

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 18th day of May, 2010, at the hour of 6:39 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City. A full video of this City Council meeting can be accessed online at www.citymb.info.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Katie Thompson, a senior at Mira Costa High School led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

05/18/10-1. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring the Week of May 16-22, 2010, as National Public Works Week

Mayor Ward, on behalf of the Council, presented a proclamation to Public Works Director Jim Arndt and his management staff declaring May 16-22, 2010, as “National Public Works Week”.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar (Item Nos. 2 through 16), consisting of items under *General Consent* and *Boards and Commissions*, was approved by motion of Councilmember Powell, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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

GENERAL CONSENT

05/18/10-2. Approve Minutes of the City Council Adjourned Regular and Regular City Council Meeting of May 4, 2010

The Council approved the subject minutes.

05/18/10-3. This Space Intentionally Left Blank

05/18/10-4. Consideration of Canceling the August 17, 2010 City Council Meeting

The Council approved canceling the regularly scheduled August 17, 2010 City Council Meeting as consistent with the practice in recent years to allow for a one-meeting summer break.

05/18/10-5. Consideration of Reinstating Funds for Mira Costa High School's Grad Nite

The Council approved reinstating funds for Mira Costa High School's Grad Nite and approved the appropriation of \$7,500 from the Council Contingency Fund.

05/18/10-6. Consideration of Financial Reports:

a) Ratification of Demands: May 13, 2010

b) Portfolio for the Month Ending April 30, 2010

The Council approved with no exception Warrant Register No. 24B in the amount of \$2,055,788.66 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 and received and filed the Investment Portfolio for the month ending April 30, 2010.

05/18/10-7. Consideration of Resolution of Intention to Provide for Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments for the Downtown Business Improvement District and Setting June 15, 2010 for Public Hearing

The Council adopted Resolution No. 6252 and approved setting the Public Hearing for June 15, 2010.

05/18/10-8. Consideration of Ratification of Motor Fuel Purchase from Merrimac Energy Group in the Amount of \$20,412.53

The Council approved ratifying the subject purchase.

05/18/10-9. Consideration of Award of a Three-Year Sewer System Engineering Services Contract to AKM Consulting Engineers (Estimated Annual Value \$94,360)

The Council approved an award of RFP # 802-10 to AKM Consulting Engineers for a three-year Sewer System Engineering Services Contract with an estimated annual value of \$94,360.

05/18/10-10. Consideration of Award of Contract to IPS Group for the Purchase of 440 New Technology Parking Meters for an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000 and Consideration of Delaying the June 2010 Scheduled Reinstatement of \$1.25 Per Hour On-Street Meter Rates, and the Implementation of Extended Hours of Operation, to Coincide with the Installation of the New Meters in July 2010

The Council approved an award of contract with IPS Group for the purchase of 440 new technology parking meters for an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000; approved the transfer of \$250,000 from the CIP Fund to the Parking Fund and appropriated those funds from the Parking Fund to effect the purchase; approved delaying the June 2010 scheduled change in rates and hours of operation to coincide with the installation of the new meters, estimated to take place in July 2010; authorized staff to develop and implement a loan program and transfer funds from the Parking Fund to the CIP Fund as part of the loan repayment program; and remove the placement of the change machines from the Downtown Parking Management Plan.

05/18/10-11. Consideration of Approval of Architectural Fees from the Public Art Trust for New Bench Designs for the Strand Alcove/Bench Donor Program

The Council approved the architectural fees from the Public Art Trust for new bench designs for the Strand Alcove/Bench Donor Program.

05/18/10-12. Consideration of Approval of Agreement with Southern California Edison and Authorize Payment of \$170,000 for the Rosecrans/Gateway Utility Undergrounding Project

The Council approved a revised agreement with Southern California Edison related to the Undergrounding of Utilities on Rosecrans Avenue between Redondo Avenue and Manhattan Gateway and on adjacent properties at 1700 and 1800 Rosecrans Avenue; and approved authorizing payment in the amount of \$170,000 to Southern California Edison said Undergrounding construction.

