MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CORONADO
Coronado City Hall
1825 Strand Way
Coronado, CA 92118
Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mayor Smisek called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Downey, Monroe, Tanaka and Tierney and Mayor Smisek

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Mark Ochenduszko
City Attorney Morgan Foley
City Clerk Linda Hascup

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

3. MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 14, 2006, and the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2006, were approved as amended. The reading of the minutes in their entirety was unanimously waived.

MSUC (Monroe/Downey) moved that the City Council approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 14, 2006, and the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2006, a copy having been provided Council prior to the meeting, as amended.

AYES: Downey, Monroe, Tanaka and Tierney and Smisek
NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: Tanaka from the November 14th Special Meeting
Downey from the November 21st Regular Meeting

4. REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

4a. Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coronado, California, Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election Held on November 7, 2006, Declaring the Result and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law.

MSUC (Monroe/Downey) moved that the City Council adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2006, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW. The Resolution was read by Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by Council as RESOLUTION NO. 8193.

AYES: Downey, Monroe, Tanaka, Tierney and Smisek
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

4b. Presentation of Proclamation to Councilmember Frank Tierney. Mayor Smisek presented the proclamation to Councilmember Frank Tierney.

4c. Statement from Councilmember Frank Tierney. Councilmember Frank Tierney spoke about his accomplishments while on City Council. He thanked the other City Council members, the City staff and the members of the public.

4d. Swearing in of Councilmembers-Elect Casey Tanaka and Al Ovrom. Linda Hascup, City Clerk, conducted the swearing in ceremony for Councilmember Casey Tanaka and Councilmember Al Ovrom.

4e. Statement of Councilmember Casey Tanaka. Councilmember Tanaka thanked the citizens of Coronado and his parents for their support. He looks forward to working to ensure that the City Council is meeting all of the needs of the citizens of Coronado.

4f. Statement of Councilmember Al Ovrom, Jr. Councilmember Al Ovrom thanked his wife, Susie, and the other members of his family and campaign team. He said the results of this last election showed that it is very important that people vote.

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

MSUC (Downey/Tanaka) moved that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar Items 5a through 5e.

AYES: Downey, Monroe, Ovrom, Tanaka and Smisek
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

5a. Approval of Reading by Title and Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinances on this Agenda. 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. 10054880 thru 10055131 audited and approved by the Audit Committee, provided there are sufficient funds on hand. **The City Council approved the warrants.**

5c. Renewal of Contract with The PMA Group for Federal Legislative Advocacy Related to State Route 75/282 Tunnel Project and Transbay Wastewater Project. This agreement includes the goals and objectives provided by The PMA Group as the 2007 scope of work for lobbying the SR 75/282 Tunnel Project and Transbay Wastewater Project. The most critical long-term objectives for the Tunnel Project are: 1) To obtain annual appropriations to achieve full funding for the next project phase; 2) To gain support and funding for the project from other Federal agencies (DOD, DOT, DHS); and 3) To continue to position the North Island Access Tunnel into the subsequent Transportation Authorization Bill in order to assure ongoing funding for the construction phase of the project.

In 2006, PMA and the City have also been actively seeking an annual appropriation to augment funding for the tunnel project design phase referred to as Plans, Specifications and Engineering. Congressional hearings are still underway on annual appropriations.

All other short-term objectives support the long-term objective. The primary short-term objective is to ensure release of the FY 2006 federal appropriations. We will use these grants to leverage additional matching funds from other potential sources. Other 2007 objectives include continued liaison and coordination with U. S. Navy Headquarters, Department of Defense and the Transportation Department. Continued coordination with Congressional committee staff and members is critical to laying the groundwork for inclusion in the Transportation Authorization Bill. In addition, The PMA Group is available to assist the City on other federal issues as they arise, including continued pursuit of funding for the Transbay wastewater system. **The City Council approved the contract with The PMA Group and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract documents.**

5d. Approval of Revisions to the City of Coronado 2007 Legislative Policy Guidelines. This Policy is utilized as a guideline to direct appropriate positions and forward position letters to members of the State and Federal legislatures in urgent situations. All individual measures will be analyzed accordingly. When there is a discrepancy in the City of Coronado's Legislative Policy Guidelines and the proposed measure, the measure shall go to the City Council for action, regardless of the urgency. All measures shall be reported to the City Council. **The City Council accepted the proposed revised Policy Guidelines and adopted the document as the City of Coronado Legislative Policy Guidelines for 2007.**

5e. Authorization to Execute an Agreement with Paul W. Crook, Jr. for Temporary Employment as the Director of Police Services (Police Chief) for the City of Coronado. Mr. Crook will be retiring as the City's Director of Police Services on December 30, 2006. The City is currently recruiting for a replacement Police Chief, but anticipates that the earliest that this position could be filled is late February. Mr. Crook has agreed to stay on with the City in a contract employment capacity while the City completes this recruitment process.

