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The \$175,000 cut in Sheriff service freed funds to fpepeg" c" Dwnkfgtiu"Uwdukf{"cp"kpvgtp."pgy"ceeqpwpkpi" software and balance the City's budget.

The Council voted to set Building Fees at only 70% of what it cost the city to provide the service. This ngcxgu"pqp/dwknfkpi"tgukfgpvu"vq"hqqv"vjg"dknn"htq"vjg" & : 2.222"fkhhgtgpeg"ykvj"ewvu"kp"qvjgt"rctvu"qh"vjg" budget.

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The Sheriff service cuts have not gone unnoticed by residents who report longer wait times for routine Sheriff's requests. In addition, recent reports of mail theft has left many wondering if the cuts to Sheriff patrols are to blame. City staff is now recommending that the State's restoration of \$100,000 in COPS funding to the city go toward Sheriff services to tguvqtg"rctv"qh"vjg"ewvu"Vjg"Ekv{"jcu"pqv"kf gpvk f g f" how they would fund the remaining \$75,000 in cuts. The issue is on the October Council agenda.

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City Manager Gets Vehicle & iPad in New Contract



City Manager Shauna Clark receives a new vehicle to use, iPad, \$500 for a DSL line at home, \$1400 for gasoline, and other items in her new three year contract proposed for the October City Council meeting. Ms. Clark maintains her current salary of \$160,000, which costs the City about \$204,000 excluding the new high tech perks.

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Undergrounding of utilities has been underway on Jcekpfc" Tf."dgv y ggp"Cxqecfq"Etguv"cpf" Yguv" Tf." ukpeg"Cr tkn0

Y jgp" f tuv"cumgf" y j {"vjg"Eqpvtevt"uckf"kv"y cu"htq"vjg" new City Hall. When asked again a few weeks later, he said he didn't know why it was being done.

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The 2006 Ordinance initiating the undergrounding said it was for a new Civic Center.

Despite the documentary evidence, city staff and qh f eknu" fgp {"vjgtg"ctg" rncpu"htq" c"pgy" ekv {"jcmn."dww" xqvgf"kp"Cwiwuv"vq"hwpf"&42.222"htq" c"pggf u"cuuguu o gpv" study to determine if the City needs a new City Hall

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For the second year in a row, the La Habra Heights County Water District faces red ink, leaving many to wonder if a rate increase is in the works after the November election. Vjg" Fkuvtkv"u"4233/34" Hkpcn" Dwf i gv" u j q y u" c" r t q l g e v g f" fg f ekv"qh"qxgt"& : ;.222"htq"vjg"4232/33" f uecn {"gct0"Vjg" Board made an unusual request at its May meeting. They directed that the revenue from an unsigned, incomplete, draft agreement with Rowland Water District be included hqt"vjg"4233/34" f uecn {"gct"ejcpikpi"cp"cr rtqzk o cvgn {" & : 6.222 - "fg f ekv"vq" c"uwtrnwu0" Ownvrng {"gctu"qh"fg f ekv"ur gpfkpi" ykvj qvw"dwf i gv"ewv kpi" uwi i guvu" c" rquukdng"tcvg" kpetgcug0"Uki pk f ecpv"ewvu"vq" y cvgt" district expenses are needed to balance the budget. Dqctf" o g o dgtu"htq"tg/gngevkqp"vqvw"vjg"ncem"qh"tcvg" increases, raising the question of whether using revenue htq o"vjg"wpukipgf" Ycvgt"Vtch f emkpi" C i tgg o gpv" y kv j" Tqy ncpf" Ycvgt" Fkuvtkv"vq" dtkpi" vjg"4233/34"dwf i gv"htq o" fg f ekv"vq"uwtrnwu" jcf" c" rquukdng" rqnkvecn" o qvkv cvkqp0 Each Board member is paid \$100 per meeting, which can kpenwfg"wr"vq"8" o ggvkpi u" c" o qpvj"cpf"58"rgt" {gct0" C"

"meeting" can include a function where water board business is a subject of discussion. Lunches, attendance at a conference, or another agency gathering could all constitute a meeting.

Board member Pam McVicar stated in a La Habra Journal article that in order to be taken seriously by other water companies they need to be paid.

In 2009, our investigation found Board members wining, dining, and traveling on the ratepayers dime, buying E j k x c u" T g i c n." H k n g v" O k i p q p." U y q t f f u j" c p f" j c n h/ E j k e m g p." among other entrées.

Public records provided for a 2011 meal and travel expenses request revealed that Robert Wilson was the only Board member submitting those expenses for a total of just under \$2,000 between January and May 2011. Three members of the Water Board, Jeffrey Heintz, Pam McVicar and Mark Perumean, were originally appointed tcvjgt"vjcp"gngevgf"vq" f nm" xcecpekgu"qp"vjg"dqct f0

Ratepayers and residents have become increasingly concerned with the lack of transparency of the Water District. Meetings are held at 4:00 P.M., when few can attend, and are neither recorded nor televised. The Board does not feel that televising meetings is necessary. The District maintains no web site and at the February 2011 o ggvkpi"vjg"Dqctf"xqvgf"6/3"*OeXlect"qr rqugf+"pqv"vq"ugv" up a web site. While open and transparent government is not currently high on the Water Board's agenda, Ycvgt"Dqctf"ecpfkfcvg"Lwf {" Jcvjcy c {/Htcpeku" rncpu"vq" challenge that if she wins one of three open seats.

**Attend a Water District Q&A Workshop on
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