

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING - WORK PLAN SESSION
JANUARY 28, 2011**

The Special Meeting - Work Plan Session of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 28th day of January, 2011, at the hour of 9:10 a.m., at the Belamar Hotel, 3501 North Sepulveda Boulevard, in said City.

ROLL CALL

Present: City Council: Powell, Cohen, Ward, Tell and Mayor Montgomery.
(Councilmember Ward was absent from 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)
Staff: City Manager Dave Carmany, City Clerk Liza Tamura, Community Development Director Richard Thompson, Finance Director Bruce Moe, Police Chief Rod Uyeda, Acting Fire Chief Ken Shuck, Human Resources Director Cathy Hanson, Parks and Recreation Director Richard Gill, Public Works Director Jim Arndt and Administrative Assistant Patricia Schilling.

Absent: City Council: None.
Staff: City Attorney Robert Wadden.

Clerk: Tamura.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

In attendance: Manhattan Beach School Board Member Amy Howorth (9:40 am – 11:45 am).

SCHEDULED – WORK PLAN SESSION

01/28/11-1. Review of the 2009-2010 Work Plan

The City Council and staff reviewed the status of items on the 2009-2010 Work Plan including the 2008-2009 “Carry Over” items.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

At 11:45 a.m. the Council recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

With the exception of Audience Member/Manhattan Beach School Board Member Amy Howorth who did not return to the meeting, all participants above returned at 1:05 p.m. (Mayor Pro Tem Tell arrived at 1:55 p.m.).

Council and staff continued discussion of various items which were identified at the session and Staff was directed to bring the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Work Plan to Council for consideration and adoption at a future City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:42 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, February 1, 2011, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

Liza Tamura
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Richard Montgomery
Mayor

Liza Tamura
City Clerk

CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH

CITY COUNCIL'S

2011-2012 WORK PLAN

Developed at the Annual Work Plan Meeting
Held on January 28, 2011



Adopted by the City Council
on _____

1. Public Signage

Staff will survey the number of public signs on existing poles throughout the city to determine the number of redundant signs, and the number of different styles of signs. Staff will recommend uniform signage for city wide use and establish guidelines. This item will be presented to the PPIC Commission for review and recommendations and then to Council.

2. Mobile Food Trucks – City Wide Guidelines

Staff will collect information and Best Management Practices from other cities regarding guidelines for Gourmet Food Trucks; such as requiring each operator to have a City of Manhattan Beach business license, be graded by the health department and display their grades (as seen in restaurants), park in designated areas for limited amounts of time, and limit the number of food trucks allowed to do business in the City of Manhattan Beach and review guidelines on the use of plastic bags and foam containers in carry-out items provided by the food trucks.

3. Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Award – Five Year Commitment

Staff will study the financial impact of the City making a five year commitment in support of the Manhattan Beach Youth Recognition Award. Councilmember Mitch Ward initiated the award eight years ago and has offered to provide all the administrative support necessary for the continuation of the program during this time frame.

4. Coalition Among South Bay Cities RE: 405 Rosecrans Exit, South

Staff will contact other cities in the area that are impacted by the southbound Rosecrans exit on the 405 Freeway to form a coalition in support of bringing this item to the attention of our State legislator. The combined efforts of all cities may have a greater impact on legislators in making this item a priority. Currently there is only one lane that funnels into this exit causing a huge traffic jam for miles that impacts southbound travel in several lanes of the freeway.

5. Aviation Corridor Beautification

As a long plan goal, staff will work with the Cultural Arts Commission and Public Works to develop ideas to beautify the Aviation Corridor (similar to what has been completed along the Sepulveda Corridor) and provide recommendations to Council.

Vitality City will be making recommendations on improving the Aviation Corridor as part of the beach cities partnership to provide more walkable and bikable routes in the South Bay. Beautification of street corridors is also one of the Vitality City goals, and resources should be coordinated to support the program.

6. Tattoo Ordinance

Staff will draft an ordinance that will identify appropriate locations for tattoo parlors in the City. Recommendations will be presented to the Planning Commission and then to City Council.

