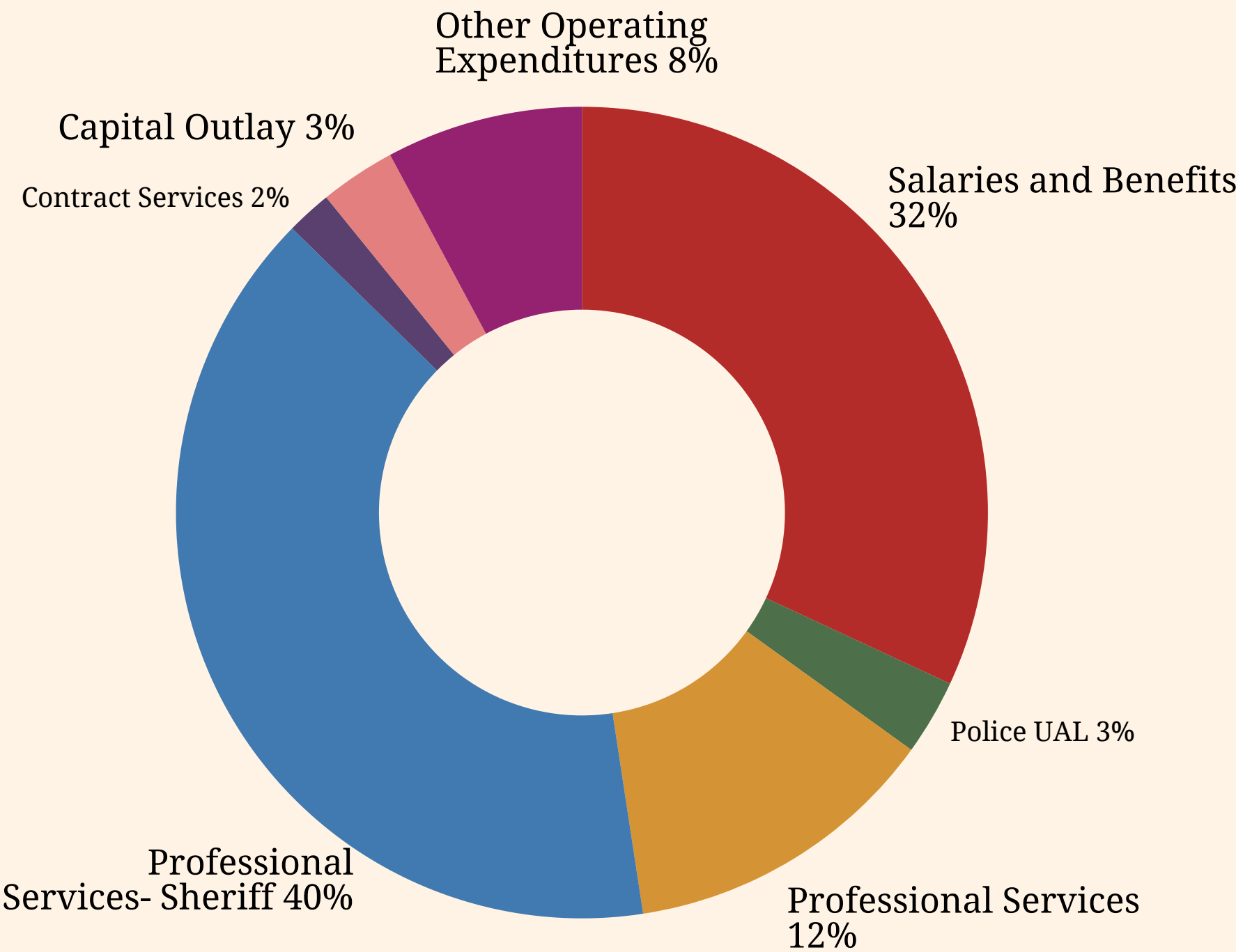
General Fund Revenues

\$ Millions	FY 2025/26 Budget	Percentage
Property Tax	\$5,526,800	31%
Measure X Sales Tax	\$3,798,000	21%
Transient Occupancy Tax	\$3,706,300	21%
Sales Tax	\$2,185,950	12%
Other Taxes	\$814,400	5%
Other Revenues	\$1,744,200	10%
Total General Fund Revenues	\$17,775,650	100%



