

**MINUTES OF A  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF CORONADO  
Police Facility – Emergency Operations Center  
700 Orange Avenue  
Coronado, CA 92118  
Tuesday, December 16, 2003, 3:00 p.m.**

Mayor Smisek called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Councilmembers Monroe, Schmidt, Tanaka, Tierney  
and Mayor Smisek

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** City Manager Mark Ochendusko  
Assistant City Attorney Jim Lough  
City Clerk Diane Shea

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Mayor Smisek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2003, a copy having been provided Council prior to the meeting, were approved as submitted. The reading of the minutes in their entirety was unanimously waived.

**MSUC (Schmidt/Tanaka) moved that the City Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2003, as submitted**

**AYES: Monroe, Schmidt, Tanaka, Tierney and Smisek**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**4. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**4a. Proclamation: John Traylor Day.** Mayor Smisek presented the proclamation to Chief and Mrs. Traylor honoring Chief Traylor's service to the City.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** The City Council approved, adopted and/or accepted as one item of business Consent Agenda Items 5a through 5d, and Items 11d and 11e.

**MSUC** (Schmidt/Tanaka) moved that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar Items 5a through 5d, and Items 11d – Selection of Consultant for Preparation of Focused EIR for Removal of Semi-Diverter Located at A Avenue at Pomona Avenue and B and C Avenues at Third Street and 11e – Award of Bid to Trim Three Hundred and Thirty-Six Eucalyptus Trees at the Coronado Golf Course

Councilmember Monroe commented on Item 11d. There is still a lot of frustration in the community about the barriers. This is an issue that is going to cost the City \$100,000. It is going to cost 13 more months to even get close to the next step in resolving the issue. He also wanted to reiterate his praise for Mayor Smisek and Councilmember Schmidt. Neither voted for this action but ever since that vote was taken they have both been steadfast in moving with the rest of Council and continuing the action as the majority of the Council voted. When he hears terms like Council hasn't been acting aggressively enough it frustrates him because the judge took over and told the City what to do. The City is doing as the judge directed.

Councilmember Tierney announced that he is disqualifying himself from voting on Item 11d. Assistant City Attorney Jim Lough stated that Mr. Tierney's abstention is based on a conflict of interest of a preventative measure until further direction is given. Mr. Tierney added that this does not preclude him from voting at future hearings.

**AYES: Monroe, Schmidt, Tanaka, Tierney and Smisek**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: Tierney, on Item 11d**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

5a. **Approval of Reading by Title and Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinances on this Agenda.** The City Council waives the reading of the full text of every ordinance contained in this agenda and approves the reading of the ordinance title only. **The City Council waived the reading of the full text and approved the reading of the title only.**

5b. **Approval of Warrants.** The City Council ratified payment of warrants Nos. 10033006 thru 10033295, as audited and approved by the Audit Committee, provided there are sufficient funds on hand. **The City Council approved the warrants.**

5c. **Filing of the Quarterly Treasurer's Report on Investments with the City of Coronado City Council for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2003.** The City Council examined the quarterly Report on Investments and ordered it filed.

5d. **Acceptance of the 2002-03 Community Development Agency Annual Report.** The City Council received and filed the 2002-03 Annual Report of the Community Development Agency.

6. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. **Brigette Browning, 2676 A Avenue, San Diego, Union Representative for the workers of the Hotel Del Coronado.** Ms. Browning expressed concerns with the new ownership of the Hotel del Coronado and their decision not to rehire all of its workers. She introduced workers Jose Suarzo, Herminia Leyva and Zxaldy Macahillas who also expressed their concerns, through translation by Ms. Browning. All felt they were good employees and deserved to keep their jobs. Ms. Browning commented that their goal is not to create a problem for the City of Coronado. Their goal is justice for these workers. She thanked Council for their time.
- b. **Dr. Barbara Coleman, Executive Director, United Warrior Survivor Foundation,** thanked Council for their support. The organization was established to be a resource for and a benefit to the surviving spouses, particularly of Special Operation Forces. In August they held an Honorary Heros Block Party that Council very generously partnered with them on as did the Coronado Chamber of Commerce. She thanked Council for their participation and in particular wanted to thank Councilmembers Tierney and Monroe for their efforts in bringing this to Council's attention. She presented the Council with a framed poster of the event with their thanks and presentations.
- c. **Councilmember Monroe** commented on a document received by staff this last week that has been being worked on for about the last year and a half over at SANDAG. It is called the Regional Comprehensive Plan for the San Diego Region. This is essentially the strategic plan for San Diego County. It has been put together after public outreach, workshops, funded specialists going into specific groups such as the Bario, etc. This does draw a picture of the future of San Diego County and what the priorities are and where the money is going to be spent. He inquired about the Opticom system and whether it was working properly.
- d. **Councilmember Tierney** commented that he is the City's representative to the League of California Cities. He has just been appointed to a one-year term on the Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee which meets three times a year. This particular committee is a very important committee, especially in light of the fact that there is a crisis budget situation. He looks forward to reflecting the City's and the County's requirements to the State level.
- e. **Councilmember Schmidt** was downtown shopping and had several people comment to her about how much they appreciate the free parking. They wanted to thank the City. Ms. Schmidt wanted to thank the Chamber of Commerce for acknowledging the fact that the City did this.

7. **CITY MANAGER:**

- 7a. **Update on Council Directed Actions and Citizen Inquiries.** There was no report.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**8a. Public Hearing: Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Proposed 2004 Solid Waste and Recycling Rates for Commercial and Residential Collection Services and the "Cost Sharing Program."** Scott Huth, Director of Public Services, introduced the item before the Council for public hearing to approved the increase in solid waste and recycling rates, customer 50/50 cost sharing plan with City, and improvements to the recycling program. The rate increases are cost of living increases, increases in fuel costs, and increases in tipping fees. There is a higher disposal waste in the yard waste program which is attributed to more growth in the community. In terms of refuse weight, that has actually gone down for the second year. That is attributed both to the economy as well as an increase in the recycling program. The recycling program continues to grow which brings about the last component which is the adjustment related to the recycling program the City receives. Staff is proposing to give back a \$0.90 credit on the single family rate to basically be in line with the amount of participation seen in the recycleables. The net effect is a 5% increase on the single family rate, or \$0.37. Multi-family residents on "can service" will see their monthly rate increased \$0.28. There will be an increase of \$0.38 to the commercial can rate and \$1.63 for the bin service.

Currently the cost sharing program is a 50/50 split. The City pays for half the refuse component; the resident pays for the other half. The resident pays for all of the yard waste; the City pays for all of the recycling cost. That impact to the City is about \$245,000 to provide that refuse component. The recycling cost is about \$190,000 for all recycling programs. When all components are added up, the City is spending over \$500,000 providing solid waste services to the community.

The final component is looking at the curbside recycling program. The proposal is to change from the current practice of having the resident presort recyclables and then drivers resort recyclables at curbside, to having one bin for all recyclables and having EDCO sort at their facility. This "commingled program" would increase the efficiency of the recycling trucks and allow them to move more quickly through the community. Staff is proposing to keep the green bin but offer a program where a sticker can be put on a regular trash can which holds more yard waste material.

Councilmember Tierney asked if the cost of \$15.56 applies to all residents of Coronado. Mr. Huth responded that the \$15.56 is the cost of the program, then there is the cost sharing component which takes half of the trash component and brings the actual single family can resident fee to \$7.84. The other portion of the cost is paid for the City. It is applied to the single family resident on can service in the Village. The Cays is under another rate program where they are actually paying a lesser rate because they pay the multi-family can service rate. Mr. Tierney would like to see a uniform rate and service level for the entire City.

Councilmember Schmidt commented that it has been a pleasure for her to work with EDCO over the last 16 years. She thanked them for their service.

Mayor Smisek opened the public hearing and seeing no one wishing to speak on the item, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Monroe feels the same way as Ms. Schmidt about EDCO. He encouraged anyone who has not been out to the facility in Lemon Grove to go. He also really likes that everyone at EDCO has the same benefits and there is upward movement within the company.

