

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING OF  
NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007, at the hour of 6:34 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG**

Gunner Robinson, a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student from Meadows Elementary School, led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Cohen, Ward, Tell, Montgomery and Mayor Aldinger.  
Absent: None.  
Clerk: Tamura.

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

07/1106.16 City Manager Dolan Re International City Management Association

The Council expressed gratitude to City Manager Geoff Dolan in recognition of his years of service to the City and his contributions to the Community and presented him with the International City Management Association (ICMA) plaque recognizing his 25 years of service to local government.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar (Item Nos. 1 through 13), consisting of items under *General Consent* and *Boards and Commissions*, was approved by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery, seconded by Councilmember Ward and passed by unanimous roll call vote with the exception of Item No. 1 which Councilmember Cohen requested to be amended and to which the Council concurred.

Ayes: Cohen, Ward, Tell, Montgomery and Mayor Aldinger.  
Noes: None.  
Absent: None.  
Abstain: None.

**GENERAL CONSENT**

07/1016.3-1 Approve Minutes of the City Council Adjourned Regular and Regular Meeting of October 2, 2007 (Continued from the October 16, 2007 City Council Meeting)

Councilmember Cohen requested that paragraph 5 of page 12 of the October 2, 2007 City Council meeting minutes be amended to read:

“In response to **Mr. Bush's** allegations, Councilmember Cohen reminded **Mr. Bush** that, throughout her council campaign, she had indicated in both written and verbal form that she is an attorney licensed to practice law in Washington DC, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Councilmember Cohen further reminded **Mr. Bush** that she had consistently stated, on the City Council Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2007

record, that she was in favor of a lot merger moratorium provided that it be of limited time frame so as to minimize the impact on private property rights. She further emphasized that she was uncomfortable impacting private property rights without a schedule to reconcile the residential development code.”

The Council approved the subject minutes as amended.

07/1106.2 Approve Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of October 16, 2007

The Council approved the subject minutes.

07/1106.3 Approve Minutes of the Joint City Council/Library Commission Meeting of October 30, 2007

The Council approved the subject minutes.

07/1106.4 Consideration of the State Budget and Legislative Update

The Council received and filed the November 2007 Budget and Legislative Update from Tony Rice, the City’s legislative advocate.

07/1106.5 Consideration of Financial Reports

a) Ratification of Demands: October 18, 2007 and November 1, 2007

b) Investment Portfolio for the Month Ending September 30, 2007

c) Financial Reports for the Month Ending September 30, 2007

The Council approved with no exception Warrant Register Nos. 9B & 10B in the amount of \$4,405,852.27 in payment of ratification of demands and claims as prepared by the Director of Finance, together with the original demands and claims as prepared by said Warrant Register; received and filed the Investment Portfolio for the month ending September 30, 2007; and received and filed the Financial Reports for the month ending September 30, 2007.

07/1106.6 Award of Three-Year Contract for Traffic Control Device Rental Services to Traffic Control Service, Inc. for the Public Works Department (Estimated Value of \$33,440 Per Year)

The Council approved the award of Bid #720-07 to Traffic Control Service, Inc. for a three-year contract for traffic control device rental services (estimated value \$33,440 per year).

07/1106.7 Award of Three-Year Contract to Sea-Clear Pools to Provide Begg Pool Maintenance and Repair Services (Not-to-Exceed \$60,000)

The Council approved the award of RFP #721-08 to Sea-Clear Pools for a three-year contract to provide pool maintenance and repair services for an amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.

07/1106.8 Authorize the Purchase of One Budgeted Paramedic Rescue Ambulance for the Fire Department from Leader Industries in the Amount of \$81,349.97

The Council waived formal bidding per Municipal Code Section 2.36.150 (cooperative purchases) and approved a purchase order to Leader Industries in the amount of \$81,349.97 for the budgeted purchase of a Paramedic rescue ambulance.

07/1106.9 Consideration of Award of Contract to FocusMicro for the Purchase of a Video Surveillance System for the Metlox Parking Structure in the Amount of \$55,850

The Council approved the award of RFP #719-07 to FocusMicro in the amount of \$55,850 for the purchase of a video surveillance system for the Metlox parking structure; approved authorizing the transfer of \$55,850 from the CIP Fund to the Parking Fund and appropriated \$55,850 from the Parking Fund.

07/1106.10 Consideration of One-Year Renewal of Storage Area Network Maintenance Agreement with Nth Generation Computing, Inc. in the Amount of \$22,752

The Council waived formal bidding per Municipal Code Section 2.36.140 (waivers) and approved the renewal of one year Storage Area Network maintenance agreement with Nth Generation Computing, Inc, in the amount of \$22,752.