7. Wellness Program

Staff will study and make recommendations for an in-house Wellness Program with preventative and maintenance services for City staff. Staff will address the cost saving benefits and reduction of absenteeism.

In addition to the staff study, as members of the Vitality City initiative the City will receive access to resources and tools from Healthways, provided free of charge to all employers, in order to promote a wellness program for all employees. The suite of tools will be available online beginning April 2011, and Vitality City representatives will work with the City to explain ways to improve the overall well-being of employees.

The findings and recommendations will be presented to Council for consideration and approval.

8. Agenda Action Summary Report

Staff will create an Agenda Action Summary to be posted on the City website two days after each City Council meeting. The summary will come from the City Manager outlining definitive decisions made by Council at each meeting. Format of the Agenda will be presented to Council for approval.

9. Review Cell Site Coverage Maps and Update Ordinance

Staff will provide coverage maps and update code in conformance with current laws to address their appearance and provide recommendations to Council.

10. Develop Departmental Succession Plan

Each department will identify a clear succession list within their department and provide cross training in all areas to eliminate any interruption in service during vacation, sick, personal leave. A compilation of all department lists will be made available to City Council and staff.

11. Beach Erosion and Rising Sea Level “Haz Mit Plan”

Staff will develop a proactive plan to address any issues related to beach erosion or rise in sea level. Recommendations will be presented to Council for review and consideration.

12. City Wide Pedestrian Study

Staff will conduct a city-wide pedestrian study which will include standards for lighted crosswalks (solar powered) and recommendations at specific locations. This item will be presented to the PPIC Commission for review and recommendations and then to Council.

13. Realignment of Valley/Ardmore at Joslyn Center

Staff will do a feasibility study on the realignment of Valley/Ardmore at Live Oak Park and the Joslyn Center, placing parking on the west side of the street and eliminating much of the cross pedestrian traffic. Staff will also review the possibility of installing a traffic circle at the intersection of 15th Street and

Valley/Ardmore as recommended by the Vitality City Program. Staff will provide information provided on this item as part of the Facility Strategic Plan. This item will be presented to the PPIC Commission for review and recommendations and then to Council.

14. White Line Program

Staff will study and make recommendations to implement a white line program on selected streets throughout the city. The recommendation will include the names of specific streets to be targeted, along with plans for community outreach and implementation of the program. The proposal will be presented to the Traffic Committee and implemented administratively.

15. LA County Use Tax

Staff plans to contact L.A. County Beaches and Harbor and negotiate a lesser percentage fee (currently 20%) for Revenue Tax for L.A. County beach use. The County is requiring the City to pay a 20% tax from all events/classes on the beach in addition to a \$200 permit fee payable to the County. The results of this discussion will be forwarded to Council.

16. Review City Operations for Efficiencies

The City Manager has been directed to take the lead in performing a review of City operations for efficiency. Staff has been directed to approach current city contractors/vendors and request a 5% reduction in fees. Department Heads have been asked to decrease their annual budgets by 5%. A city-wide employee survey will be designed and distributed to ask staff for additional ideas on how the city can reduce costs and increase efficiency.

17. Electronic Bill Presentment

Staff has researched and identified a solution to allow residents to receive utility bills electronically, thereby reducing the number of paper bills and creating a more convenient pay system for residents. Staff recommendations will be presented to Council for adoption.

18. Audit Risk Management

Staff will conduct an audit of the current Risk Management Plan including: an analysis of practices, processes and policy that are in place to ensure the City, the employees and the public are protected and to mitigate the areas of high risk exposure. For example, partnering with Public Works and Police to determine a best practice for street closures at public events. Staff will consider guidelines for best practices in the areas of safety, workers' compensation and liability..

19. Sidewalk Outreach – Property Owners Responsibilities

Staff will prepare a residential outreach to property owners detailing their responsibilities related to side walk maintenance and repair and property owner liability versus City liability. Council asked that this information be available on the City website.

20. Negotiations – Police Officers, Firefighters, Teamsters

Negotiations are underway with the three bargaining groups; Police Officers Association, Firefighters Association and Teamsters. All three Memorandums of Understanding will expire by August 2011. Preliminary meetings have been held with all three groups involving the City Manager, City Attorney, Director of Human Resources, Director of Finance and representatives from each bargaining group. Staff will continue to assess the current trends, staff requests and budget restraints to arrive at contracts that will be acceptable to all parties involved.

