

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2009**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009, at the hour of 6:32 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG**

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

*01/27/09-14. Mayor Montgomery Re Local Resident*

Mayor Montgomery announced that Manhattan Beach resident, Chuck Rosen, is being considered for the position of United States Surgeon General.

**Chuck Rosen, No Address Provided**, offered a brief synopsis of his qualifications for the position of Surgeon General. He welcomed Manhattan Beach residents to e-mail Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Congresswoman Harman in support of his appointment.

Mayor Montgomery urged Manhattan Beach residents to support their fellow resident, **Chuck Rosen**.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

*01/27/09-1. Presentation of Plaques to City Designated Cultural Landmark Property Owners by the Manhattan Beach Cultural Heritage Conservancy*

The Council presented plaques to the following City-designated cultural landmark property owners on behalf of the Manhattan Beach Cultural Heritage Conservancy: Ralph and Joan Mueller, 1220 N. Ardmore Avenue; Suzanne M. Bailey, 133 13<sup>th</sup> Street; John and Marian Scott, 3004 The Strand; Charles and Jeri Dearden, 2500 Pine Avenue; and William and D'Marie Salamon, 669 33<sup>rd</sup> Street (not present).

**Jan Dennis, No Address Provided**, noted that **Mr. Scott's** home was selected as a California Historical Landmark, the first in Manhattan Beach. She thanked the City Council and Community Development Director Richard Thompson for his assistance in this process.

*01/27/09-2. Presentation of a Commendation to Bill Drake in Recognition of His Longtime Volunteer Service to the City of Manhattan Beach*

The Council and **Sally Rendler of Neighborhood Watch** presented a commendation to **Bill Drake** in recognition of his longtime volunteer service to the City of Manhattan Beach.

01/27/09-3. Presentation of Commendation to Risk Manager Howard Fishman in Recognition of his Dedicated Service to the City of Manhattan Beach and ICRMA Rising Star Award to the City of Manhattan Beach for Outstanding Risk Management Performance

Retiring Risk Manager Howard Fishman was presented with commendations for his dedicated service to the City of Manhattan Beach by representatives from local, county and state government offices.

**Gary Martin, Independent Cities' Risk Management Authority (ICRMA)** presented the City of Manhattan Beach with the "Rising Star Award" for outstanding performance in the area of Risk Management.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar (Item Nos. 4 through 9), consisting of items under *General Consent* and *Boards and Commissions*, was approved by motion of Councilmember Aldinger, seconded by Councilmember Tell and passed by unanimous roll call vote with the exception of Item No. 5 which was considered later in the meeting under "*Items Removed from the Consent Calendar.*"

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

At the request of Councilmember Aldinger, Community Development Director Richard Thompson provided clarification regarding the Use Permit Amendment for the Manhattan Beach Brewery in Agenda Item No. 9 (*Consideration of Action Minutes, Planning Commission Meeting of January 14, 2009*).

01/27/09-15. Councilmember Tell Re Reconsideration of Stop Sign

Councilmember Tell announced his receipt of a number of e-mails from residents concerned about the Council's approval of a previous *Consent Calendar* item to remove existing stop signs on Peck Avenue at Curtis Avenue and maintain the existing crosswalk with additional traffic control signs. He suggested that this item be reconsidered and offered the following motion:

**MOTION:** Councilmember Tell moved to reconsider the removal of the existing stop signs on Peck Avenue at Curtis Avenue and maintain the existing crosswalk with additional traffic control signs. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Aldinger and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

City Manager Geoff Dolan clarified that this item will be placed on the February 3, 2009 Council agenda; that notices to residents and schools in the area will be distributed as quickly as possible; and asked residents to notify their neighbors.

## **GENERAL CONSENT**

01/27/09-4. Approve Minutes of the City Council Adjourned Regular and Regular Meeting of January 6, 2009

The Council approved the subject minutes.

01/27/09-5. Authorize Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for Sepulveda Boulevard Bridge Widening Project

Item No. 5 was pulled from the "CONSENT CALENDAR". Please refer to "ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR."