**MSUC (Monroe/Schmidt) moved that the City Council approve A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO APPROVING THE RATE ADJUSTMENTS IN ATTACHMENT A FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES PROPOSED BY EDCO DISPOSAL CORPORATION. The Resolution was read by Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by Council as RESOLUTION NO. 7969. The City Council also approved the transition to a “commingled recycling” program**

Councilmember Tanaka echoed what Mr. Monroe said. He took the tour and was very impressed by all aspects of this company.

Mayor Smisek echoed his congratulations to EDCO. With respect to Mr. Tierney’s comments on the cost structure, if one reviews the cost structure for the type of service people get they are almost basically the same, in the \$7+ range. That is the whole idea of how the City arrived at the cost sharing process that was done. This way each customer pays just about the same, with the exception of commercial.

**AYES: Monroe, Schmidt, Tanaka, Tierney and Smisek**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS: None.**

**10. COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**10a. Report from the Port Commissioner Concerning Port Activities.** Port Commissioner Robert Spane reported on progress on the South Embarcadero project; Port approved \$20,000 to the Children’s Museum for art projects; the Tidelands Forestry Management Committee with Stanley Binney being the Coronado representative along with Dave Brazier; Peter Q. Davis will Chair the Port in January and Phil Hall will represent Chula Vista and be Vice Chair; and talked about the status of negotiations between Port and Airport Authority on adjacent lands. Commissioner Spane thanked Coronado for its support of the Port.

**11. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**11a. Council Reports on Inter-Agency Committee and Board Assignments.**

**Councilmember Schmidt** attended the Residential Standards meeting and a Metropolitan Water meeting.

**Councilmember Tanaka** reported on the Library Board meeting.

**Councilmember Monroe** attended the Historical Association Open House; gave a program to the Optimist Club on the improvements to the Silver Strand; attended luncheons with the Port and SANDAG and with the Port and the South County Economic Development Board; attended the County Supervisor meeting regarding identification theft; the Chamber of Commerce Sundowner at the Golf Course; a meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Service; a meeting with the City Manager, Jim Benson, Caltrans and Imperial Beach representatives concerning the bike spur; a luncheon with San Diego Chargers' Dean Spanos with 20 Coronado civic leaders; a meeting of the SANDAG Transportation Committee; a SANDAG Borders Committee meeting; NASNI holiday parties; and a meeting with Cindy Gompers, the new full-time Executive Director of the South County EDC, and Karen Finch from the Chamber of Commerce.

**Councilmember Tierney** took a railroad tour; attended the San Diego Region League of California Cities monthly meeting; the Chamber Holiday Sundowner; the CCHOA meeting; three receptions at North Island; and a meeting of the Metropolitan Transit System.

**Mayor Smisek** attended the Holiday parade and the tree lighting; the Visitor Center volunteer luncheon; the Change of Command for USS STENNIS; and a meeting of the Library Board.

**11b. Award of the SR-75 Bikeway Extension Project – TEA-21 Phase 2.** Jim Benson, Director of Engineering and Project Development, explained that the cities of Coronado and Imperial Beach were awarded TEA-21 grant for landscape improvement and a bike path spur along the Silver Strand Highway into Imperial Beach. Since issuance of the grant, staff has struggled to overcome the many environmental challenges associated with the project, in particular the bike spur portion. Fearful of losing funding under SANDAG's use-it-or-lose-it policy, it was decided that the bike path portion of the project would be bifurcated and pursued independently to allow for the remaining portion of the project to move forward last year. Phase I construction was completed on July 23, 2003. Phase 2 was the bike path. The Phase 2 portion of the project was advertised for bidding starting on November 19, 2003 and bids were publicly opened on December 9, 2003. There was one bidder, 3-D Enterprises with a base bid of \$726,126.00. The bid was \$290,000 more than available funding. In addition to the budget shortfall, Caltrans continues to raise issues with details of the project design and has not approved the plans. Possible solutions have been discussed, however details are yet to be worked out and it appears that a final set of approved plans would include additional costs beyond the amount currently in the bid. It appears that the inability to award a contract will result in the TEA-21 funding expiring and being canceled by SANDAG. Turning over the plans to Imperial Beach would allow them to pursue future funding sources and rebid to construct the project when an actual design is approved by Caltrans

Councilmember Monroe supports the letter of transfer and to offer the cooperation of City staff. The letter should ask them to continue to coordinate with the Silver Strand Corridor Management Committee as they develop information and develop plans, and that the design come to Coronado's Design Review Committee before it is submitted officially to Caltrans.

