

**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 7, 2004, 3:00 p.m.**

Mayor Smisek called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Mark Ochendusko
City Attorney Morgan Foley
City Clerk Diane Shea

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Floyd Ross gave the invocation and Mayor Smisek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2004, copies having been provided Council prior to the meeting, were approved as submitted. The reading of the minutes in their entirety was unanimously waived.

MSUC (Tanaka/Schmidt) moved that the City Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2004, as submitted

AYES: Monroe, Schmidt, Tanaka, Tierney and Smisek

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

4. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS:

4a. Proclamation: “L. Diane Shea Day.” Mayor Smisek presented the Proclamation to outgoing City Clerk Diane Shea.

5. REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

5a. 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 2, 2004, Declaring the Result and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law. The San Diego County Registrar of Voters canvassed the returns of the November 2 election and has certified the results.

To summarize:

There were 9,290 ballots cast in Coronado: 6,052 at the precincts and 3,238 absentee and provisional ballots.

Two individuals ran for the office of Mayor:

Tom Smisek received 6,111 votes

Frank Tierney received 2,547 votes

Tom Smisek was elected by majority of the voters to a full term of four years as Mayor.

Four individuals ran for two seats on City Council

Philip A. Monroe received 4,790 votes

Carrie A. Downey received 3,697 votes

Ruth K. (Patty) Schmidt received 3,478 votes

Story R. Vogel received 2,502 votes

Philip Monroe and Carrie A. Downey were elected by a majority of the voters each to a full term of four years as city council member.

Two measures were voted upon at the election as follows:

<p>PROPOSITION L: Shall the ordinance requiring the amendment of the City of Coronado General Plan to establish access to southbound Glorietta Boulevard from Fourth Street and the Coronado Bridge toll plaza from state highway (the bridge) to state highway (Silver Strand Boulevard) be adopted?</p> <p>A majority of the voters voting on this measure did not vote in favor of it, and that the measure was not carried</p>	<p>YES 3,918</p>
	<p>NO 4,966</p>
<p>PROPOSITION M: Shall the ordinance directing the City to remove the traffic semi-diverters located on A, B and C Avenues at their intersections with Pomona Avenue and Third Street be adopted?</p> <p>A majority of the voters voting on this measure did vote in favor of it, and that the</p>	<p>YES 6,007</p>
	<p>NO 2,837</p>

measure was carried, and shall be deemed adopted and ratified	
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MSUC (Schmidt/Tierney) 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 2, 2004, 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. 8032.**

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

5b. Presentation of Proclamations to Retiring Councilmember Patty Schmidt. County Supervisor Greg Cox presented a Proclamation to Councilmember Schmidt.

Jonathon Hardy, on behalf of Senator Denise Ducheny, and Diana Zamore, on behalf of Assemblyman Juan Vargas, presented a joint Proclamation to Councilmember Schmidt.

Mayor Smisek made a presentation of the City’s proclamation to Councilmember Schmidt.

5c. Statement from Retiring Councilmember Patty Schmidt. Councilmember Schmidt thanked everyone in her Coronado family for the years of support they have given her.

5d. Swearing in of Mayor-elect Tom Smisek and Councilmembers-elect Phil Monroe and Carrie Downey. City Clerk Diane Shea administered the oath of office to Mayor Smisek and Councilmembers Monroe and Downey. The City Clerk presented a Certificate of Election to each.

5e. Statement of Mayor Tom Smisek. Mayor Smisek thanked John Bowen, campaign chair, and the rest of his campaign staff, Nancy Dodson, Karon Nealy, Tammy Cusick, his daughter Tracy, his sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Rob Reed, daughter Tanya, his son and other daughters, his mother, and his wife, Peggy.

Mayor Smisek thinks that people like what the City has been doing. He mentioned the City’s financial position, homeland defense being addressed on the local level, the threat of the airport coming to Coronado, the tunnel project, CoraMart, the Village Theater and the hospital. One of the projects that is being looked at is new senior housing on the old police station site. The Community Center, City Hall and Library will all be coming on stream in 2005, and that should wrap up most of the big building projects for the long range future of Coronado. We will be monitoring the Hotel del Coronado as they institute their Master Plan to make sure that goes along with what the City wants. He thanked everyone for their support and for everything they have done for him and his family.

