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Council Members:

Seems like we've got mission creep in the new Community Center. Staff report says, "The following contract amendment will cost \$425,863 and an additional 20% contingency would cost \$85,173. Both costs will be funded by the \$38.3M budget approved by the City Council for development of the Los Altos Community Center."

I thought the approved budget was \$35M.

Seems like we keep getting nickel-and-dimed on this project, except the nickels and dimes are hundreds of thousands of dollars. Some of these additions should have been foreseen in the original plans.

I refer you to the disastrous meeting of July 30, 2020, ITEM 2 Professional Design Services Agreement Amendment: Los Altos Community Center Project, when the city manager asked Council to approve \$93,000 – some of which he had already spent.

At that time, Mayor Pepper said, "We approved \$28M for Noll & Tam and then we approved another \$467K and now they're coming back with another \$93K. So I feel like we're being nickel-and-dimed. We've already paid them \$33M. Isn't that ENOUGH? It feels like a lot to me. I think that's why when I saw this I said, HUH!?! Why are they nitpicking us with all these little things? Why wasn't that already in there and why are you coming back for more? So it feels like, come on already."

And yet the city manager keeps coming back for more. Even the "small" amounts raise questions:

Why is the architect designing interior decoration?

ASR 8 – Revisions to the Kinder Prep Area \$3,340: Provide design for interior decoration of wall surfaces,

Is Michelangelo doing the graphics on the signs?

ASR 13 – Addition of Graphics to Signage \$6,620: Enhancement of facility identity with the addition of graphics to interior signage and the adjustment of room names.

I also urge you to read the FOLA article, *The Community Center project - A train wreck in the making?* at

<https://preview.mailerlite.com/j6i3l4/1540604519564449027/p6r2/>

Whatever your opinion of FOLA or its members, they have outlined some very serious concerns about the management – or lack thereof – on this project.

Pat Marriott

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I am concerned at the increasing costs on the Hillview Community Center construction project. With the project having actually already spent 53% of budget, you have already blown the 10% contingency. Right now, no one really knows what the total cost of the project will be. Spending on the project is spiraling out of control.

The city should decline approval of this or any contract amendment until you develop a spending plan that will keep spending on the community center back on budget.

Bill Hough