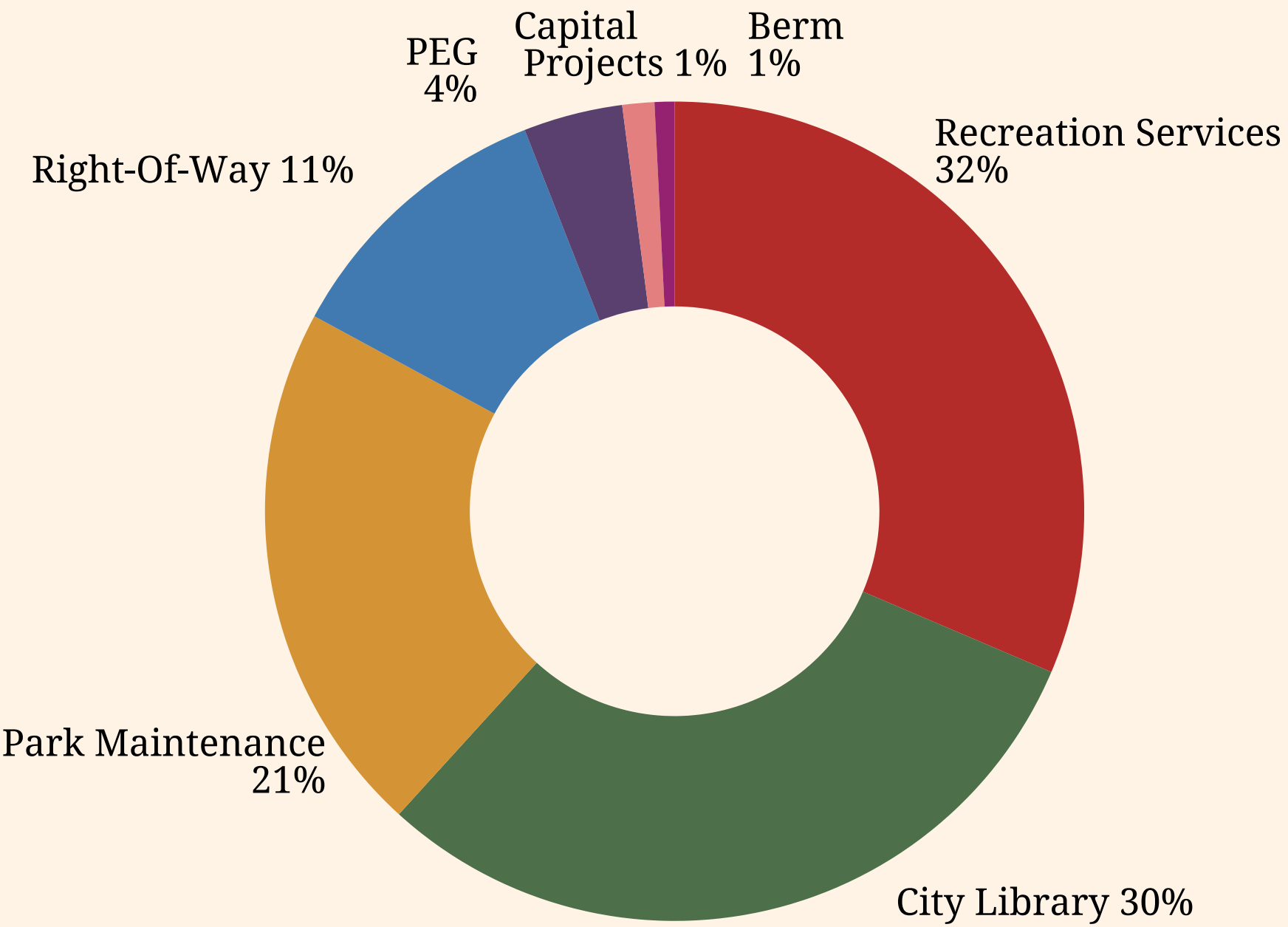
General Fund Expenses

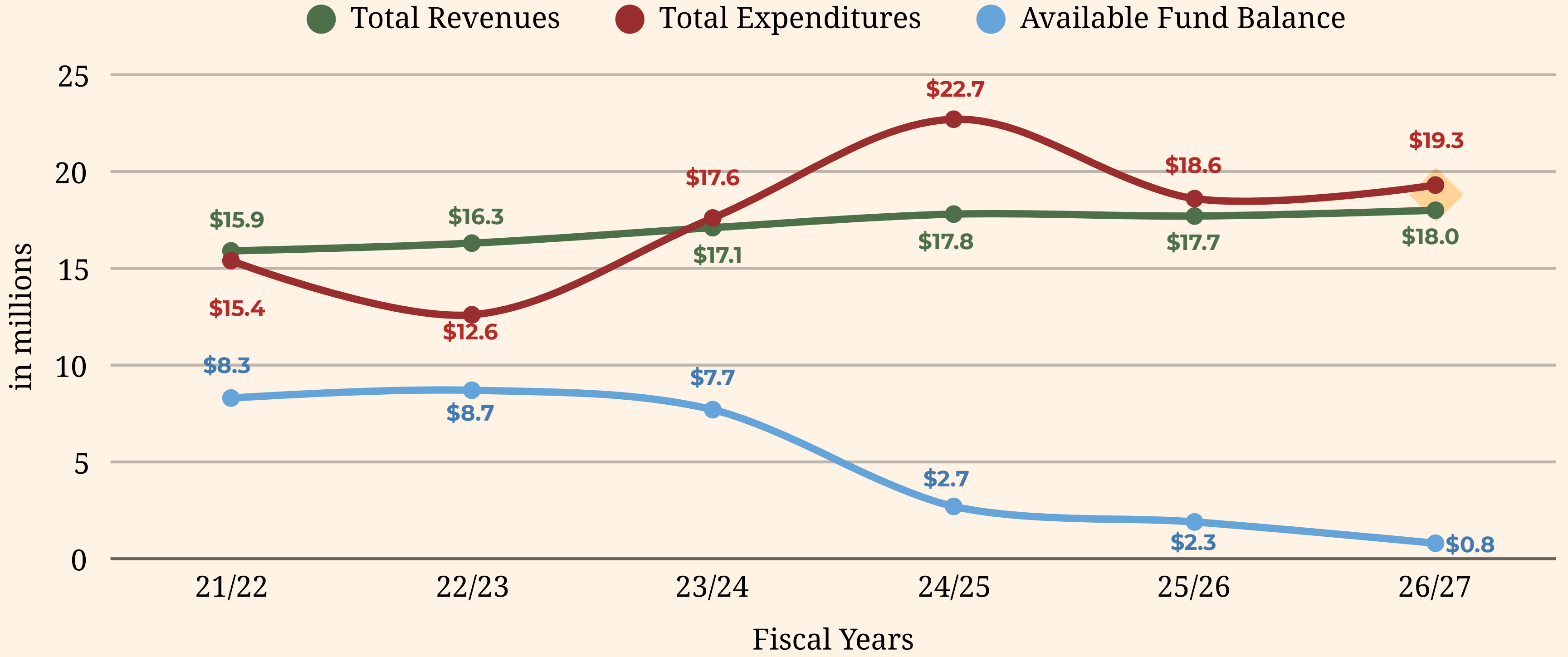
Type	FY 2025/26 Budget	Percentage
Professional Services- Sheriff	\$6,554,650	40%
Professional Services	\$2,137,450	12%
Salaries and Benefits	\$5,288,150	32%
Police Unfunded Actuarial Liability	\$509,400	3%
Contract Services	\$310,850	2%
Other Operating Expenditures	\$1,275,700	8%
Capital Outlay	\$51,000	3%
Total Expenses	\$16,127,200	100%



General Fund Transfers

Type	FY 2025/26 Budget	Percentage
Recreation Services	\$721,700	32%
City Library	\$697,400	30%
Park Maintenance	\$486,300	21%
Right-Of-Way Assessment	\$256,250	11%
Public, Educational, and Governmental Access Channels	\$89,600	4%
Berm Assesment	\$28,600	1%
Capital Projects	\$18,000	1%
Total	\$2,297,850	100%





Budget Considerations

- Decreasing available fund balances
 - Expense and revenue trajectories
 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Strong Reserves
 - 40% of operating and debt services expenditures plus subsidies
- Cost Recovery
 - AB939, Master Fee Schedule, Measure B
 - Winter Berm/Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts
- Long-Term Planning
 - Accommodate City Growth while Maintaining a Small Beachside Town
 - Potential revenue measures



So what's next?



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Q & A Session

Juliza Briones

Program Manager & Public Information Officer,
2025-Present



City Leadership



Ryan Kintz,
Assistant
City Manager



Nick Bobroff,
Community
Development Director



Licette Maldonado,
Administrative
Services Director



John Ilasin,
Public Works Director



Jeanette Gant,
Parks, Recreation, and
Community Services
Director



Question 1:

**Could you share more
information on the
proposed Surfliner Inn
Project?**

Community Development Department



Question 2:

How can I learn more about the General Plan?

Community Development Department



Question 3:

What are the next steps in the pool renovation project?

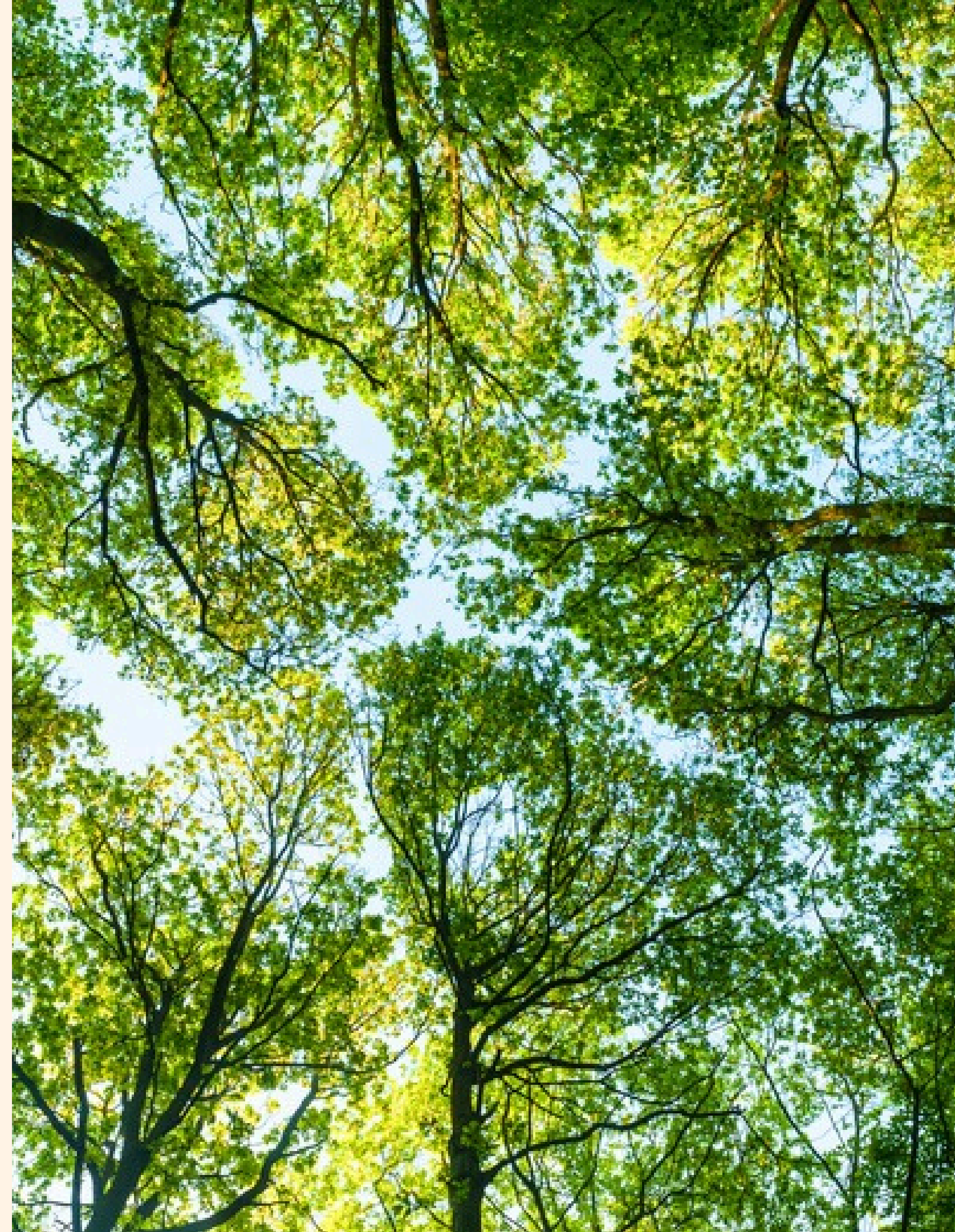
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services
Department



Question 4:

**How does the City decide
when trees need to be
replaced?**

Public Works Department





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