01/27/09-6. Consideration of City Water Operations Conservation Practices

The Council referred the report to the Environmental Task Force – Water Subcommittee.

01/27/09-7. Consideration of Financial Reports:

a) Ratification of Demands: January 8, 2009 and January 22, 2009

b) Investment Portfolio for the Month Ending December 31, 2008

c) Financial Reports for the Month Ending December 31, 2008

The Council approved with no exception Warrant Register Nos. 15B & 16B in the amount of \$4,725,571.62 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 December 31, 2008; and received and filed the Financial Reports for the month ending December 31, 2008.

01/27/09-8. Consideration of the Purchase of Two Budgeted Replacement Parking and Animal Control Vehicles for the Police Department from South Bay Ford (\$43,809.94)

The Council approved the award of Bid #762-09 to South Bay Ford in the amount of \$43,809.94 for the purchase of two replacement Police vehicles.

## **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **Planning Commission**

01/27/09-9. Consideration of Action Minutes, Planning Commission Meeting of January 14, 2009

The Council received and filed the subject action minutes.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

01/27/09-16. Martha Andreani Re Candidate Forum

**Martha Andreani, Manhattan Beach Residents' Association**, announced the Association's Candidate Forum on February 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers. She encouraged residents to e-mail questions to [mbra20@mac.com](mailto:mbra20@mac.com) or mail them to MBRA, P.O. Box 1149, Manhattan Beach, CA, 90266.

01/27/09-17. Edie Babbe Re MBUSD School Board Workshop

**Edie Babbe, 400 Block of 35<sup>th</sup> Street**, commented on the importance of working together during these financially difficult times and encouraged the Council to attend the Manhattan Beach Unified School District School Board Workshop on January 28, 2009 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

01/27/09-18. Steve Morse Re “Beach Cities’ No Undergrounding Committee”

**Steve Morse, 900 Block of 1<sup>st</sup> Street**, announced that the new “Beach Cities’ No Undergrounding Committee” will meet on February 25, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the Kettle Restaurant. He suggested that anyone wanting further information should contact [noundergrounding@gmail.com](mailto:noundergrounding@gmail.com).

01/27/09-19. Don Gould Re Library Events

**Los Angeles County Librarian Don Gould** shared information about upcoming Manhattan Beach Library events.

01/27/09-20. Mayor Montgomery Re Los Angeles County Library Board

Mayor Montgomery noted his recent nomination to the Los Angeles County Library Board.

01/27/09-21. Bill Victor Re People Against Undergrounding (PAU)

**Bill Victor, No Address Provided**, announced the formation of the “People Against Undergrounding (PAU)” group and that for more information, those interested should call (310) 318-5000.

01/27/09-22. Parks and Recreation Director Gill Re Play Equipment

Parks and Recreation Director Richard Gill called attention to the replacement of play equipment at Marine Avenue Park, Manhattan Heights Park, Village Field Park and Polliwog Park, which is accessible to disabled individuals. He noted the dedication ceremony at Polliwog Park on February 28, 2009 at 3:30 p.m.

01/27/09-23. Steve Morse Re League of Voters’ Candidate Forum

**Steve Morse, 900 Block of 1<sup>st</sup> Street**, announced that the League of Women Voters will hold a Candidate Forum at the Neptunian Women’s Club on February 10, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

01/27/09-24. Wayne Powell Re Planning Commission Public Hearings

**Wayne Powell, Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission**, encouraged the public to attend the Planning Commission Public Hearing on the Tree Preservation Ordinance and the five-year update on the City’s Housing Element of the General Plan on January 29, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Police/Fire Conference Room.

01/27/09-25. Councilmember Aldinger Southern Exposure Artists’ Reception

Councilmember Aldinger mentioned the Southern Exposure Artists’ Reception on January 30, 2009, to be held at the Manhattan Beach Cultural Arts Center.

01/27/09-26. Councilmember Aldinger Re South Bay Cities Council on Government

Councilmember Aldinger highlighted the upcoming South Bay Cities Council on Government's (COG) General Assembly event entitled "Funding City Services in the Future: House of Cards" and suggested that those wanting further information should contact [www.southbaycities.org](http://www.southbaycities.org).