07/1106.11 Accept Real Property Dedication at 1130 Laurel Avenue for Street Purposes

The Council adopted Resolution No. 6115.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6115**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING A REAL PROPERTY DEDICATION FOR STREET PURPOSES AT 1130 LAUREL AVENUE**

07/1106.12 Disbursement of Progress Payment No. 3 in the Net Amount of \$393,301.08 to Environmental Construction Inc. for the Manhattan Village Soccer Park Synthetic Turf Field Project

The Council approved the issuance of the subject progress payment.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Planning Commission**

07/1106.13 Consideration of Action Minutes, Planning Commission Meeting of October 24, 2007

The Council received and filed the subject action minutes.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

07/1106.17 Los Angeles County Librarian Don Gould Re Library Events

Highlighting the success of the recent storytelling program last month at the Manhattan Beach Library, **Los Angeles County Librarian Don Gould** announced the following: a Bingo Bash on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. and Magician Tony Daniel's Harry Potter program on Thursday, November 13, 2007 for ages 4 and under at the Joslyn Center.

07/1106.18 Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery Re Fires

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery voiced his appreciation of the assistance provided to other Southern California communities by the Manhattan Beach Fire Department during the recent fires.

07/1106.19 Mayor Aldinger Re Manhattan Beach Pumpkin Race

Mayor Aldinger commented on the success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Manhattan Beach Pumpkin Race.

07/1106.20 Mayor Aldinger Re Utility Undergrounding Assessment Districts 1, 3 & 5

Mayor Aldinger congratulated all involved in completing the Utility Undergrounding in Assessment District Nos. 1, 3 and 5.

07/1106.21 Mayor Aldinger Re Veterans Day Memorial

Mayor Aldinger announced that the Veterans Day program will take place on Sunday, November 11, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Valley Drive and Ardmore.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

07/1106.14 Consideration of an Electronic Voting System and Audio Visual System Update for the City Council Chamber and, Based on Council Direction, Appropriate \$84,695.18 From the CIP Fund Balance for the Updates

City Manager Geoff Dolan noted the involvement of many staff members in this project including City Clerk Liza Tamura, Information Systems Manager Leilani Emnace, General Services Manager Gwen Eng and Assistant to the City Manager Lindy Coe-Juell.

Assistant to the City Manager Coe-Juell provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed Granicus electronic voting system and update to the audio visual system for the City Council Chamber. She summarized the benefits of the proposed electronic voting system and related staff's recommendations that, should the request be approved, **Western Audio Visual Corporation** be used for the integration of the voting system and installation of the display panels and that approximately \$84,695 remaining from the 2005-2006 City Council Chamber Upgrade Capital Improvement Project (CIP) be appropriated toward this project.

**Steve Hollingsworth, Western Audio Visual Corporation**, presented detailed information on the proposed Granicus electronic voting system and update to the audio visual system, including related costs. Answering inquiries from the Council, he explained front projection compared to flat panel displays and offered input on the idea of scaling back the project to reduce costs.

**Matt Mincks, Granicus**, clarified information regarding the "Minutes Maker" tool (approximately \$10,000) and identified that the system could be implemented without the electronic voting component of the Granicus system; that the monthly maintenance fee would include upgrades to the "Minutes Maker" software; and that motions made during the meeting could be changed on the City Clerk's interface during the meeting, but modifications to the system would be required to display the motion text on the screen for viewing by the audience.

**The following individuals spoke on this item:**

- **Arnold Sachs, No Address Provided**
- **Kennedy Reinevelt, No Address Provided**

At the Council's request, City Clerk Tamura shared information on the positive aspects of the proposed electronic voting system which, she explained, would take the guesswork out of who makes the motions and would enable the Council to vote simultaneously.

Councilmember Cohen related her opinion that the electronic voting technology is limited at this time; that it would not benefit the public; and that the purchase of a new electronic voting system for the City Council Chamber should be delayed until real-time information can be entered into the system.

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery inquired about the rear projector units vs. flat panel displays in which Assistant to the City Manager Coe-Juell explained that all aspects of the two options were considered and reviewed with **Western Audio Visual**.

Councilmember Ward felt that the proposed electronic voting system would complicate the process at this time.

The Council generally agreed to the need for enhanced displays, new microphones, "Minutes Maker" software, document reader and an updated audio visual system.

City Manager Dolan affirmed that staff will calculate the cost of the items in which the Council expressed an interest (enhanced displays, new microphones, document reader, "Minutes Maker" software and updated audio visual system) and that this matter will be placed on a future agenda for City Council consideration.

07/1106.15    *Review Information and Conceptual Designs for the Four Park Playgrounds Reconstruction Project and Provide Direction for Final Design*

City Manager Geoff Dolan introduced this item, advising that the staff recommendations come to the Council as a result of numerous community meetings.