Councilmember Schmidt thinks that if she were the City of Imperial Beach she would tell the City of Coronado to take their Design Review Committee and march in the other direction. They have to run the project and they have their own committees.

Mayor Smisek feels it is too awkward and formal to ask them to go through Coronado's Design Review, but supports working with the Silver Strand Committee.

Councilmember Tanaka commented that every week Council gets an update from staff on where projects are and where things are going in the City. He thinks there have been ten straight weeks of updates on this. Week after week the City staff has been jumping through every hoop Caltrans has thrown at the City. Every week they come up with something new. He thanked staff for being so diligent and continuing to work through that and not give up on the project. He also expressed his sorrow that all that effort hasn't brought fruition on this. It is his understanding that if Coronado is going to refer this to Imperial Beach it makes the most sense to make a clean hand off and let Imperial Beach run the ball on this one, with the understanding that Coronado wants to help and will help. He feels it would be awkward to ask Imperial Beach to be the lead agency but to reserve Coronado's own Design Review Committee rights on that.

**MSUC (Monroe/Smisek) moved that the City Council reject the bid for the Bikeway Extension Project, discontinue work on the project and authorize staff to transfer the project plans to the City of Imperial Beach and ask that they continue to work with the Silver Strand Corridor Management Committee**

**AYES: Monroe, Schmidt, Tanaka, Tierney and Smisek**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**11c. Review and Comment on Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Related Study for a Coronado Unified School District Proposed Master Planned Facilities Amendment.** The Community Development Agency Item 5c was heard concurrently with City Council agenda Item 11c. Julian Grazian, CUSD Board, joined the CDA Board at the dais as CDA representative.

Councilmember Tierney disqualified himself from this item as he owns property adjacent to the project area. Councilmember Tierney left the Council chambers.

Tony Pena, Director of Community Development, commented that this Notice of Preparation has been circulated by the School District. Staff recommendation is that Council send a letter to the School District outlining the City's concerns. The City has yet to see an Initial Study as well as commenting on the Draft EIR that is going to be prepared as a result of this process. Those comments would allow the preparers of the EIR document to emphasize certain areas that the City wants to see emphasized, namely, staff has some comments on transportation and traffic deficiencies as outlined in the staff report. Also, there are some police concerns about additional demands on the Police Department regarding traffic safety, school children wanting to cross new pathways, crossing guards, etc. as well as parking congestion, noise, recreation facility, and possible hazardous materials being transported and used at the facility site. This is a fairly aggressive capital improvement program being conducted by the School District. There are some options here. There isn't just one plan. For example, the location of the swimming pool could be at the D Avenue site, called the Palm location, or possibly over on campus where the tennis courts are located today. Staff has already outlined some concerns and areas that need to be emphasized with

the EIR. He suggested that the City Council either add to the comments or take some out if they feel they are inappropriate.

Councilmember Monroe said staff has highlighted the position of the pool as an option between the two sites. The School Board voted last May to place to pool at D Avenue. He is confused why there are still options about this. Mr. Pena commented that if the School District has already made up its mind as to the location of the pool, that is not reflected in the document.

Ms. Grazian responded that the School District did vote and agreed that the site should be on D Avenue. It surprised her also when the EIR came back and said that the School District was looking at two different sites. She was aware that when an EIR is done all locations are considered. From that regard, she knew that multiple locations would be looked at even though the Board had voted. The Board has not met yet regarding the EIR. Mr. Pena added that under CEQA, a Draft EIR is required to look at alternatives. He just doesn't know how seriously the alternative is being considered by the School Board.

Mr. Monroe understands that, but there is also an open field across the street and a parking lot across the street. There are lots of alternatives, but is just interested as to why this one pops up again.

