

# Council Agenda Statement



**Meeting Date:** April 21, 2026  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** Jackie Wilde, City Manager  
**From:** Kris Erchinger, Finance Director  
**Agenda Item:** Amend the 2026 CPV Budget to repurpose funding for Construction of a Year-Round Harbor Restroom with Showers

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**BACKGROUND. JUSTIFICATION & INTENT:**

The City of Whittier’s 2026 Budget includes \$2.5 million in future CPV funds to fund the water well replacement project. The Administration recommends repurposing these funds. Whittier’s Well Capacity Assessment Study identified the existing water well system as having reached the end of its useful life, in addition to having inadequate water capacity to meet the growing demands on Whittier’s water needs, including domestic water supply, firefighting, and higher seasonal summer demand. The use of CPV Funds for community water and sewer system infrastructure is a valid use of CPV Funds as approved both through the authorization of direct State grants through the State’s CPV Fund, and as approved by individual communities utilizing their own CPV funds for these projects. Subsequent to passing the 2026 Budget, the Administration has received more than \$4.7 million in grant funds for the water well replacement project, eliminating the need for the appropriated CPV funds to be used for this project.

The Administration now recommends repurposing the budgeted CPV funds to design/build a new year-round restroom facility in the harbor waterfront area, to include any necessary extension of water and sewer utilities, for a facility with flush toilets, sinks, and public showers to meet the growing demand of cruise visitors to the City’s waterfront.

**CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:**

	Yes	No	N/A
Legislative Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comprehensive Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whittier Code	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other: <i>2026 Budget</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**FISCAL NOTE:**

The CPV Fund does not currently have a balance of \$2.5 million for this project. Moving forward to investigate a design/build project will provide estimated costs for the project, allowing the Administration to proceed with the project if sufficient funding is available. Any design/build contract will be required to come before Council to approve and the amount of funding available for the project will depend on actual 2026 cruise passenger numbers.

**ATTORNEY REVIEW:** Yes \_\_\_\_ No n/a

**RECOMMENDATION:** Council authorizes using up to \$2.5 million in future CPV funds for the design/build construction of a year-round restroom in the harbor, instead of well replacement project.