05/18/10-13. Disbursement of Progress Payment No. 3 (\$114,981.39) to Atlas Underground, Inc. for the 2006-07 Sewer Main Replacement Project

The Council approved the issuance of the subject progress payment.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Parking & Public Improvements Commission

05/18/10-14. Consideration of Action Minutes, Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting of April 22, 2010

The Council received and filed the subject action minutes.

Planning Commission

05/18/10-15. Consideration of Action Minutes, Planning Commission Meeting of May 12, 2010

The Council received and filed the subject action minutes.

05/18/10-16. Consideration of Planning Commission Approval of a Coastal Development Permit and Minor Exception to Allow an Addition to an Existing Single Family Home at 132 El Porto Street

The Council received and filed the decision of the Planning Commission approving the project subject to certain conditions.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

05/18/10-20. George Butts Re Manhattan Beach Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

George Butts, President of Manhattan Beach CERT, announced that Manhattan Beach CERT would be participating in a disaster preparedness presentation this Sunday at American Martyrs at 6:45 p.m. He added that the new CERT class begins June 8, 2010, and for more information please visit www.mbcerta.org or email info@mbcerta.org

05/18/10-21. Barbara Heacox Re City Budget

Barbara Heacox, No Address Provided, urged Council not to cut funding for the Community Police Academy; the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); Concerts in the Park; the Neighborhood Watch Volunteer Recognition Dinner; and Neighborhood Watch Victim's Assistance. She also requested that Council review the budget line item by line item.

05/18/10-22. *Bob Perkins Re Poetry Event at Barnes and Nobel*

Bob Perkins, 4400 Block of the Strand, invited the public to join the Mira Costa Poetry Club and the Senior Poetry Circle for a poetry reading at Barnes and Noble at 1:00 pm on Sunday.

05/18/10-23. *Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery Re City Budget*

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery reminded those watching the Council meeting at home that the budget can be downloaded from the City's website.

05/18/10-24. *Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery Re Richstone Gala*

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery announced that the Richstone Gala will take place on May 22, 2010, at Loyola Marymount University; that it will honor Sherri Kramer; and that more information is available by calling (310) 970-1921 or visiting www.richstoneaffair.org.

05/18/10-25. *Mayor Ward Re Upcoming Friendship Circle Event*

Mayor Ward announced that the Friendship Circle Event will be held the evening of May 22, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at the Redondo Beach Seaside Lagoon.

05/18/10-26. *Councilmember Cohen Re Growing Great Healthy Living Festival*

Councilmember Cohen offered her congratulations to the Growing Great Organization for their successful Healthy Living Festival.

05/18/10-27. *Councilmember Cohen Re Foundation of Local Artists (FOLA)*

Councilmember Cohen announced that the FOLA held a film festival this weekend.

05/18/10-28. *Councilmember Cohen Re Soroptimist International Fundraiser*

Councilmember Cohen announced that the Soroptimist International held a tea fundraiser over the weekend.

05/18/10-29. *Councilmember Cohen Re Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission*

Councilmember Cohen announced that the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission awarded Manhattan Beach \$500,000 for an infiltration system for the green belt.

05/18/10-30. *Mayor Ward Re International Volunteers*

Mayor Ward recognized Russell and Jane Townsend from London describing them as "international ambassadors of volunteerism". He explained that they have volunteered in Bali, New Zealand, Australia and now Manhattan Beach.

05/18/10-31. *Councilmember Powell Re Growing Great Healthy Living Fair*

Councilmember Powell commented that he had never eaten so much healthy food before, in regard to the Growing Great Healthy Living Fair.

05/18/10-32. Councilmember Powell Re Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council

Councilmember Powell announced that the last Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council luncheon will be held on Thursday, at 11:30 a.m., at Verandas and that along with the three Student of the Month awards, five scholarship winners will be recognized.