Parks & Recreation Director Richard Gill presented the staff report on the proposed renovations to four park playgrounds at Manhattan Heights, Manhattan Village, Marine Avenue and Polliwog Parks. He advised that approximately \$1,145,000 was allocated for this project, of which approximately \$105,840 has already been awarded to **David Volz Design Landscape Architecture** for the design and construction documents. He highlighted various aspects of the conceptual designs, including a design for special needs children at Polliwog Park which, he noted, would be more than double the budgeted amount for the entire project. He also confirmed staff's recommendation in favor of wood chips rather than rubber mats, except at Polliwog Park.

**Jody Rios, David Volz Design Landscape Architecture**, provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the proposed playground designs at Manhattan Heights, Manhattan Village and Marine Avenue Parks.

**David Volz, David Volz Design Landscape Architecture**, gave an in-depth PowerPoint presentation on the Master Plan for the playground at Polliwog Park and elaborated on the areas for special needs children. **Mr. Volz** verified that trees to be removed could be re-planted

elsewhere and that all three options at Polliwog Park include improved drainage in the areas that flood.

In response to Council comments, **Ms. Rios** came forward to describe the equipment proposed in the core area for special needs children at Polliwog Park.

Mayor Aldinger expressed his disappointment that a plan showing what could be done at Polliwog Park for the budgeted amount was not presented.

Councilmember Tell related his understanding of the costs for the proposed equipment, concrete flatwork and shade areas at Polliwog Park.

City Manager Dolan entertained the idea of continuing the Polliwog Park portion of this item for staff to provide more clarity on costs and the equipment included in each option.

Councilmember Ward voiced his interest in obtaining safety information on the proposed equipment and more clarity on the visuals. He also asked that the future presentation primarily focus on the budgeted amount for Polliwog Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery requested that copies of the Parks & Recreation Commission minutes during which this project was discussed be included with the revised information provided to the Council at a future meeting.

Councilmember Cohen commended the designs and thanked the designers for their efforts.

**The following individuals spoke on this item:**

- **Patrick McBride, 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Peck Avenue**
- **Tom Cash, No Address Provided**
- **Holly Stasi, No Address Provided**
- **Danna Whitenauer, No Address Provided**
- **Beth Muraida, No Address Provided**

Council held lengthy discussion which included the idea of approving the designs at Manhattan Heights, Manhattan Village and Marine Avenue Parks and continuing the Polliwog Park renovations to obtain a tree inventory and information on what trees would be removed, as well as input from the Parent/Teacher Associations at Manhattan Beach elementary schools that have recently installed new playground equipment.

Mayor Aldinger commented on the importance of verifying that the proposed equipment will meet the needs of what is being addressed.

Councilmember Ward recommended that trees to be removed either be incorporated into the new designs or re-planted elsewhere.

Parks & Recreation Director Gill explained the rationale behind the equipment proposed which, he noted, would differ from “standard” playground equipment. He indicated that sand play areas would be provided, but wood chips would be used as safety elements.

City Manager Dolan pointed out that all of the proposed equipment must comply with Federal safety requirements.

The Council agreed to continue this item to obtain information from elementary schools in the City that have installed new playground equipment and safety information on the proposed equipment.

### **ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

None.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

#### 07/1106.22 Patrick McBride Re Transportation System

**Patrick McBride, 5<sup>th</sup> Street & Peck Avenue**, related his excitement over the City's forthcoming transportation system. He offered input on various American Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements associated with transportation.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT(S)**

None.

### **OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS, COMMITTEE AND TRAVEL REPORTS**

#### 07/1106.23 Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery Re Congratulations

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery congratulated Police Chief Uyeda and the Police Department for the installation of cameras at the Metlox center.

#### 07/1106.24 Mayor Aldinger Re Commemorative Stamp

Mayor Aldinger related his support of the Tom Bradley Commemorative Stamp and asked that this topic be placed for consideration on an upcoming City Council meeting agenda.

#### 07/1106.25 Mayor Aldinger Re United States Conference of Mayors

Mayor Aldinger shared information about discussions at the recent United States Conference of Mayors Planet Protection Conference.

#### 07/1106.26 Mayor Aldinger Re Coastal Cities Issues Group

Mayor Aldinger shared information about his participation in the Coastal Cities Issues Group.

#### 07/1106.27 City Manager Dolan Re Coastal Meeting

City Manager Dolan mentioned that Community Development Director Richard Thompson is scheduled to attend the Coastal Cities meeting on Friday, November 9, 2007 during which he will raise the City's critical issues of aerial advertising and temporary events.

#### 07/1106.28 Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery Re Aerial Advertising

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery, City Attorney Robert Wadden provided information received from the Federal Aviation Administration on aerial advertising over Manhattan Beach. He indicated that additional information is necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:18 p.m., the meeting was duly adjourned, in Memory of Former Manhattan Beach Police Officer Ken Mastick, to the 5:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Meeting, to be followed by the 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting, on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

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Wendy Weeks  
Recording Secretary

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Jim Aldinger  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Liza Tamura  
City Clerk