21. Historical Landmarks

Staff will amend the current code to eliminate the need for a public hearing prior to designating a home a historical landmark.

CARRY OVER ITEMS FROM 2009-2010 WORK PLAN

1. Sepulveda Corridor

City Council will review the Sepulveda Development Guidelines and Zoning Requirements and consider encouraging certain types of commercial development along the corridor. The review will consider parking requirements, building height requirements, streetscape and beautification strategies, opportunities for a BID, ways to facilitate development on combined parcels and identify the types of businesses the city would like to encourage. If changes are determined to be needed they will be processed through the Planning Commission and then to the City Council.

Status: The City Council and Planning Commission held a joint meeting in February 2010 and discussed the Work Plan items. Item “On Hold”.

2. Sand Dune Park

Staff will conduct public meetings with the Parking and Public Improvements Commission to evaluate a Residential Permit Parking program adjacent to Sand Dune Park and meters along Bell Avenue. Staff will also schedule public meetings with the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss operational issues and create a list of the pros and cons of possible changes for restricting the use of the Dune including planting the Dune and charging admission and changing the hours of operation. A joint public meeting with both Commissions will be conducted to further discuss all options and develop recommendations to City Council for a final decision.

Status: Meetings were held throughout the months of October to January with Staff, Parks and Recreation and Parking and Public Improvement Commissions, and the community to discuss issues occurring in and around Sand Dune Park related to the operation of the Dune. At the April 13, 2010 City Council Meeting, the Council directed staff to reopen the Dune with a reservation system that would limit the number of people to no more than 20 at any one time on the Dune, and no more than two sand replenishments per year. Children 12 and younger are allowed unlimited access.

The City was notified in May 2010 that the endangered “Yellow Pincushion” flower was discovered on the Dune. The City notified the Department of Fish and Game immediately, processed environmental documentation and reopened in August. Appropriations for fence and sand replenishment took place in July.

The dune at Sand Dune Park was reopened with a reservation system August 2, 2010. We are averaging 80-100 reservations per day out of 120 possible reservation slots. So far, there have been no problems in the park, on the dune or in the neighborhood. Permanent fence options will be presented to Council in September as part of the C.I.P. discussion.

Council will consider further improvements in their CIP discussions on Feb. 1, 2011. And operations will be reviewed by City Council on March 1, 2011.

3. School Partnership

The City Council and Staff will continue to place a high priority on our partnership with the schools. Additional opportunities will be identified and explored through the City Council who will provide direction for further discussion between the City Council Ad Hoc Committee and the School Board. For example, the City Council has directed the Ad Hoc Committee to explore future uses of the School Maintenance Yard with the School Board as a prime opportunity for a project in partnership.

Status: City continues to partner with the schools and the City Manager will continue to meet with the School Superintendent regarding opportunities for the City and MBUSD to work in partnership. City is currently in discussions with MBUSD regarding revenue options for the old maintenance yard at Peck Avenue. Council hopes to arrive at a decision regarding this property so they can place the item on November 2012 ballot for residents to vote.

4. Bike Ways

The City Council is interested in considering a bike path along Valley/Ardmore. This would be an initial step toward more bike paths in the community. Currently, this item is being discussed by the Environmental Task Force (ETF). The ETF will report their recommendations back to City Council.

Status: The Environmental Task Force recommended that the City work with the South Bay Bicycle Coalition (SBBC) to update its current Bicycle Master Plan and increase bicycling in the South Bay. In April 2010, the SBBC secured grant funding to develop a region-wide bikeways plan, and in October 2010 City Council voted to support SBBC’s efforts and tasked the Environmental Programs Manager and Community Development Department with assisting SBBC in its planning efforts. As part of the City’s existing Bicycle Master Plan, and in an effort to maximize resources on a scheduled road resurfacing project funded by a Federal Stimulus grant, the City striped a bike lane on Valley Drive in January 2010. After several discussions with the SBBC and the City’s traffic engineer, it was decided to re-designate the bike lane as a bike route in order to meet State guidelines and maintain cyclist and driver safety. To support the SBBC effort,

staff has begun providing the necessary data and planning documents to SBBC in order to prepare the South Bay Bicycle Master Plan, as well as assisting with the provision of data for the initial Bicycle Count locations and staff for the Community Open House held on January 19, 2011. Staff is working with SBBC to prepare the draft bicycle plan, which will be presented to PPIC and City Council summer 2011.