Councilmember Tanaka commented that it is his understanding that part of it is that there are people who are discussing the possibility of placing the pool where the tennis courts are now. If that is to happen, then four tennis courts would be placed at the Palm location. That would fix the tennis issue. It is his understanding that is being explored because the School District could see a savings of something like \$500,000 or not having to build special facilities at Palm. He also thinks that would potentially mitigate some of their environmental issues.

Ms. Grazian added that the locker rooms and shower facilities are already there. When the EIR was being put together that was being looked at.

Councilmember Schmidt congratulated Mr. Kleeman on his report. She was very disturbed by the impacts on parking, traffic and safety issues. The parking issues are a tremendous problem because these things are being put right in the middle of residential areas. She was also concerned that there will be other users at the proposed pool facility adding to traffic congestion and parking. There has to be parking sufficient to support a tennis center and a huge pool. This must be looked at and the School District has to know that there is already a tremendous traffic and parking problem.

Councilmember Tanaka commented on page 72, exhibit 4. He can't read exhibit 4. He doesn't understand where things are going and what the plan is. He also doesn't know what numbers they are predicting. If they are going to move all of M&O down to the Strand he wonders if they have things like truck counts. There are a lot of speed bumps in the Strand and the speed limit is low. The speed bumps are extremely hard to get over. Has that been studied? He also commented that the map on Exhibit 5 is very outdated. Many of the buildings shown have already been demolished or are going to be demolished. Is that the appropriate map to be making an EIR off of? It is completely obsolete already.

Councilmember Monroe followed on to Ms. Schmidt's questions about parking. When an EIR is done, how does the business plan of a facility get linked to an EIR? As he has talked to people

about the business plan, particularly for the pool, much of it is to rent that facility to outside groups like outside teams, to have CIF meets there, State meets there and potentially national meets there because of the great team Coronado has. Teams come to Coronado on busses. The facility he saw had six parking spots by the pool. Is there a place in the EIR to link the business plan and the impact of such severe bus traffic from outside with the requirements for the EIR?

Mr. Pena responded that staff came close to what Mr. Monroe is saying on page 137. They talk about outside organizations coming in and using the facilities and they did point out that there are concerns with outside organizations creating additional traffic.

Mayor Smisek commended Mr. Kleeman and Mr. Pena for doing a remarkable job covering especially the areas that Council has always been concerned about. As time goes on and through the various studies performed by the City and surveys, the emphasis from the public really has to do with the automobile and it being in the wrong place at the wrong time. This is an aggressive capital improvement project and he hopes that the EIR will point that out to the School District and that they will take a good look at that. He is definitely concerned about the duplication of putting as much money into the Community Center Pool complex and then having another one built less than a mile away. He is hoping that the City can get through this because it is the every day resident that lives specifically in that area. It has not been the City's policy to try and draw more and more people to Coronado. It is usually the other way around. It has been done by taking the tolls off the bridge, by congestion on Highway 5 and Coronado is being used as a kind of a go around of the South Bay area. To add something like this he does not think is beneficial to the community. He is hoping that the EIR will figure that out, cover it and bring it to light as this whole capital improvement project continues.

George Powell, 569 E Avenue, began by saying that his comments apply to the aquatics center project. On 15 May the School Board voted 3-2 to accept the proposal of the Coronado Aquatics Complex foundation, provided that five conditions were met. One condition follows: "A document is provided that specifies that no general fund dollars will be required now or in the future for the operation and maintenance of the facility." This proposal shows on an annual basis the aquatics center will be three pools for rent, 75% of the available time, and the classroom up to 25%. It must generate \$321,071 to accomplish this. Using the Foundation's numbers that will bring between 3,786 and 6,843 swimmers per month; 20 clubs per month. They will host swim meets, water polo games, tournaments, clinics, camps, Junior Olympics, Nationals, Junior Nationals, collegiate program training camps, aquatics center galas, Olympian training, aquatic center receptions, and special aquatics events. That is all in their proposal. It is easy to determine the traffic will increase by the thousands in a school zone. Traffic clearly warrants a potentially significant impact finding. The Draft EIR actually shows a net loss of 24 parking spaces at one site and 42 at the other, or 13% and 23% of the District's total in the High School area. Knowing that pools are noisy the City is spending approximately \$187,000 for noise abatement for the new community pool. This proposed project only adds a 6-8' wall for noise abatement. Traffic, parking and noise are already major problems adjacent to these sites. Getting new traffic, additional lack of parking and new noise is cumulative and becomes more than unsatisfactory by any standard. He completely understand the City's goal to maintain a symbiotic relationship with the School District and he commends the City for rebuilding the Municipal Pool in such a way that it meets and exceeds current requirements of the School District Aquatics program. Yet a state of the art pool for free. He cannot envision that the District identified a need to spend \$7 million+ for swimming pools. This additional aquatics center project is at cross purposes with the priorities of the City. If the City's number one problem

