

Additional Information

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Subject: 89 First Avenue Agenda #8

TO: Members of the Chula Vista City Council

FROM: Peter Watry

SUBJECT: Item #8 on the Oct. 28 Agenda -- buying 89 First Avenue

The staff report says that real estate people put the maximum value of 89 First Avenue at \$425,000. If the owner was to sell that property in a normal way, after 6% commission and one-half of escrow fees, she would net a bit less than \$400,000. Your offer of \$480,000 is a gift of public monies, and FOR WHAT? Does Public Works have too much money and has to spend it on something? THINK! What good use could this Public Works \$480,000 be put to?

Many years ago, the City of Chula Vista deliberately ran an open major drain channel through the back yards of the homes on the east side of Hilltop Drive between Georgiana and I streets.

When it floods, their yards flood; when people upstream empty their pool water into the street, the chlorined water floods their yards; when people upstream discard unmentionable trash, much of it washes down to their yards.

When some of us tried to help them a few years ago, Public Works told us that the city's preferred off-site fix costs too much, and the far less on-site fix we suggested could not be done because it was on private property! The city put it on the private property!!

Buying 89 First and then renting it out makes no sense at all in terms of less trash, road upkeep, and so forth.

Buying 89 First and then letting it sit idle makes no sense at all.

Buying 89 First and calling it "park land" makes no sense at all, because much of the 1+ acre is a cliff.

There is no way in the world that the city paying \$480,000 for 89 First Avenue could possibly be of greater benefit to the people of Chula Vista than correcting the terrible mistake the City of Chula Vista made many years ago.

Please consider doing the right thing.