5. Library

Continue discussions with the County regarding remodeling and expanding the library in its existing location. This project may be largely funded with the surplus property tax currently paid by Manhattan Beach property owners to the County Library District. The City Council has asked that staff actively involve the Library Commission should the County discussions lead to a contracted design process.

Status: The Los Angeles County Librarian addressed the City Council during the March 2, 2010 City Council meeting stating that the County was ready to proceed on the Library Expansion Project. The City Council selected Councilmembers Cohen and Tell to serve on a sub-committee along with Staff, who will work with the County to see that the City's interests are addressed. The project will include expanding the library from its current 12,500 square feet to approximately 22,000 square feet. The project will be funded by the County using excess property tax funds designated for library services.

Several meetings were held with the County Public Works and Library personnel, Johnson Favro, Linda Demmers and the Library subcommittee to approve process. Agreements and contracts were approved at the City Council Meeting July 20, 2010.

Pre-design work is complete and design will begin by March, 2011 with construction scheduled to begin in 2012.

6. Facility Renovation

The Joslyn Center, Manhattan Heights and Begg Swimming Pool remain in need of renovation. The City Council has directed staff to review the findings from the Facilities Strategic Plan (FSP) and to recommend interim renovations in line with that plan that can be accomplished with currently available CIP funding to improve the functionality of these three facilities until such time that more comprehensive improvements can be made.

Status: The Joslyn Center received interior painting throughout, and a new sign was installed June 18, 2010 (compliments of the MB Rotary). Public Works is looking to upgrade a restroom facility to ADA compliance in the 2010/11 fiscal year. Further changes will require a determination of future building programs, use, and budget.

Council asked that staff concentrate on Begg Pool, Manhattan Heights, Joslyn Center and City Hall. On February 15, 2011 the City Council will discuss and prioritize CIP for public facilities.maintenannce and enhancements.

13. Centennial Celebration - 2012

Staff will explore what other cities do for their centennial celebrations and develop ideas and alternatives for presentation to the City Council. Staff will bring this issue to Council for discussion at the January 19, 2010 City Council Meeting.

Status: In February 2010, the City Council approved the formation of a 10-member resident Centennial Committee to guide the planning effort for the year of celebration and appointed Mayor Pro Tem Richard Montgomery and Councilmember Nick Tell as the Council Subcommittee. At the May 4, 2010 meeting City Council selected the first five members to the Committee. They will focus on establishing a theme/logo, the overall event calendar and budget. Once those items are established, the other members will be selected. The first Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 24th and the meetings will continue each fourth Monday of the month.

14. Work with Banks to Encourage Community Investment

Staff will collect information and Best Management Practices from other agencies that have developed programs that encourage community-based lending and partnering with financial institutions. Staff will also invite local institutions to meet with the Finance Subcommittee to determine what action can be taken to establish a program. We will involve the Chamber of Commerce in discussions.

Status: Pending

15. Trolley - Measure R

In December 2008, the City Council approved a contract with Greg Meeks of Rural Transit Consultants to conduct a feasibility study for implementing a community trolley system in Manhattan Beach. A final draft of the feasibility study has been completed and the possibility of a workable trolley system in Manhattan Beach seems promising if funding can be identified. One possible source of funding is the Measure R half-cent sales tax that Los Angeles County voters passed last year. Manhattan Beach will receive approximately \$300,000 annually for transit related projects from Measure R. The City Manager will organize a meeting with Greg Meeks and the Council Trolley Subcommittee to review the final draft feasibility report and then take recommendations from that meeting to the full City Council for consideration along with the possibility of using Measure R funds.

