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Mayor Briggs brought to a vote two contracts (one Pasadena, one SVFD) on January 17th, 2018 (see El Lago minutes, item 13.8 and 13.9). The Mayor stated that his intent was to bring this to a vote because the Mayor of Seabrook threatened to charge El Lago more for the service.



Councilwoman Vernon and Councilman Michalak asked the pertinent questions about cost and response times, and Councilman Tave withdrew his motion to approve the contract with Pasadena. All councilmen ultimately voted to postpone the vote until a public hearing could be held. (10 citizens spoke in support of SVFD during the meeting, including the Principal of Ed White Elementary) - with only Roger Nylin indicating that the city should consider approving Pasadena



What we learned since January 17th – The FOIA clearly shows that Mayor Briggs has been moving to sign a contract Pasadena since October, 2017. On November 17, 2017 Mayor Briggs e-mailed the Chief of Staff at Pasadena “Thank you for your time and understanding as we move to ink this deal”. - (FOIA, #4, page 16 of 112) and on 11/7/2017 e-mailed Pasadena Chief of Staff that “I have the green light to earnestly pursue our new relationship with respect to providing Fire Service to El Lago”. (FOIA #4, Page 53).



Mayor Brigg's letter (March 7th 2018) said that we were keeping the SVFD contract, but that Darin Clark and Robby White were spreading misinformation. If it wasn't for them making the citizens aware of the vote on Jan. 17th– **the contract with SVFD would have been terminated at that meeting!**