01/27/09-27. Mayor Montgomery Re Tree Pruning Demonstration

Mayor Montgomery acknowledged that there will be a tree pruning demonstration, organized by the Tree Canopy Committee, on February 28, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Mira Costa High School.

01/27/09-28. Mayor Montgomery and Councilmembers Aldinger and Tell Re Inauguration

Mayor Montgomery and Councilmembers Aldinger and Tell shared information about the Presidential inauguration, which they all attended.

01/27/09-29. Jim Fisher Re Concrete Planter

**Jim Fisher, 2100 Block of Ardmore Avenue**, voiced his concern over the commercial appearance of a very long concrete planter at the 1400 Block of the Strand.

City Manager Geoff Dolan advised that, should the property owner refuse to comply with the City's Strand Gardens' Requirements, the City will require the removal of the planter.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

01/27/09-10. Consideration of a Solar Powered Trash Compactor and Recycle Receptor Donation from Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009

**Shannon Wertz, Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009 Leader**, introduced the Class of 2009's "Big Belly Solar" project which, she explained, would be a pilot program of one; would reduce carbon emissions by 80%; and would compact trash to approximately one-fifth of normal size.

**Jennifer German, Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009**, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the "Big Belly Solar" trash compactor and recycling station. She asked for approval of one station at the northwest corner of the Metlox property by May 9, 2009.

**Candace Colescott, Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009**, advised that the cost of a "Big Belly Solar" system is approximately \$4,965.

**Cheryl Clemons, Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009**, clarified that one unit, having the same dimensions as existing trash receptacles in the City, is proposed; that a recycling element is proposed as well; that the Tolken Group would not oppose placing a system at the proposed location; that the recyclers do not compact trash; and that, according to the manufacturer, the system can be placed near salt water.

There were no requests to speak on this item.

While Councilmember Aldinger commented that this project is a great idea, he questioned how many Waste Management trips would be reduced if all public trash receptacles in Manhattan Beach were replaced with the “Big Belly Solar” system. He related his preference for a more visionary long-term process as far as where the City would go with this program in the future; observed that the biggest problem would be location; stated his opinion that, if approved, the system should be a pilot program used to reduce trash in the Downtown area or Polliwog Park, but not on The Strand, and noted that it would be easier for him to support the project if it were funded by grants. He encouraged the Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009 to continue with this idea.

Councilmember Ward voiced concern over the aesthetics of these bulky trash structures, particularly since the Council has pledged to preserve the small-town atmosphere of Manhattan Beach. He asked if this idea was discussed with the public; related his lack of understanding regarding what Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009 is trying to accomplish; contended that this project should have been filtered through the Environmental Task Force; and that the process this evening is circumvented by the fact that Leadership Manhattan Beach requested the approval of a specific location tonight. He related his impression that the Metlox stockholders were inadequately engaged in this project and voiced his hope that Leadership Manhattan Beach would be devoted to a project that is much more useful.

Councilmember Tell complimented this very innovative project, which would familiarize residents with a solar trash disposal system. He stated his opinion that this program would be more about trash than carbon emissions and that residents will not like the structures. Councilmember Tell suggested that Polliwog Park be considered as a possible location, should the program be approved, and said that, by understanding the goal of the pilot program, it should be easier to determine an appropriate location.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen related her viewpoint that this project is innovative, practical, addresses a need that the City has stated as a priority and would provide education concerning new ways of thinking. She pointed out that, at the very least, the “Big Belly Solar” system would condense five trash receptacles into one and would be self-funding. She complimented the Class of 2009 on their research and stated that she is not concerned about aesthetics, which must sometimes be overlooked to make a point. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen pointed out that the Class’ presentation did not include a request to place the structures throughout the City; they are only asking for one educational system.

Mayor Montgomery voiced his appreciation of the presentation provided by the Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009. He emphasized that this is about trash, not the carbon footprint; noted that the Class of 2009 would pay for the system; related his feeling that the challenge would be maintenance; and pointed out that, especially since the City was recognized nationally as a green city, an effort should be made to make the “Big Belly Solar” system work, particularly at locations such as City parks.

City Manager Geoff Dolan explained that, at a cost of approximately \$5,000, it is unlikely that enough of the structures could be purchased to save money and that it will cost less to save carbon emissions in other ways. He further stated that the “Big Belly Solar” system could be an educational tool to convey the City’s sensitivities to the environment.

**MOTION**: Mayor Pro Tem Cohen moved to approve Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009’s “Big Belly Solar” project and direct staff to work with Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009 and Council to determine an appropriate location.

**THE MOTION FAILED FOR THE LACK OF A SECOND.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Aldinger moved to continue the Leadership Manhattan Beach item so that they can provide another presentation to the Council which includes a concept as to the purpose of the pilot program and where the “Big Belly Solar” systems could be used in the future.

**THE MOTION FAILED FOR THE LACK OF A SECOND.**

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Cohen moved to direct staff to work with the Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009 and the Council to determine an appropriate location for one “Big Belly Solar” receptacle system. Discussion continued prior to Councilmember Tell seconding the motion.

City Manager Dolan advised that, should the Council wish to approve a location, this item must be considered at a future meeting. He indicated that staff will meet with the Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009 and Waste Management to identify possible locations and report back to the Council. He pointed out that, should the Council prefer, a system could be placed in Polliwog Park.

Councilmember Tell voiced his opinion that the location should be determined through a Public Hearing.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Cohen moved to direct staff to work with the Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009 and the Council to determine an appropriate location for one “Big Belly Solar” receptacle system. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tell.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen clarified that her motion had nothing to do with intent. She clarified her motion as follows:

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tem Cohen moved to approve the “Big Belly Solar” system and direct staff to work with the Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009, the Public Works Department and the Council on an appropriate location, intent notwithstanding. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Tell and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

Explaining his opposition, Councilmember Ward expressed his opinion that this project was well intended, but inappropriate.

Councilmember Aldinger related his interest in Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2009 looking at other opportunities and locations where this system could be used as a pilot program.

**RECESS AND RECONVENE**

At 8:54 p.m., there was a recess until 9:17 p.m., when the meeting reconvened in regular agenda order with all Councilmembers present.

01/27/09-11. Select Member for the Parking and Public Improvements Commission - Seat No. 5 (Donahue)

**Parking and Public Improvements Commission (Seat No. 5)**

	<u>Nomination</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Round Vote</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Round Vote</u>
Ward	Carlos Vigon		
Tell	None further	Carlos Vigon	
Aldinger	Justin Reese	Carlos Vigon Justin Reese	
Cohen	None further	Carlos Vigon	
Montgomery	None further		

Prior to Councilmember Ward and Mayor Montgomery voting, the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Aldinger moved to unanimously appoint Carlos Vigon to the Parking and Public Improvements Commission, Seat No. 5. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ward and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

01/27/09-12. Consideration of Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Audit Results; Discussion of City's Investment Portfolio Performance During the Recent Financial Market Volatility; Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Mid Year Budget Review and Preview of Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget

**2007-2008 Audit**

City Manager Geoff Dolan introduced this item which, he advised, includes the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 audit results, discussion of the City's investments, the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 mid-year budget review and the preliminary Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget.

Finance Director Bruce Moe reported on the City's successful audit for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and recognized the related efforts of Finance Department staff. He presented notable information for 2007-2008 relevant to the following City funds: General, Capital Improvement Project (CIP), Water, Waste Water, Storm Water, Street Lighting; and Parking. Finance Director Moe also related staff's recommendation for a Proposition 218 vote in the near future to help resolve problems with the General Fund.

**Rich Kikucci of Lance, Soll and Lunghard**, outlined the audit process for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and announced the City's receipt of the National Government Finance Officers' Association's award.

**City's Investment Portfolio Performance During the Recent Financial Market Volatility**

City Treasurer Tim Lilligren presented detailed information on the current status of the City's investment portfolio, the Finance Subcommittee and the investment process. He confirmed that the City currently has no money invested with the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and that the City does not invest in the stock market.