The term of the Agreement is from December 30, 2006 through March 2, 2007, but provides for early termination or extension. Therefore, if the City is unable to fill the position by the end of February, there is the possibility for the Agreement to be extended. As a retired CalPERS annuitant, however, Mr. Crook may only work 960 hours during any fiscal year. It is not expected that Mr. Crook will exceed these hours. The proposed compensation amount is consistent with Mr. Crook's pre-retirement salary. **The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Temporary Employment Services with Paul W. Crook, Jr. to act as the Interim Director of Police Services.**

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Peter Fagan, 379 F Avenue, recognized Councilmembers Tanaka and Ovrom. He spoke regarding wages and benefits for Coronado firefighters and police officers and asked that these issues be put on the agenda. He is ready, willing and able to serve the City Council and community any way he can.

b. Nancye Splinter, 1027 G Avenue, presented copies of the Surf Dog calendars that were produced to raise money for Coronado PAWS. She mentioned the Small Dog Surf Contest that was held at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort recently that was very successful and has piqued the interest of many media interests including the Montel Williams Show. She announced that the calendars are available at several locations throughout town.

c. Story Vogel, 350 D Avenue, thanked the Coronado citizens for their votes on Proposition J. He vowed to be the watchdog to make sure the new code is enforced as by law it should take effect within 10 days of the certification of the election.

d. Phil Manion, 911 Balboa Avenue, commented that he wasn't happy with the way Prop J was handled by the City Council and the way the realtors went outside of Coronado to get money go to against Prop J. He said that he planned to get involved and that the City Council would hear from him again.

e. Michael Bishop, Deputy Chief, District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis' office, congratulated the newly elected City Council members on behalf of the District Attorney and said that the community would have the support of her office. He invited the City Council to attend Bonnie Dumanis' upcoming swearing in ceremony.

f. Suzanne Ramirez, 449 D Avenue, supporter of Proposition J, spoke about integrity and telling the truth and comments made by the City Attorney and Councilmember Tanaka that the City would stand behind the proposition if it passed. She was disappointed that City funds were spent on litigation to fight the proposition.

g. Melanie Toci, 901 Balboa Avenue, pointed out that there is no easily accessible information on the progress being made on the new Animal Care Facility. She suggested that information be put on the City website and the project lists be updated to include it.

7. CITY MANAGER:

7a. Update on Council Directed Actions and Citizen Inquiries. No report.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS: None.

10. COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

10a. Report from the Port Commissioner Concerning Port Activities. No report.

11. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

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

Councilmember Monroe met with Senator Ducheny on the tunnel project and facilitated a meeting with Gary Gallegos and Rob Carley, a member of the FACT Group regarding consolidated traffic. He attended an MTS special meeting dealing with the National City bus system issue and met with Cathy Keehan, President of the San Diego Bus Coalition. He attended the Annual Holiday Parade and a SCEDC Christmas breakfast where the speaker was Mark Fabiani of the San Diego Chargers.

Councilmember Tanaka met with Dr. Coyle regarding the School District relationship with the City. He attended a holiday dinner with City lobbyist Ben Clay and several other interesting guests.

Councilmember Ovrom had no report.

Councilmember Downey apologized for missing the last City Council meeting – she took some time to visit her husband on the East Coast for Thanksgiving. She attended the Hotel Del Christmas Celebration, the end of year banquet for the Girl's Golf Club of Coronado and thanked Carol Tessassini who started the program. She attended a presentation given by the Association of Coronado Teachers and met with Superintendent Sue Coyle.

Mayor Smisek attended the Coronado Cays Homeowners Association where they discussed the recent Planning Commission denial of an amendment to the Cays Specific Plan. He attended the South Bay Mayors monthly meeting, the Human Relations Commission meeting, the Coronado Historical Association Open House, the Christmas Parade and tree lighting, and met with the Chamber president and CEO to discuss the Council agenda.

11b. Presentation by Samantha Bowman, Executive Director of SAFE. Samantha Bowman of SAFE gave an update on SAFE programs. SAFE has two arms, the nonprofit organization and the SAFE Community Coalition. Ms. Bowman explained how SAFE operates and provided detailed hand outs for the City Council and the public to offer further explanations.

Mayor Smisek mentioned that Ms. Bowman is also a member of the Human Relations Commission.

Ms. Bowman invited everyone to breakfast at the newly renovated SAFE offices and invited everyone to join the organization. She also reminded people that SAFE is a membership driven organization. She encouraged everyone in the room to become a member of Coronado SAFE.

Councilmember Downey thanked Ms. Bowman, especially for the calendar.

12. CITY ATTORNEY: No report.

13. COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN: None.

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 4:25 p.m.

14. CLOSED SESSION:

14a. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL POTENTIAL LITIGATION
AUTHORITY: Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(C)
NAME OF CASE: Claim for Damages (City Claim No. 06-029)
CLAIMANT: Lee Mather Company

14b. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION
AUTHORITY: Government Code §54956.9(a)
NAME OF CASE: Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case Number TBD James Blinn

The City Council resumed the regular meeting at 4:35 p.m. The City Attorney reported that direction was given to the City's counsel on both closed session items.

15. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Approved:

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Tom Smisek, Mayor
City of Coronado

Attest:

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Linda K. Hascup
City Clerk