Status: In April 2010, the City Council received the final feasibility study report and presentation from Mr. Meeks of Rural Transit Consultants and directed staff to prepare an RFP for trolley operation based on the report findings. The RFP will be completed summer 2010.

16. General Fund & Storm Water/Street Lighting Revenue Enhancement Study

The Five Year Forecast indicates that new revenue sources are needed in order to support current service levels in the future. This is true for both the Stormwater and Street Lighting Funds in addition to services supported by the General Fund. The Stormwater Fund is not reimbursing the General Fund for overhead support (\$400,000), and the assessments are inadequate to fund necessary capital improvements. The Street Lighting Fund is subsidized by the General Fund by approximately \$170,000 each year (and growing). Additionally, even if we assume no further pay increases at the expiration of existing MOU's, the General Fund will be in a deficit position until 2013-2014. This deficit will impact capital projects, which in the past have relied on year end General Fund surpluses. Finally, if the City Council wishes to continue significant support of the schools, new revenues for the General Fund must be identified and developed.

Because the monies that support the Stormwater and Streetlighting funds are assessments and not fees, we would need to hire an assessment engineer to assign the benefit to each property, and then hold a Proposition 218 election in order to increase the assessments.

The most significant revenue enhancements for the General Fund would come from a Utility User Tax (UUT) and an increase in the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). The UUT would require voter approval of 50% if treated as a general tax (no specific purpose identified) or 66.7% if a special tax (with specific purpose).

Each 1% of a UUT is estimated to generate \$650,000 to \$700,000 per year. The average South Bay UUT of 5% could generate \$3.5 million per year. The TOT, which is currently 10%, can be raised by Council action. Each 1% would generate \$345,000.

Staff will prepare a "white paper" for City Council consideration that will address other Cities' practices, revenue potential, legal constraints and election timing.

Status: Fiscal sustainability continues to be an issue that the City Council will be addressing throughout the year.. Further direction will be sought as we enter labor negotiations and the 2011-2012 budget.

23. Definition of Open Space

Staff will study and make recommendations regarding the definition of open space as it applies to construction of residential development. Staff will address the purpose and intent of the requirement and how it is interpreted and applied. The findings and recommendations will be represented to the Planning Commission and City Council for final approval.

Status: The City Council and Planning Commission held a joint meeting in February 2010 and discussed the Work Plan items.

24. Joint Meetings with Boards & Commissions

The City Council wants to resume the practice of meeting with every Board and Commission annually. In the past it has been difficult to schedule joint meetings assuring all Commission members could attend. It was agreed these meetings should be scheduled and held as long as most members of each group are available.

Status: The Joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting was held on February 23, 2010; and the Joint City Council/Cultural Arts Commission meeting was held on January 25, 2011. Staff is currently looking for future dates to schedule Joint City Council meetings with the remaining Commissions beginning with Parks and Recreation.

25. Future of the ETF

The Environmental Task Force will complete its 18 month term of service in April 2010, and its structure needs to be evaluated prior to then. Additionally, it will be time to reevaluate the goals and function of the Task Force with consideration of the goals identified in the City Green Book, as well as time to reevaluate the number of members appointed to the committee. The Task Force works well as a community-based committee because of its ability to work in a sub-committee format, which would not be possible if the Task Force were turned into a formal Board or Commission. However, the Task Force as it is currently designed has a large number of members, some of whom may feel their work/term has been completed, while others may want to continue serving. Alternatives and recommendations will be developed and reviewed with the ETF sub-committee and brought to Council in early 2010.

Status: On January 18, 2011 City Council approved an Environmental Work Plan, and appointed a new 10 member Environmental Task Force (ETF), plus two additional student liaisons. The Environmental Work Plan focuses on three key areas: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Water Conservation and Sustainable Landscaping; and Zero Waste. Staff created detailed project tasks for each issue area, outlining the goal of the project, and the role of the Environmental Task Force in that project. The document will be used to guide the progress of the 2011 ETF, which had its first meeting on January 20, 2011.

Status of Carry-Over Items From the 2008-09 Work Plan

1. Storm Water Retention Including SUSMP

Staff will present options for retaining storm water on-site in conjunction with a review of our landscaping guidelines. If City Council decides to impose additional restrictions on development the Planning Commission will conduct public hearings and make recommendations to City Council. Staff will also review the impacts of requiring SUSMP on smaller developments than are currently required by our NPDES permit.

Status: This is a joint item with Public Works and Community Development. This project was assigned to the Green Building, and Water and Storm Water Environmental Task Force Subcommittees. The Green Building Subcommittee made recommendations to the Environmental Task Force on September 17, 2009. The recommendations for storm water retention are associated with building codes and landscaping recommendations. On March 16, 2010, City Council approved the Environmental Task Force recommendations, and directed staff to prepare Code amendments. The Planning Commission reviewed sustainable stormwater, landscaping, “green roofs/decks”, and solar and wind energy concepts at a public hearing on July 14, 2010. The Green Building Subcommittee then made a presentation at the August 25, 2010 Planning Commission meeting. Further Planning Commission review is scheduled Winter 2011. After the Planning Commission has completed review of the Zoning Code amendments, they will be presented to the City Council.

2. Landscaping

Staff will present to City Council for consideration and further direction. The presentation will include ways to increase landscaping and softscape and to minimize hardscape within residential, commercial and public properties. This will be studied in conjunction with the Storm Water Retention item.

Status: The Green Building Subcommittee storm water retention recommendations were presented to the Environmental Task Force on September 17, 2009. On March 16, 2010, City Council approved the Environmental Task Force recommendations, and directed staff to prepare amendments to the Code. The Planning Commission reviewed sustainable landscaping, stormwater, “green roofs/decks”, and solar and wind energy concepts at a public hearing on July 14, 2010. The Green Building Subcommittee then made a presentation at the August 25, 2010 Planning Commission meeting. Further Planning Commission review is scheduled Winter 2011. After the Planning Commission has completed review of the Zoning Code amendments, they will be presented to the City Council.

3. Solar/Energy Audit

Determine whether the City is best served by auditing facilities through use of an engineering consulting firm or through an energy services company (ESCO) such as Honeywell, Chevron, Siemens, among others. Included in this audit should be an evaluation of the costs and feasibility of using solar power at City facilities.

Status: Complete. The audit was completed in the Spring of 2010. The ETF reviewed the audit and made recommendations to Council with priorities established for both energy and solar projects. The recommendations are being considered in the 2010/2011 CIP which will be reviewed at the February 1, 2011 City Council meeting.

4. Green Building Residential Standards

Staff will present options to City Council for consideration and further direction regarding sustainable building requirements for residential, commercial and civic buildings. Staff will present an evaluation of the various rating programs such as LEED and Build It Green and invite representatives of those agencies to present to City Council.

Status: The Green Building Subcommittee presented final recommendations regarding a Green Rating Program to Council on July 7, 2009. At that meeting City Council approved sustainable building standards, focusing on LEED standards for commercial and civic construction. The Subcommittee then presented recommendations regarding residential energy efficiency and comprehensive sustainable measures to City Council on March 16, 2010. The Council approved the Environmental Task Force recommendations, and directed staff to prepare Code amendments. The Planning Commission reviewed sustainable Stormwater, landscaping”green roofs/decks”, and solar and wind energy concepts as a public hearing on July 14, 2010. The Green Building Subcommittee made a presentation at the August 25, 2010 Planning Commission public hearing. The Planning Commission requested additional information which will be presented to them in February 2011 and then forwarded to City Council for final adoption. The Building Code Amendments, including the residential energy efficiency recommendations were adopted by Council in November 2010 and are currently in effect. The new toilet retrofit requirements are also in effect. Building inspectors and plan checkers are being trained to implement our new ordinances. New check list and handouts are being published to help development community compliance of the new standards.

5. Plastic Bag Ban

City Council wants to discuss banning the use of plastic bags in Manhattan Beach. Staff will return to City Council with a discussion of alternatives, including what other cities have done and recent initiatives offered by Los Angeles County.

Status: The City of Manhattan Beach submitted a petition to the California Supreme Court seeking review of the Appellate Court decision in January. On April 21, 2010, the Supreme Court released notice that they will review the case.

We expect that the court will set a hearing date in 2011 and have been encouraged by several legal opinions as to a positive outcome of the case. While we cannot speculate on the outcome of the case, the Supreme Court generally only takes cases if they are not satisfied with the outcome in the Appellate Court. A legal journal expressed that the Supreme Court may have granted review in this case to set new boundaries surrounding the fair argument standard.

In the meantime, the City has continued its outreach efforts regarding reusable bags and pollution reduction in the community, including a presentation by the Mayor at Heal the Bay’s annual “Day Without A Bag” campaign. The City in partnership with Heal the Bay distributed over 800 reusable bags to the community during the annual event.

6. Recycling Containers (Senior, Multi-family, Retail)

In addition to the placement of recycling containers in City parks, City Council wants to find ways to improve recycling in our senior housing and apartment complexes, and other areas within the City.

Status: The City had received a grant to begin outreach to improve recycling in multifamily and senior units. With State funding cutbacks, all grantees were issued a Stop Work Notice on March 18, 2009. Because of this change, a Multi-Family outreach program was included in the ETF Solid Waste and Recycling Sub-committee's recommendations for the next solid waste contract and is being carried into the Request for Proposal package. On May 1, 2010 the City received a letter from the State informing us that the grant funds have been reinstated, but the grant expiration remains the same – May 2011. City Staff will work with Waste Management as originally planned to implement the Multi-Family grant.

7. Trash Contract

Consider the one year extension offered in the contract. The new expiration date will be 10/31/10. In the new contract consider “pay to throw” rates and other programs to reduce landfill usage.

Status: After completing negotiations with the City's current hauler, Waste Management, the City Council voted on April 6, 2010 to reject the negotiation package and directed Staff to pursue the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, carrying all of the Environmental Task Force Solid Waste and Recycling Sub-committee recommendations into the RFP package for pricing and consideration. At the April 20, 2010 meeting, the City Council awarded a Professional Services Agreement to HF&H Consultants, LLC to assist the City with the completion of the RFP process for the next solid waste contract. The new contract will be awarded by February 2011 and the new contract will go into effect July 1, 2011. The Finance Sub-committee has met with the HF&H and Staff to discuss the general timeline and criteria involved with the RFP.

The recommendation for a new hauler contract will be considered at the City Council meeting of February 15, 2011.

**Items Considered but not Ranked
2011-2012 Work Plan Meeting**

1. Open Carry – Public Areas
2. Grace Period on Parking Meters
3. Restrict Junk Mail on Household Doors
4. Residential Overnight Parking Permits
5. Guidelines for Pier and Public Area Use
6. Lot Development including Grade Increase
7. Ban Smoking on Strand
8. Rollerblading on Bike Path, Legal Liabilities
9. Bag Parking Meters
10. Zero Based Budget
11. Limit Number of Dogs Per Person on the Strand
12. Pay to Stay in City Jail
13. Larger Presence on Social Networks
14. Elections

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**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MEMORANDUM**

Prior Year Accomplishments Discussed at the Work Plan Meeting

At the beginning of the work plan meeting the 2009-2010 Work Plan was reviewed and items that had been successfully completed were identified. It is recognized that in the press of daily business and dealings with each week's issues, we often forget how much we do accomplish. The following list of items was acknowledged as accomplishments during the past year to year and a half that deserve identification;

Sand Dune Park – Opened on August 2, 2010 with registration program

Meters Installed on Park View Avenue

City Donated nearly \$1.4 million to Manhattan Beach School District

Tree Ordinance

Planning Administrative Flexibility Initiated

Studio Relationship

Beautification of Metlox/Civic Center Plaza, Aviation/Manhattan Beach Blvd.

Oversize Vehicle Restrictions

Parks & Recreation Commission – Designated Older Adult Seat

El Porto Parking Lot Exit - Revisions

Enhanced Emergency Preparedness

Youth Recognition Award

Climate Action Plan

Street Lighting – Energy Efficient Alternatives in Process

Sepulveda Parking Restrictions

Fire Staffing/Cost Saving

Good Financial Condition – AAA Bond Rate

Met All Accounting Standards

Vitality Cities Partnership

Community Events

Historic Homes Landmarked