is traffic and its number one mandate is to provide for the public safety it should send in response to the Draft EIR that it does not view that the intended purpose of this aquatics complex is a classroom. Accordingly, all zoning ordinances are to be in effect for this project.

Margaret Richardson, 435 G Avenue, also commented on the Draft EIR and specifically the latest threat to the tennis courts located at High School. These public tennis courts are maintained and owned by the City and according to this document, dated only a month ago, they are considering constructing two swimming pools right over where the tennis courts are currently located. Recreational facilities that are controlled by the City are open to the public and available most of the time. Recreational facilities that are controlled by the School District are locked up tight all over town. Just look at Neidermeier Field, Cutler Field, the track, and too, the City has to pay the School District \$50/hour just for use of the High School gym. The City's four best-lighted tennis courts that are now protected by a 25-year joint lease agreement between the City and the School District, are threatened by this plan to construct the swimming pools there. There is no guarantee that the tennis courts will be replaced and even if they are replaced, there is no guarantee that they wouldn't be locked up and not opened to the public. The existing joint lease agreement is the only protection the people have. She asked Council to please not allow the School District to eliminate these four tennis courts.

Melissa Miller, owner, Crown City Inn, 520 Orange Avenue, has her business in the C block, just across the alley from where the proposed swimming pool is. She is absolutely surprised that they are thinking about building a swimming pool there in the first place because the City is already building one. She urged that Council look at the increase in traffic, the decrease in parking, the noise levels. For her business the noise level will be terrible. The pool opening at 6 am and closing at 9 pm, the yelling and screams, meets and practices will all be terrible for her business. She will end up with no repeat business. She urged that Council talk to the School Board and recommend that they not build this pool.

Councilmember Schmidt is concerned that the general public is not aware that the City of Coronado is not building a swimming pool at the Palm & D site or on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. They are apparently confusing the School District and the City. The City is building at Glorietta Bay and will be welcoming the same people as before. The way that this is being done is because the City has the Community Development Agency which provides money to both the City for their development and the School District for theirs. The School District has chosen to use some of their money to build an Aquatics Center. In order to maintain the Aquatics Center they are going to go out into some sort of an association who will pay for the almost \$400,000 it will cost them to maintain it. It has nothing to do with the City of Coronado. This City is already building a beautiful community center with pools.

**MSUC (Monroe/Smisek) moved that the City Council authorize that a letter be sent to the CUSD on behalf of the City stating the Initial Study inadequately addresses the potential impacts of transportation/traffic concerns and police protection as aspects of the project that potentially could have significant impact on the environment, and recommend that the EIR adequately address these issues. The letter should note the specific examples of parking and noise concerns. Council specifically requests that the EIR link their findings to the proposed business plan of the pool**

**AYES: Monroe, Schmidt, Tanaka and Smisek**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: Tierney**

The City Council recessed at 4:22 p.m. to sit as the Community Development Agency.

The City Council was back in session at 4:37 p.m.

**11d. Selection of a Consultant for Preparation of Focused EIR for Removal of Semi-Diverter Located at A Avenue at Pomona Avenue and at B and C Avenues at Third Street.**

At its regular meeting of November 18, 2002, the City Council directed staff to proceed with a Focused Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the semi-diverter project and to expedite the consultant selection process.

A total of four qualified consultants were contacted and were provided an opportunity to submit proposals. The two proposals received were evaluated based on the consultants' experience, qualifications, project understanding, and approach in complying with all CEQA requirements and the City's adopted CEQA Guidelines. Both firms are well-qualified and capable of successfully completing the project task. RBF and Parsons Brinckerhoff have significant experience with the City of Coronado as outlined in their proposals. The fee/schedules are as follows:

<u>Consultant</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
RBF Consulting	\$99,874	13 months
Parsons Brinckerhoff	\$174,064	10 months

The "Schedule" portions of both proposals are relatively lengthy and will be evaluated closely for opportunities to reduce the time frames for individual tasks regardless of the consultant to be selected.

Prior to the vote on the Consent Calendar, Councilmember Tierney announced that he is disqualifying himself from voting on this item. Assistant City Attorney Jim Lough stated that Mr. Tierney's abstention is based on a conflict of interest of preventative measure until further direction is given. Mr. Tierney added that this does not preclude him from voting at future hearings.

**Under Consent, the City Council: 1) approved selection of RBF Consulting for preparation of the Focused Environmental Impact Report; and 2) directed staff to negotiate the Agreement for Professional Services with RBF Consulting.**

**11e. Award of Bid to Trim Three Hundred Thirty-Six Eucalyptus Trees at the Coronado Golf Course.** To protect the health of the trees and to maintain them in a safe condition it is necessary to trim them on a regular schedule. With the shallow root system the tree canopy needs to be thinned to allow air movement through the foliage to prevent tree loss.

In response to a request for bid eight (8) responses were received:

Atlas Environmental	\$19,824.00
West Coast Arborists	\$23,520.00
California Tree Service	\$29,900.00
Greenbrier Lawn & Tree Experts	\$32,592.00
Southwest Tree Service	\$31,496.00
Urban Tree Care	\$47,040.00
Stay Green, Inc.	\$48,797.00
Arbor West	\$50,400.00

Atlas Environmental submitted the low bid to provide the services specified. Atlas Environmental has trimmed trees at the Coronado Golf Course in prior years with very satisfactory results. **Under Consent, the City Council awarded the bid to Atlas Tree Service in the amount of Nineteen thousand eight hundred twenty four dollars (\$19,824.00) to trim the eucalyptus trees.**

12. **CITY ATTORNEY:** None.

13. **COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN:**

13a. **Presentation by Jeanne Fox of Palm Avenue Redesign Proposal.** Jeanne Fox, 230 Palm Avenue, commented that her small neighborhood has been overrun with traffic impact. It doesn't matter what time of day people are there, there is increased volume and recklessness of vehicular traffic, mostly on Palm Avenue, but on the intersecting streets as well. In an attempt to bring the voice of the people forward she walked the neighborhood and talked to individuals wherever she could, knocked on doors, sent out flyers, asked for letters of response. She found that people's wish list was pretty selective to their block and intersection. No one was really thinking about how all this could link together to create a better living environment and meet the traffic flow needs as well. She put together the ideas that were introduced to her with the perspective of a community presentation, as opposed to an engineering presentation. She imagines that these ideas can be implemented, but does not propose that she is an engineer. The concepts are sound. She presented the City Council with a written letter outlining her proposals. The letter was entered into the record.

Mayor Smisek suggested that the correct way for Ms. Fox to handle this would be to submit her letter with all these suggestions. There are a number of committees that would participate in this. Council cannot take any action on this at this time. He would like her to submit this and put it into the proper pipeline. She would be kept informed and likely be called upon to make presentations to the Tree Committee, Traffic Operations Committee, etc. as it moves through the various levels.

Councilmember Schmidt recommended that this be put through the process and include it in the Master Traffic Study. She thanked Ms. Fox for her efforts on this.

14. **CLOSED SESSION:**

a. **CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9:  
One (1) potential case

“In accordance with California Government Code section 54956.9(b)(3)(B), the facts and circumstances giving rise to this closed session, which are known to potential plaintiffs, are that there is a dispute regarding the responsibility for maintenance and repairs to the channels within the Coronado Cays Specific Plan area, or if when such maintenance and repairs are needed.”

**This item was removed from the agenda.**

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Tom Smisek, Mayor

Attest:

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L. Diane Shea, CMC  
City Clerk