# CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 4, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, at the hour of 6:40 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

# PLEDGE TO FLAG

Marissa Mayeda, an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade student from Manhattan Beach Middle School led the pledge of allegiance.

# ROLL CALL

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

# **CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

<u>08/0304.1</u> Presentation of Commendation to the Manhattan Little League on the Occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mayor Aldinger, on behalf of the City Council, <u>presented</u> a commendation to the **Manhattan Beach Little League** in recognition of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Steve Napolitano, Deputy to Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe**, <u>presented</u> a Certificate of Recognition to the Manhattan Beach Little League on behalf of Supervisor Knabe.

**Robert Pullen-Miles, representing Senator Jenny Oropeza's Office**, <u>presented</u> a Resolution acknowledging the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Manhattan Beach Little League.

**The President of the Manhattan Beach Little League, Mark McDonald** along with children representing various Little League teams <u>presented</u> each Councilmember with a commemorative baseball and sweatshirt and the City Council with an award of appreciation for the past 50 years of support.

# 08/0304.2 Recognition of the Mansionization Committee for Their Contributions

Mayor Aldinger, on behalf of the City Council, <u>presented</u> each member of the Mansionization Committee and appropriate staff with a plaque and t-shirt in appreciation of a job well done.

# 08/0304.3 Independent Cities Risk Management Authority's Star Member Recognition of City of Manhattan Beach for Excellence in Risk Management Practices and Presentation of Dividend Check from Premium Savings

The City of Manhattan Beach was recognized by the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority (ICRMA) for Excellence in Risk Management Practices and <u>presented</u> with a check in the amount of \$15,964.00.

# **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar (Item Nos. 4 through 13), consisting of items under *General Consent* and *Boards and Commissions*, was <u>approved</u> by motion of Councilmember Ward, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery and passed by unanimous roll call vote with the exception of Item No. 9, which was considered later in the meeting under "*Items Removed from the Consent Calendar*", and Item No. 4 which was tabled until the March 18, 2008 City Council meeting.

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

# **GENERAL CONSENT**

08/0304.4 Approve Minutes of the City Council Adjourned Regular Study Session and Regular Meeting of February 19, 2008

The Council <u>tabled</u> the subject minutes until the March 18, 2008 City Council meeting.

08/0304.5 Consideration of Waiving Plan Check and Permit Fees for Photovoltaic Solar Panel Installation

The Council <u>approved</u> waiving the plan check and permit fees for photovoltaic solar panel installation on residential and commercial buildings for one year, to allow for a review period, and <u>extend the waiver indefinitely</u> if no significant issues arise during the year.

### 08/0304.6 Consideration of Financial Report: Ratification of Demands - February 21, 2008

The Council <u>approved</u> with no exception Warrant Register No. 18B in the amount of \$2,314,265.79 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.

<u>08/0304.7 Update of Crossing Guard Services Provided by All Cities Management</u> <u>Services (ACMS)</u>

The Council <u>received and filed</u> the mid-year update regarding crossing guard services provided by All Cities Management Services.

08/0304.8 Consideration of the Budgeted Purchase of One Drum Roller for the Public Works Department from Neff Rental in the Amount of \$29,768.75

The Council <u>approved</u> the award of RFB #735-08 to Neff Rental in the amount of \$29,768.75 for the purchase of one drum roller.

### <u>08/0304.9</u> Consideration of Recommended Strand Alcove/Bench Sites for City Council <u>Approval</u>

Item No. 9 was pulled from the "CONSENT CALENDAR". Please refer to "ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR."

08/0304.10 Disbursement of Progress Payment No. 3 in the Net Amount of \$42,390 to Utility Services Company for the Elevated Water Tank Maintenance Project

The Council <u>approved</u> the issuance of the subject progress payment.

# BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

## Cultural Arts Commission

08/0304.11 Consideration of Draft Minutes, Cultural Arts Commission Meeting of February 12, 2008

The Council received and filed the subject draft minutes.

