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Madam Mayor and Commissioners, City Attorney, City Manager,

I support the idea of the City taking control of Higgs Beach, but I think we need clearer answers before moving forward.

Here are a few simple questions I hope the Commission will address:

- What will it cost the City each year to operate and maintain Higgs Beach once the initial funding is gone?
- What major repairs are expected over the next 10–20 years, especially for the seawall and pier?
- Has the City done a full inspection of the property, and can the public see those results?
- How was the \$2 million payment calculated, and is it enough to cover what the City is taking on?
- What happens if the expected grant funding or FAA land transfer doesn't come through?
- Are there any known issues with the property that the City is accepting?

I also think a few changes could make this agreement safer:

- Add a backup plan if funding or transfers fall through
- Make sure the City can update leases and agreements if needed
- Set aside funding specifically for future repairs and maintenance
- Consider having the County share in major repair costs for a limited time

This could be a good deal, but only if the long-term costs are clear and manageable. Right now, those details are not fully clear.

Thank you.

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