5f. Statement of Councilmember Phil Monroe. Councilmember Monroe congratulated the other candidates in the City of Coronado for the election that was just held. It was a clean election. It was an issue-oriented election. He congratulated Mayor Smisek and Councilmember Downey. He thanked

City staff for all they do. This City staff is one of the greatest anywhere. He thanked his many strong and generous supporters during the campaign. His campaign committee was a varied group of people who were very talented. Chris Thompson did the ads in the *Eagle*. He worked with Tracy Stickel, Jim Strickland, Ed Chapman, Matt Dalton, Phyllis Maas, Jim Parish, Kathy Gann and Joan Atkins. They all helped immensely with ideas, energy and encouragement. He ran on the theme of "Keep Coronado a Village." He loves the phrase that was said about Councilmember Schmidt who always championed the residential, village atmosphere. That fits just what the City has been trying to do. The actions on that are controlling the size and mass of buildings, controlling the uses that come to Coronado, sensitivity to the neighborhoods. There are three great buildings getting ready to open in 2005. The new challenges are the Theater, CoraMart and the hospital. He thinks the hospital is going to take particularly strong leadership of the Council and the other leaders of Coronado to make sure that the City keeps a first class hospital in Coronado. They need a \$30 million seismic retrofit plus an upgrade of their facilities. Finally, he stated he would be moving into Councilmember Schmidt's seat at the dais and is honored to do so. He will never sit in her chair without thinking of her. He thanked her for her service.

5g. Statement of Councilmember Carrie Downey. Councilmember Downey thanked all the citizens of Coronado. This was a wonderful campaign. The people of this town love Coronado and want to do things to make it better. She spent less than \$5,000 on her campaign because people in the community who care got out there and listened. They went to the forums; they read the letters. They got involved in the campaigns. There are contentious issues in Coronado. She applauded every City employee and every volunteer. Coronado wouldn't be what it is without the senior volunteers. She is honored and humbled to be part of that. She is here to serve. She thanked her three daughters for their help and support.

Mayor Smisek acknowledged Story Vogel as one of the candidates and as the implementer of the two initiatives on the ballot. He also acknowledged mayoral candidate Frank Tierney. He thanked them for what they did because it gives everyone a choice and is a valuable service to the community.

The City Council went into recess at 3:50 p.m. for cake and coffee in the Community Room

The City Council reconvened at 4:25 p.m., with all Council members present. Councilmember Downey took her place at the dais.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR: The City Council approved, adopted and/or accepted as one item of business Consent Agenda Items 6a through 6j and Items 12c, 12d, and 12g.

Mayor Smisek commented on Item 12d. He has asked Patty Schmidt, who was instrumental in the City's protection of that area, if she would chair a committee of senior citizens and others who would be interested in that and then report back to Council.

Councilmember Tanaka added that it would be his desire that the space be used for seniors first. He concurs with the recommendation. He also commented on Item 12c. At a past meeting he made a request that Council also advocate for direct aid for school districts. He would like to see that added to the list of things.

Councilmember Tierney requested that Item 12c be removed from the Consent Calendar.

MSUC (Monroe/Downey) moved that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar Items 6a through 6j with the addition of Items 12d – Approval of Process to Determine Desired Use of Open Space at the Corner of Seventh Street and D Avenue, Formerly the Lawn Bowling Green and 12g – Acceptance of FY2003-04 Community Development Agency Annual Report

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

6a. 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.**

6b. Approval of Warrants. The City Council ratified payment of warrants Nos. 10040007 thru 10040458, as audited and approved by the Audit Committee, provided there are sufficient funds on hand. **The City Council approved the warrants.**

6c. Adoption of an Ordinance of the City of Coronado, California Amending Section 40.48.055 Regarding Curfews. This ordinance was introduced at a City Council meeting on November 16, 2004.

A public notice and summary of the proposed ordinance was published in the *Coronado Eagle Journal* on November 24, 2004, noticing that the City Council would consider adoption of the ordinance at the December 7, 2004 City Council meeting. **The City Council adopted AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONADO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CORONADO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 40.48.055 REGARDING CURFEWS. The Ordinance, having been introduced on November 16, 2004, was read by Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by Council as ORDINANCE NO. 1966.**

6d. Consideration of Names for Individual Rooms in the New Community Center. Following an initial recommendation of possible names, a discussion was held with staff and Councilmember Schmidt to explore additional considerations and potential themes. The suggested names are consistent with the ocean and seashore theme that has been incorporated into the Glorietta Bay Civic Center and Promenade project. The names provide a clear way to identify the rooms when communicating with the public and staff, and in printed materials.