05/18/10-33. Councilmember Powell Re Senior Health Fair

Councilmember Powell announced that the Senior Health Fair will take place this Friday at the Joslyn Community Center from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and that free testing and screening will be available.

05/18/10-34. Councilmember Powell Re Dine-and-Discover

Councilmember Powell encouraged seniors (55 and over) to participate in the Dine-and-Discover luncheon on Thursday, May 27, 2010 where the topic will be the Manhattan Beach Historical Society.

05/18/10-35. Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery Re Russian Visitors

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery announced that the City will be hosting visitors from Russia who are here to learn more about how local government works.

Mayor Ward welcomed the visitors.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

05/18/10-36. Bob Perkins Re Utility Undergrounding Assessment Districts (UUAD)

Bob Perkins, No Address Provided, agreed with the Council's decision to resurvey UUAD #15 and urged Council to survey Districts 12 and 14 once again.

05/18/10-37. EJ Caldwell Re Water Reliability 2020 Program

West Basin Municipal Water District Representative E.J. Caldwell thanked the Manhattan Beach Public Works "water team" for their great work and presented Council with **Huell Howser** DVDs about the Water Reliability 2020 Program.

05/18/10-38. EJ Caldwell Re Toilet Exchange Program

West Basin Municipal Water District Representative E.J. Caldwell stated that the toilet exchange program was very successful and that 300 toilets were given away in the Beach Cities in record time.

05/18/10-39. EJ Caldwell Re West Basin Green Classes

West Basin Municipal Water District Representative E.J. Caldwell suggested that people interested in water timers visit El Segundo's Green Garden Expo on Sunday or the Beach City Green Garden Class.

05/18/10-40. Linda Cunningham Re City Budget

Linda Cunningham, 1700 Block of 1st Street, urged Council to keep the budgets intact for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Police and Fire Departments and the Neighborhood Watch's Victim Assistance program.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

05/18/10-17. Presentation of the Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2010 Project "Signs of the Sea" which Included the Purchase and Installation of Informative Signs Inside the Roundhouse Aquarium

Mayor Ward introduced the subject item and **Leadership Manhattan Beach Project Leader David Kouchnerkavich** provided a PowerPoint presentation.

There were no requests to speak on this item.

Council received and filed the presentation by the Leadership Manhattan Beach Class of 2010.

Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

05/18/10-18. Introduction of Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Proposed Operating Budget

Interim City Manager Richard Thompson introduced the subject item and Finance Director Bruce Moe provided a PowerPoint presentation.

There were no requests to speak on this item.

Council received and filed the subject presentation.

Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

At 8:50 p.m. the Council recessed and reconvened at 9:07 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

CITY MANAGER REPORT(S)

None.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS, COMMITTEE AND TRAVEL REPORTS

05/18/10-19. Mayor Ward Re Assembly Bill 32

Mayor Ward asked Council to agendize a discussion regarding Assembly Bill 32 that would suspend environmental protections while unemployment is high.

With Council support from Councilmember Cohen, Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery and Mayor Ward, Council concurred to agendize the topic.

Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

05/18/10-41. Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery Re Independent Cities Association

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery spoke of a Contract Cities Conference he attended and how lucky Manhattan Beach is to not have had to layoff employees like a lot of other cities have had to.

05/18/10-42. Councilmember Powell Re Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Conference

Councilmember Powell announced that he had recently attended a SCAG Annual Conference and gained a lot of information from one of the budgeting sessions.

05/18/10-43. Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery Re New County Public Works Team

Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery reported that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors created a new program to keep County Public Works staff from layoffs by loaning them out to other cities in Los Angeles County in need of their services.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10 p.m. the Regular City Council meeting of May 18, 2010, was duly adjourned to the 7:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Budget Study Session #1 Meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

Liza Tamura
Recording Secretary

Mitch Ward
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk