

## Melissa Thurman

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**From:** Barbara LaRaia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 7, 2020 2:37 PM  
**To:** Melissa Thurman; CouncilSB; Marc Zafferano  
**Subject:** COMMENT for 12/08/20 Council Meeting

### Item # 3 - PUBLIC COMMENT

San Bruno was in the negative by \$4.2 million dollars at this time last year, BEFORE the pandemic struck. Other cities in this area had surpluses upon which they have been drawing to help get them through the pandemic.

In the attached agenda PACKET for tonight's meeting, - "Cash and Investments Report" (p. 1 - through Oct. 2020) the public may be horrified to see the following that is happening now:

1. Our GENERAL FUND NEGATIVE is \$3,862,414.00 (close to FOUR MILLION DOLLARS)
2. Our City Net Service ("cable" fund) is NEGATIVE \$14,088,116.35 (OVER FOURTEEN MILLION DOLLARS)
3. Our federal/state grants are about negative \$28,000.
4. Our PAYROLL and ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OUTSTANDING CHECKS are \$1,753,797.75 (About \$1.7 million NEGATIVE we seem to owe and it appears we are unable to pay some of our bills.....)

By state law, each city must "balance" the budget, but the budget is nothing more than "pie in the sky"/wishful thinking. The REAL TRUTH is in the reports I just referenced, and things are getting worse each and every month. In the past I have mentioned maybe selling some of the "investments" we have that pay about a 1% interest rate. We should divest of these things in order to pay our bills and get out of the financial quagmire we are in. The citizens are the ones who bear the burden of all of this, and it is not fair and should NOT continue. Those in charge in this city need to hunker down and practice just and honorable fiscal stewardship - for the sake of current residents and future generations.

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**From:** Barbara LaRaia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 12:36 PM  
**To:** Melissa Thurman; CouncilSB; Marc Zafferano  
**Subject:** Item 4B - Recognition of Laura Davis

Laura Davis SERVED this city for the last three years with dignity and selflessness. She has been an exceptional PUBLIC SERVANT. Many a night I know for a fact she was up all hours of the morning answering the public's emails, working on city projects, etc. all the while working a full-time job and, unfortunately, having to stay up until after midnight many a night for council meetings that did not ever seem to end. (Unfortunately precipitated by two councilmembers who did not seem to be sensitive to keeping staff and others up late, especially during a pandemic when people need rest.....).

Laura spoke her mind publicly in a respectful way when she did not agree with a couple of other councilmembers. She has a good business-sense and can analyze financial issues (and has with me) to figure out a way to perhaps lessen debt (which is taxpayers' money). I really enjoyed working with her for the last three years. She is fair to everyone and devotes her energy to the betterment of this city - almost to the point of hurting herself at times (not enough sleep!).

This city is losing a gem of a councilmember, but I am sure our community will be very enhanced by by the involvement Laura will still have for the betterment of this city and its residents and businesses.

Barbara LaRaia San Bruno