



Agenda Item #: _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: David N. Carmany, City Manager

FROM: Cathy Hanson, Human Resources Director

DATE: January 17, 2012

SUBJECT: Introduction of New Employees and Service Awards

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council participate in the introduction of new employees and presentation of commemorative certificates to employees who have completed 15 or more years of service to the City.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended actions.

BACKGROUND:

The City has a tradition of welcoming new employees by introducing them at City Council meetings. This gives new employees an opportunity to meet City Council Members and Department Heads and experience firsthand how City Council meetings are conducted at the City. This tradition includes presenting commemorative certificates to long-term city employees.

DISCUSSION:

Police Department:

New Hires

Jesse Garcia joins the Police Department as a new Police Officer. Prior to joining the City, Officer Garcia worked as a Police Officer with the City of Costa Mesa where he worked patrol and the DUI unit. Some of his accomplishments with the Costa Mesa Police Department included top DUI arresting officer and two consecutive MADD century awards. Officer Garcia began his public service after graduating high school when he joined the United States Army where he served for eight years. He also served in Operation Iraqi Freedom I & II during his enlistment.

David Gibbons joins the Police Department as a new Police Officer. Prior to joining the City, Officer Gibbons worked as a Police Services Officer with the City of Cypress Police Department where he worked in the jail, patrol, traffic and the gang unit handling all graffiti investigations. Officer Gibbons began his public service with Cypress Police Department as a Police Aide. He is currently pursuing his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from California State University of Long Beach.

Aleina Smith joins the Police Department as a new Police Officer. She graduated from the Orange County Academy. Officer Smith enjoys giving back to the community and has volunteered with the Special Olympics. Officer Smith has a Bachelor's Degree in Linguistics from California State University of Dominguez Hills.

David Irving joins the Police Department as a new Police Officer. Prior to joining the City, Officer Irving worked as a Deputy Sheriff with the City of Riverside Sheriff's Department. Officer Irving began his public service as a volunteer with the City of Murrietta Police Department. He has Bachelors' degrees in Sociology and Criminology & Justice Studies from California State University San Marcos.

Service Awards

Jeanette Meers, Police Officer, is not able to attend tonight's presentation, but the City wishes to recognize her 20 years of dedicated service.

Scott Combs, Police Sergeant, is not able to attend tonight's presentation, but the City wishes to recognize his 15 years of dedicated service.

Fire Department:

New Hires

Christian McArthur joins the Fire Department as a new Firefighter/Paramedic. Previously Christian served the Manhattan Beach Fire Department as Paid-Call Firefighter. In his spare time, he mentors future firefighters at the El Camino Fire Academy.

David Schwarting joins the Fire Department as a new Firefighter/Paramedic. Prior to joining the City, Firefighter/Paramedic Schwarting worked for several years with McCormick Ambulance Services. In his spare time, he mentors future firefighters at the El Camino Fire Academy.

Joshua Kueng joins the Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic. Prior to joining the City, Firefighter/Paramedic Kueng worked with the City of El Centro Fire Department as a Firefighter. Firefighter/Paramedic Kueng began his fire career as an auxiliary firefighter with the City of Santa Fe Springs Fire Department.

Finance Department:

New Hires

Julie Chan joins the Finance Department as an Accountant. Prior to joining the City, Julie worked as a Financial Analyst with Arc Machines. Julie has a Bachelor's Degree in Managerial Economics from the University of California Davis. She enjoys giving back to the community and has volunteered with several organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and School on Wheels.

Parks & Recreation Department:

New Hires

Matthew Cuevas is a new Administrative Clerk with the Parks & Recreation Department. Matthew began his public service career as an intern in the Office of Congressman David Dreier. Prior to joining the City of Manhattan Beach he worked with the Los Angeles District Office of the Governor as an Office Manager. Matthew holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from California State University of Long Beach with honors and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Irvine. Matthew is a current member of both Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Public Works Department

Service Awards

Chris Smith, Sewer Maintenance Worker, is not able to attend tonight's presentation, but the City wishes to recognize his 15 years of dedicated service.