# Planning Commission

08/0304.12 Consideration of Action Minutes, Planning Commission Meeting of February 13, 2008

The Council received and filed the subject action minutes.

08/0304.13 Consideration of a Planning Commission Denial of a Variance to Allow a Two-Car Enclosed Garage In Lieu of the Code Required Three-Car Garage, for a Proposed Addition/Remodel at 311 North Rowell Avenue

The Council received and filed the subject report.

# **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

08/0304.17 Doris & Nick Nickelson of The Kenny Nickelson Memorial Foundation for Homeless Veterans and Children, Inc.

**Doris & Nick Nicholson of the The Kenny Nickelson Memorial Foundation for Homeless Veterans and Children, Inc.** presented a plaque recognizing the City for their participation in the 2007 Beach Cities Toy Drive and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery for all his efforts in obtaining donations.

### 08/0304.18 Al Wise, Marketing Manager of Manhattan Beach Toyota and Scion

Al Wise, Director for Marketing and Public Relations for Manhattan Beach Toyota and Scion, introduced himself to Council and residents and stated that Manhattan Beach Toyota is very much interested in providing support for the community.

### 08/0304.19 Don Gould, Manager of the Manhattan Beach Library

Los Angeles County Librarian Don Gould announced that the library restrooms will be available to the public the morning of the Little League parade, but books cannot be checked out until 10:00 am. He explained that the new "Teens In Tune" program was being launched and encouraged teenagers to submit a brief review of a song or artist for a chance to win an iPod Shuffle. Mr. Gould also stated some recent statistics about the Manhattan Beach library: that it hosted 340 programs, attended by 15,813 participants; that there were a total of 165,259 visitors to the library in 2007 (an average of 3,000 people per week); and that 259,000 materials were checked out for use.

## 08/0304.20 City Engineer Re Undergrounding Project on Sepulveda Boulevard

City Engineer Dana Greenwood reported on the status of the Undergrounding project along Sepulveda Boulevard, announcing that the completion date is March 30, 2008.

### 08/0304.21 Mayor Aldinger Re Water Quality

Mayor Aldinger commented on a recent article in the Los Angeles Times stating that the City was not in compliance with the Los Angeles Regional Quality Control Board. He emphasized that the City has resolved this issue and that it is unfortunate that the City was not contacted prior to the article going to print. He stressed that protecting the ocean and beaches is a priority with the Council and residents and gave details about the recent pervious pavement installations in five downtown parking lots that will allow future run-off to be absorbed into the ground water thus preventing it from heading out to the ocean. In addition to these proactive measures, Mayor Aldinger also reported on the Restaurant Certification Program and the City's "Green Report".

City Manager Geoff Dolan stated that the City is actively increasing the number of ways to divert water run-off to storm drains and protect the ocean and emphasized that Manhattan Beach is on the forefront of "green" initiatives amongst cities in the South Bay.

# 08/0304.22 Councilmember Ward Re the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Recognition Award

Councilmember Ward announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Recognition Award. He explained that applications are due by March 31, 2008; that scholarships will be awarded at the City Council meeting on April 15, 2008; and thanked the applicants and sponsors that participated in last year's event.

# PUBLIC HEARINGS

# 08/0304.14 Consideration of Proposed Exchange of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds Received by the City of Manhattan Beach to the City of Hawaiian Gardens and the Allocation of Funds for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year

Assistant Planner Angelica Ochoa gave a brief presentation to the Council regarding the 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). She explained that the City of Hawaiian Gardens had agreed to purchase the CDBG Funds received by the City of the Manhattan Beach for sixty-cents on the dollar and that service agencies would receive the same percentage of support as last year, from discretionary General Fund dollars.

A lengthy discussion ensued among Council, City Manager Geoff Dolan and City Attorney Robert Wadden regarding alternate uses of the funds, the Cities commitment to Hawaiian Gardens and fund deadlines.

Mayor Aldinger opened the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

**Patrick McBride**, 5<sup>th</sup> **Street and Peck Avenue**, suggested possibly using the grant money towards a senior nutrition program or for helping the Manhattan Beach Unified School District to hire more teachers for autistic children. He implied that the City of Hawaiian Gardens is not using the money for non-profit city programs and urged Council to think about other unique ways to spend the grant money.

Mayor Aldinger closed the Public Hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Council discussed the possibility of other City projects, such as playground equipment or the Strand stairs, qualifying for these grant funds. After a lengthy discussion, Council agreed that if no other City projects met the requirements by the March 17, 2008 deadline, City Manager Dolan has the authority, as directed by Council, to move forward with the Hawaiian Gardens agreement.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Tell moved to <u>adopt</u> Resolution No. 6127; <u>approve</u> authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement with the City of Hawaiian Gardens; and <u>approve</u> an allocation of general funds received to the identified public service agencies, with the stipulation mentioned above. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cohen and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

City Manager Dolan requested clarification regarding the funding of public service agencies.

Councilmember Tell amended his motion to reflect the following:

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

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 6127**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS REGARDING THE EXCHANGE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

08/0304.15 Approval of a Coastal Development Permit for the Manhattan Beach Open Volleyball Tournament and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with the Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) to Co-Sponsor the 2008 Manhattan Beach Open to be Held September 19-21, 2008

Recreation Services Manager Mark Leyman gave a brief presentation to Council regarding the proposed contract for the 2008 Manhattan Beach Open, co-sponsored with the AVP. He explained that, if approved, the AVP will reimburse the City for any expenses incurred

(approximately \$60,000); that the AVP will keep all proceeds from the event; and that the City will waive fees for all permits and use of the City's name. He reported that City staff monitored last year's event and deemed that there was little to no impact on the City's residents and services and that the Committee decided to keep the 2008 event within the same scope and context as last year's event. He explained that the determination of a date for the tournament was not resolved and that it usually follows the Charlie Saikley Six Man Tournament; however, this year the AVP recommended the weekend of September 19 – 21, 2008. He stated that the AVP would agree to hold the event the weekend prior to Labor Day, with the exception of Olympic years, or any other date as long as it doesn't interfere with another AVP commitment. He continued conveying that the AVP would like to enter into a five year contract with the City and that they plan to ask the Local Coastal Commission to amend the paid admission requirements. Recreation Services Manager Leyman acknowledged that Los Angeles County has approved a permit for the event.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery's question regarding the date, **Dave Williams**, **Marketing Director of the AVP** clarified that the dates of September 19 - 21, 2008 were requested because the athletes would be in China for the Olympics in August.

Mayor Aldinger opened the Public Hearing at 8:08 p.m.

**Gerry O'Connor, No Address Provided,** questioned what the City is uncertain about in regard to the date of this year's event because when he was an AVP subcommittee member, the City did not get involved with the date of the Manhattan Beach Open, other than to make sure it didn't conflict with other City events.

Mayor Aldinger closed the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Council discussed the issue of the date change, the percentage of paid seating and the resolution of the contract.

Mayor Aldinger voiced his opinion that the event should take place between Memorial Day and Labor Day and should be the qualifying event prior to the Olympics.

Councilmember Ward stated that he is interested in having the "best Manhattan Beach Open ever" regardless of the date. He agreed with the date change for the 2008 Manhattan Beach Open; however, stressed that he would like to see the financial issues resolved so the contract issue can be put to rest.

Councilmember Cohen concurred with the date change and stated that she is very eager to resolve the ongoing contract issues.

Councilmember Tell also agreed with the date change and relayed that he would like the City to obtain more revenue from the event with the possibility of licensing the name.