These names will be published in the Recreation brochure, facility use documents, and various marketing and publicity materials. Directional signage and room “name plates” in the Community Center will also carry these names. **The City Council approved the names suggested for individual rooms in the new Community Center as follows:**

- Activity Room (South) – Abalone Room**
- Activity Room (North) – Sand Dollar Room**
- Banquet Hall (Full or north half) – Nautilus Room**
- Banquet Hall (South half) – Triton Room**
- Fitness Equipment Room – Fitness Room**

**Dance/Aerobics Room – Coral Dance Studio
Gymnasium – Gymnasium
Theater – Community Playhouse**

6e. Approval of Amendment to the Existing Encroachment Permit for the Coronado Plaza to Allow Construction of the Coronado Plaza Project Phase II, 1330 Orange Avenue. The curb-to-property line measurement at R.H. Dana Place is approximately 30' and is 20' on Churchill Place. On August 6, 1974 Council approved a proposal to use the right-of-way adjacent to R. H. Dana Place for a subsurface parking garage with access, driveway access to a bank teller's window with a walkway around the window for pedestrians to continue around the bank teller's window located in the right-of-way. Along the Churchill Place side of the property the building extends to the property line; therefore, Council accepted the proposal that permitted the applicant to construct a subsurface parking garage access ramp, barrier wall, sidewalk and planting areas in the City right-of-way adjacent to the street. The new encroaching improvements were designed and proposed with attention to maintaining conformance to Downtown Enhancement Plan standards as well as providing shade and enhancements for pedestrian observation. The plans were approved by the Design Review Commission on May 14, 2003. The design of these improvements will leave the entire sidewalk width unencumbered for pedestrian traffic along the frontage of the property and allow access to the proposed patio in accordance with ADA standards. The design is consistent with that of the current building amenities which enhance the appeal of the Coronado Plaza Building.

In addition to the construction proposed in the City's right-of-way, the applicant will be improving the Orange Avenue frontage under an encroachment permit issued by Caltrans. These improvements consist of "Coronado Beige" integral color concrete sidewalk finished similar to the downtown standards, removal and replacement of damaged curb and gutter as needed, four decorative street lights similar to the downtown standard design, and two standard design pedestrian ramps at the intersections of Orange Avenue with Churchill Place and with R.H. Dana Place.

In creating the sunken patio, the owner is proposing to reconfigure the curb, gutter and sidewalk along R. H. Dana to provide adequate space for the patio and access ramp. This reconfiguration would eliminate two existing parallel parking spaces immediately adjacent to the patio area. To compensate for the lost parking, the curb, gutter and sidewalk on R. H. Dana Place to the west of the patio area would be reconstructed to create one additional compact parking space. In addition, the diagonal parking on Churchill Place will be extended by adding an additional diagonal parking space at the western end. As a result of these modifications there would be no net loss of parking to the facility. **The City Council authorized the Director of Engineering and Project Development to execute the encroachment permit for the hardscape and building amenities with all of the proposed conditions included in the permit.**

6f. Reappointment of an Incumbent to a Second Term on the Parks and Recreation Board. Parks and Recreation Board Member Phillip Hammett was first appointed to the Board on February 4, 2002 to fill a scheduled vacancy. He is eligible for reappointment and has requested that the City Council consider his reappointment to a second three (3) year term. **The City Council reappointed Phillip Hammett to the Parks and Recreation Board to a term to expire January 31, 2008.**

6g. Approval of Agreement to Provide Relocation Services for Move to Glorietta Bay Civic Center. An evaluation was conducted of the three bid submittals. In accordance with Municipal

Code 8.04.050(C)(2), C&M Relocation Systems was selected as the vendor that best meets the needs of the City. This judgment was based on the following:

1. Vendor's superior response to the Invitation to Bid; and
2. Vendor's previous experience as the mover hired by the City for the move to the existing temporary City Hall modular facilities.