As members of the Finance Subcommittee, Councilmember Tell and Mayor Montgomery explained how decisions about the City's investment portfolio are made, particularly during the recent financial crisis.

Councilmember Ward commented on the need to refine the City's investment process to include a more thorough investigation of the general philosophies of some corporations in which the City intends to invest in the future. He observed that green type companies might be safer investments than some others.

Councilmember Tell mentioned the importance of determining what to do with the City's investments, as he is not convinced that the financial crisis is over.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen pointed out that morality and other subjective criteria have not been taken into consideration when making investment decisions, but they could be. She related her understanding that LAIF is the only portion of the City's investment portfolio exposed to State borrowing.

City Treasurer Lilligren verified that LAIF is the only portion of the City's investment portfolio exposed to State borrowing and clarified that the State can only borrow the State's portion of LAIF. He pointed out that the difficulty of obtaining sound investments with high yield could be made even more difficult with additional criteria as discussed by the Council this evening.

Assistant Finance Director Sharon Koike explained how LAIF is run. She affirmed that the City currently has no money invested with LAIF; explained that staff is obtaining additional information about LAIF before re-investing in it; and related her understanding that the State can only borrow the portion of LAIF belonging to the State.

The Council thanked City Treasurer Lilligren and Assistant Finance Director Koike for their time and efforts.

### **Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Mid-Year Budget Review**

The Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Mid-Year Budget Review provided by Finance Director Moe included current 2008-2009 Budget projections and the status of both revenue received and General Fund expenditures. He noted an anticipated budget short fall of approximately \$1,100,000 during Fiscal Year 2008-2009, which will be covered by unreserved General Fund monies; advised that monies in the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Fund could be transferred to the General Fund; and noted that, depending on decisions made by the Council during forthcoming Budget hearings, it will most likely be necessary for the City to tap into reserves to balance the budget during 2009-2010.

Mayor Montgomery related his understanding that, if need be, monies set aside for utility undergrounding could be used to help balance the budget.

Councilmember Tell commented on the importance of determining various alternatives to address the financial crisis, should it continue for a long period or become significantly worse.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen asked that, due to the financial crisis, staff provide information on the various studies staff has requested at the upcoming 2009-2010 Budget hearings in order to examine if they should be terminated.

## **Preliminary Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget**

Finance Director Moe shared information on the outlook for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget. He outlined the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget goals; the anticipated shortfall of approximately \$3,600,000; the preliminary estimates for revenues and expenditures during Fiscal Year 2009-2010; the enhancements to City services over the years; and the near-term financial challenges. He concluded that the City is well prepared with reserves for the short-term; that expenditures continue to rise; and that long-term financial solutions, such as a Utility User Tax, must be developed in the near future.

City Manager Dolan advised that the proposed 2009-2010 Budget, to be considered by the Council in the near future, will be balanced, but, the ultimate Budget decisions rest with the Council. He offered various possible scenarios to reduce expenditures during Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and noted the uncertain revenue forecast for 2009-2010. He clarified that the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget will be balanced without a Utility User Tax; however, it might be necessary to consider revenue-generating ideas such as this in the future.

The following individuals spoke on this item:

- **Robert Bush, No Address Provided**
- **Patrick McBride, 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Peck Avenue**

Councilmember Tell discussed the importance of really understanding the risks to determine options prior to making decisions on priorities and where to reduce expenditures. He entertained the idea of the Finance Subcommittee being more involved in the 2009-2010 Budget process in order to assist with these difficult decisions and voiced his viewpoint that a Utility User Tax should only be considered in the future to fund CIPs.

Councilmember Aldinger related his concern over the uncertainty of various tax revenues to be received during Fiscal Year 2009-2010, as well as how long the financial crisis will last. He noted the need to examine expenditures and agreed that a Utility User Tax should only be considered in the future to fund CIPs.

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen related her opinion that the Council must prioritize and review Council Work Plan items with the idea of postponing some of the projects that are not absolutely necessary to run the City. She stated her preference to reduce spending as much as possible before utilizing reserves (even though reserves are meant to be used in volatile economic times) and her reluctance to consider a Utility User Tax at this time.