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery also agreed with the date change.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ward moved to <u>approve</u> a Coastal Development Permit and Temporary Use Permit for the Manhattan Beach Open Volleyball Tournament; <u>approve</u> authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Association of Volleyball Professionals to co-sponsor the 2008 Manhattan Beach Open to be held September 19-21, 2008; and <u>adopt</u> Resolution No. 6126. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tell and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

### **RESOLUTION NO. 6126**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE 2008 MANHATTAN BEACH OPEN ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH PIER IN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH (Association of Volleyball Professionals)

### **RECESS AND RECONVENE**

At 8:25 p.m. the Council recessed and reconvened at 8:47 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

# **GENERAL BUSINESS**

# 08/0304.16 Presentation of the Recommended Facilities Master Plan and Commission <u>Comments and Approval of the Final Manhattan Beach Community Facilities</u> <u>Strategic Plan</u>

Jim Favaro, of MDA Johnson Favaro presented Council with a brief overview of the Master Plan, originally presented in depth to the Council last November. He explained that MDA Johnson Favaro was retained by the City to research the needs of the community, analyze existing facilities and develop a long term Master Plan for the City. He spoke of the inadequacies of a number of the existing public facilities in the City, such as Begg Pool and the Joslyn Center which continue to be "money pits" and others such as the library which could continue to be functional for the next ten years but do not meet current earthquake, electrical, handicap fire standards or the community's needs. He added that MDA Johnson Favaro also researched the possibility of enhancing current facilities but found it to be cost prohibitive, and ultimately would not meet the present or future needs of the community. He reported that, after numerous community and interest group meetings, it was determined that a new library and aquatic center were a priority for most residents. **Mr. Favaro** clarified that the Plan allows flexibility and long term planning and that it has nothing to do with the acquisition of a bond. He emphasized that the Master Plan is designed to *address* present and future needs and also tries to edit out expediency. He explained that, in the past, less thought was given to placement of facilities, open space, future growth and needs of the residents and it was this type of expediency, that has resulted in facilities that do not meet the community's needs. He illustrated the Regulatory Plan for each of the major facilities, both east and west of Sepulveda (Live Oak Park, the Library, Polliwog Park and Marine Avenue Park) and reiterated the fact that it simply stipulates where a building may or may not go; it is a footprint. He presented the recommendations from the Steering Committee for each of the four major sites mentioned above and explained that the recommendations allow for options on sites with or without the purchase of surplus property currently owned by the Manhattan Beach School District. Mr. Favaro concluded by pointing out that the regulatory plan provides a great deal of flexibility, numerous building scenarios, maintains current open space and in some cases increases open space.

Assistant to the City Manager Lindy Coe-Juell acknowledged and thanked **MDA Johnson Favaro** and the Steering Committee for the time, energy and expertise they provided over the past year which culminated in the Master Plan. She summarized the recommendations by the City's Boards and Commissions regarding the Master Plan and their overall approval of the plan. She shared the Commission's concerns and explained that a great deal of consideration would be given to each one, once the City moves forward on construction of one or more of these projects. She also reported that the Commissions overwhelmingly supported the location of the library at Live Oak Park and that they believe that the skate park would be best located at Polliwog Park, near the Middle School. She asserted that staff recommends that Council approve the Master Plan, as presented by **MDA Johnson Favaro**, and as recommended by the twenty-member citizen Steering Committee.

Councilmember Cohen questioned staff regarding statements made by both **Jim Favaro** and Assistant to the City Manager Coe-Juell regarding the difference between the Regulatory Plan and Illustrative Plan. She emphasized that she would like the public to fully understand the implications if Council were to approve the Master Plan. She questioned the words "governs" and "prohibits buildings on specific sites" on page seven of the Regulatory Plan and whether the Master Plan could be amended by future Councils?

There was discussion between Council, **Mr. Favaro**, City Manager Geoff Dolan and City Attorney Robert Wadden regarding the nature of the Master Plan and if it were a binding legal document.

City Attorney Wadden answered Councilmember Cohen's question stating that any Council could amend or change any Ordinance, Resolution or Plan by a majority of three votes.

Further discussion ensued with Council and **Mr. Favaro** regarding the importance of the Regulatory Plan and the amount of time and effort spent creating it. It was determined that the Regulatory Plan provides a foundation to begin implementing some of the needs identified for the City and that the Illustrative Plan allows for many design and creative options within the Regulatory Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery stated that it is a great recommendation; it contains flexibility; and he is in favor of 95% of it.

Councilmember Cohen questioned the legality of this Council approving this Plan stating that her opinion doesn't count; it is what the community thinks and they have spoken.

Mayor Aldinger agreed that many of the issues were addressed and that they will be addressed again in detail once the project(s) move forward. On behalf of the Council and himself he expressed his gratitude to **MDA Johnson Favaro** for a project well done.

### The following individuals spoke on this item:

- Ann Rose, No Address Provided
- Robert Homan, 17<sup>th</sup> Street
- Patrick McBride, 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Peck Avenue
- Ed Gains, Dianthus and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Jack Jenson, 2800 Block of Maple Avenue
- Brad Bernard, 200 Block of 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Bernie Boniare, 17<sup>th</sup> Street
- Paul Gross, No Address Provided
- Stan Johnson, 17<sup>th</sup> Street
- Gary Osterhout, 500 Block of 31<sup>st</sup> Street

There was a lengthy discussion among Council regarding the language of the document and how it may impact future Councils and development of the Master Plan.

Councilmember Ward requested that the language be changed in respect of future residents and that because the plan is not driven by a specific project he sees it more as a guideline for future City Councils.

Councilmember Cohen expressed her concern over the use of specific words in the Regulatory portion of the Master Plan and asked that the word "governing" be replaced by "guiding" and "binding" replaced by "recommending". She stated that she was a big proponent of open space but that we can't anticipate changes in the future and therefore would like to adopt the Master Plan as a guideline.

Councilmember Cohen asked for clarification from City Attorney Wadden regarding the difficulties future Councils may have if they wished to override this Master Plan.

City Attorney Wadden stated that Council has the right to change any resolution, ordinance, or plan with three votes.

Councilmember Tell stated the seriousness of the Regulatory Plan because it preserves and identifies open space and gives a footprint as to where a building may or may not go. He supports the Master Plan and considers it to be a policy stipulating that open space will not be encroached upon. He also felt that it was important to include the opportunity of utilizing School District property in the future as a part of good planning. He considers this to be a starting point recognizing the needs of the City and one that may determine the next ten, twenty or thirty years.

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery commented that he views the Master Plan as conceptual; that the plan allows for a great deal of flexibility in the future; and that it's a plan that formally assessed the needs of the community.

Mayor Aldinger spoke of the many meetings that took place to reach this point. He acknowledged that they were setting the stakes very high for future councils. He also addressed the issue of how valuable open space was and that it was a priority for residents throughout the Facilities Strategic Plan process.

City Manager Dolan commented that **MDA Johnson Favaro** could address Councils concerns in a paragraph preamble in front of the Master Plan and then mail the document along with changes.

**Jim Favaro** read a draft of the language he would include in the final document for Council's comment.

Councilmember Tell supports the Master Plan as a document that Council is committed to pursue.

Councilmember Cohen concurred with maintaining it as a Plan with the inclusion of the preamble.

Mayor Aldinger sees it as just another plan but hopes the City Council will consider the importance of the document.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cohen moved to <u>approve</u> the Manhattan Beach Community Facilities Strategic Plan with the changes previously discussed above. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

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

08/0304.9 Consideration of Recommended Strand Alcove/Bench Sites for City Council Approval

Councilmember Cohen explained that she pulled this item because of conversations she had with past and present members of the Cultural Arts Commission. She requested clarification regarding the idea of creating a color background or design under the floor of the benches that were approved to be placed along the Strand and wanted to make certain the Council was on the same page.