Councilmember Ward said that, due to the actions of past Councils, staff, the Finance Subcommittee, and reserves, the City is in much better fiscal condition than he anticipated. He agreed that the Council Work Plan items must be examined, but voiced his concern over the work load that this will create. He reiterated his wish for the Council to formulate philosophies for examining corporations in which the City invests.

Mayor Montgomery clarified that the City's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget will be balanced with reserves. He commented on the difficulty of forecasting the 2009-2010 Budget without financial information from the State and on the City's entitlement to a one-half cent sales tax via Measure R, which is earmarked for transportation projects. He also agreed that a Utility User Tax should only be considered in the future to fund CIPs.

The Council discussed the idea of the Council Finance Subcommittee being involved in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget process and reviewing the Work Plan as part of the process.

City Manager Dolan summarized and explained that the financial situation is different than any with which he has dealt during his years with the City and that, in an effort to assist with the decision-making process, staff will provide the Council with as much information as possible. He recommended that three days be set aside to discuss the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget and Work Plan.

Hearing no objection, Council received and filed the subject presentation and confirmed with City Manager Dolan Council's direction as stated above.

01/27/09-13. Presentation of the Parks and Recreation Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

The Council continued this item to the City Council meeting of February 3, 2009.

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

01/27/09-5. Authorize Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans for Sepulveda Boulevard Bridge Widening Project

**Patrick McBride, 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Peck Avenue**, voiced his concern over the cost of widening Sepulveda Boulevard and spending Proposition C funds for this purpose.

The Council clarified that this is a cooperative agreement, which does not obligate the City, and agreed that this item should be discussed in the future.

City Manager Geoff Dolan advised that staff is prepared to discuss this topic with the Council; that an effort will be made to provide this for the Council's consideration in the near future; that this project would require a portion of matching funds from the City; and that staff is confident this project will be funded.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ward moved to approve a cooperative agreement with Caltrans for the Sepulveda Bridge Widening Project and adopt Resolution No. 6170 authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Aldinger and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 6170**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS FOR THE SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD BRIDGE WIDENING PROJECT**

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

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

None.

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

### 01/27/09-30. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen Re Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen related that she and Mayor Montgomery are recent graduates of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

### 01/27/09-31. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen Re New Mayors' Conference

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen noted that she and City Manager Dolan attended the New Mayors' Conference in Sacramento.

### 01/27/09-32. Mayor Pro Tem Cohen Re Summer Music & Art Function

Mayor Pro Tem Cohen requested that staff provide Council with a report from the Cultural Arts Commission about the summer local music and art function, including any recommendations for the future.

### 01/27/09-33. Mayor Montgomery Re Public Art Program

Mayor Montgomery asked for a report from the Cultural Arts Commission on the Public Art Program/Sculpture Garden Tour.

### 01/27/09-34. Mayor Montgomery Re U.S. Mayors' Conference

Mayor Montgomery reported on his attendance at the U.S. Mayors' Conference, at which Planet Pals was recognized and added that they will be recognized at an upcoming City Council meeting as well.

### 01/27/09-35. Councilmember Tell/City Manager Dolan Re Sidewalk Assessment

At the request of Councilmember Tell, City Manager Dolan provided information pertaining to the recent assessments for sidewalks on 17<sup>th</sup> Street.

### 01/27/09-36. Councilmember Aldinger/City Manager Dolan Re Fence at Seniors' Village

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Aldinger, City Manager Dolan offered input on possible solutions for the proposed fence at the Senior Villas.

### 01/27/09-37. Mayor Montgomery Re Power Outage

Following a question from Mayor Montgomery, Fire Battalion Chief Frank Chiella shared details about the power outage which occurred today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:20 a.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, February 3, 2009, 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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Richard Montgomery  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Liza Tamura  
City Clerk

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JANUARY 27, 2009**

The Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009, at the hour of 6:05 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 6:05 p.m. and moved to open session at 6:22 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was duly adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Robert V. Wadden, Jr.  
Recording Secretary

Jim Aldinger  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura  
City Clerk