Mayor Aldinger asserted that he too had conversations with the Cultural Arts Commissioners and that nothing they were doing today would preclude them from adding flooring designs or "whatever" in the future.

City Manager Geoff Dolan addressed Councilmember Cohen's concerns by asserting that approval has been given for placement of six benches with the understanding that a floor design could always be added in the future.

A brief discussion occurred between City Manager Dolan and Council regarding the color schemes of the benches up against the concrete and the process of changing them in the future.

### The following individual spoke on this item:

### • Paul Gross, The Strand

**<u>MOTION</u>**: Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery moved to <u>approve</u> the Strand Alcove/Bench sites. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ward and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

# 08/0304.23 Patrick McBride Re Senior Transportation

**Patrick McBride**, **5**<sup>th</sup> **Street & Peck Avenue**, spoke of his attendance at a recent South Bay Cities Council of Governments meeting in which senior transportation was discussed. He explained that the Senior Advisory Committee approved a Resolution on transportation and expressed his hope that the Council will consider it.

# 08/0304.24 Paul Gross Re Facilities Strategic Plan

**Paul Gross, No Address Provided,** urged the Council to approve making the open space a permanent aspect of the Facilities Strategic Plan.

## 08/0304.25 Gerry O'Connor Re Observations

**Gerry O'Connor, No Address Provided,** congratulated Council on moving forward with the Facilities Strategic Plan. He commented that the sequence of events got a little "disjointed" and urged Council to be even more transparent in order for the public to understand how decisions are made.

Mr. O'Connor also urged Council to engage in "visible" interaction with the School District.

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery explained that each Councilmember had adopted one or two schools, his being Pennekamp and Grand View Elementary School; that he has attended their PTA meetings as a City Council liaison; that the Council is aware of the School District's issues; and that the Council is looking at options regarding what they can and can't do.

Councilmember Tell acknowledged that the Facilities Strategic Plan in an important example of how the City Council and School Board have worked together. He reported that the Joint Task Force has held one formal meeting; is in the process of setting up another formal meeting; and is looking into ways for the City to help the School District due to State budget cuts.

Councilmember Cohen pointed out that the amount the City expended to schools last year was just shy of \$1 million, plus an additional \$250,000 on special projects, and that the City has always helped with schools but didn't feel the need to promote it. She emphasized that the Joint Task Force Subcommittee and City want to initiate a dialog with the schools, although, the City's own budget constraints would have to be taken into consideration.

# CITY MANAGER REPORT(S)

# 08/0304.26 City Manager Geoff Dolan Re City Brochure

City Manager Geoff Dolan announced that the Parks & Recreation brochure "ManHappenings" is now being printed on recycled paper.

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

# 08/0304.27 Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery Re Library Survey

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery urged residents to complete and return the Community Feedback Survey by mailing it or filling it out on-line on the City's web site (*www.citymb.info*).

# 08/0304.28 Councilmember Cohen Re Library Survey

Councilmember Cohen emphasized that the survey is part of the City's educational outreach effort to send out objective facts about the library and equally important will be the input from the community.

# 08/0304.29 Councilmember Cohen Re Aesop's Fables

Councilmember Cohen reported that she heard that the Aesop's Fables performances at the Joslyn Center were "fabulous".

# **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:15 p.m., the meeting was duly adjourned to the 5:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Meeting to be followed by the 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

Patricia Schilling Recording Secretary

Jim Aldinger Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura City Clerk

# CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING MARCH 4, 2008

The Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, at the hour of 5:38 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

# ROLL CALL

Present:Cohen, Ward, Tell, Montgomery and Mayor Aldinger.Absent:None.Clerk:Wadden (Acting).

# **CLOSED SESSION**

The Council recessed into Closed Session at 5:38 p.m. and moved to open session at 6:33 p.m.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was duly adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Robert V. Wadden, Jr. Recording Secretary

Jim Aldinger Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura City Clerk