Unlike "public project" contracts for capital equipment and services, which are governed by the California Public Contract Code, non-public project service contracts are not required to be awarded to the lowest bidder. **The City Council approved the Agreement to Provide Relocation Services and authorized the City Manager to execute.**

6h. Consideration of the Avenue B Retail/Office Center Project (1033 B Avenue) Encroachment of Building Amenities on the 1000 Block of B Avenue and the 1300 Block of Ynez Place Right-of-Way. The curb-to-property line measurement at B Avenue is approximately 16' and 16' on Ynez Place. The applicant proposed and Council has accepted a proposal to use the right-of-way between the building and the back of the curb fronting the property for underground public parking in exchange for a Grant Deed Easement to the City to use a portion of the parcel for public parking. The desired encroaching amenities have been designed and proposed with attention to maintaining conformance to Downtown Enhancement Plan Standards as well as with the idea of providing shade and enhancements for pedestrian observation and have been approved by the Design Review Commission. The design of these improvements will leave the entire sidewalk width unencumbered for pedestrian traffic along the frontage of this property. The design is consistent with that of other building amenities within the vicinity of downtown that enjoy the use of City right-of-way for aesthetic purposes and have successfully obtained encroachment permits and constructed and maintained such improvements for this use. **The City Council authorized the Director of Engineering and Project Development to execute the encroachment permit for the subterranean garage, as represented in Resolution #7949, plus the other hardscape and building amenities with all of the proposed conditions included in the permit.**

6i. Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Coronado Accepting a Grant of Easement Agreement from Farzad Yaghouti to the City of Coronado for Public Parking Spaces at 1033 B Avenue (Former Chu Dynasty Restaurant Site). On September 16, 2003, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 7949 approving a Parking Plan for a new commercial development at 1033 B Avenue. The parking plan approval required the owner to dedicate an easement to the City for on-grade public parking spaces adjoining the alley in exchange for the approval of the developer to encroach into the adjoining below grade Ynez Place and B Avenue public rights-of-way for underground parking. The property owner is also required to install parking meters for the public spaces and to maintain the public parking area.

The Design Review Commission gave conceptual approval to the project on May 28, 2003 and final approval on October 27, 2004. **The City Council adopted A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO ACCEPTING A GRANT OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT FROM FARZAD YAGHOUTI TO THE CITY OF CORONADO FOR PUBLIC PARKING SPACES AT 1033 B AVENUE. The Resolution was read by Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by Council as RESOLUTION NO. 8031.**

6j. Request of Council to Approve Award of Bid for Two (2) Fairway Mowers for the Golf Course. In response to a request for bids, three (3) qualified proposals were received:

Golf Ventures West	\$83,734.44
Turf Star	\$84,419.93
A.A. Equipment	\$75,414.00

The mowers, as bid by A. A Equipment, either met or exceeded the bid specifications. The Golf Course has previously purchased equipment from A.A. Equipment and has not experienced any problems with customer support. **The City Council awarded the bid in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Four Hundred and Fourteen dollars (\$75,414.00) to A.A. Equipment, the lowest responsible bidder.**

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. **Ginger Raaka, Coronado Historical Association and Visitor Center**, gave Council a presentation on activity at the Visitor Center. There were over 2,400 walk-ins, 150 phone calls, 18 guests on the Promenade through the Past Tour, 164 volunteer hours logged and over 300 brochures sent out. The new exhibit is up and is called “Stars in Our Crown – Hollywood’s Infatuation with the Hotel del Coronado.” The Holiday Open House and Museum Tour is this Thursday night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.
- b. **Toni Gaylord, Coronado MainStreet**, reminded the community to shop Coronado. The downtown stores have a lot of things in them that people might not know are there. Coronado MainStreet has available for sale the famous 101 pictures screensaver. There is also a new fundraiser called “Garden Getaways” which is a guide book for gardens in the area. Also available is the reliable “Coronado Currency” program which is the City-wide gift certificate program.
- c. **Councilmember Tanaka** reported on an accident last Saturday night where a car ended up hitting someone’s house. The neighbors in that area are very unhappy with how fast traffic is coming around their corner.

8. CITY MANAGER:

- 8a. **Update on Council Directed Actions and Citizen Inquiries.** No report.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS: None.

11. COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

11a. Report from the Port Commissioner Concerning Port Activities. Port Commissioner Robert Spane congratulated the new and reelected Council members. The Port voted \$500,000 for the Golf Course revetment. The Marketing Committee talked about the money that is in the Big Bay advertising program and has broken a piece of it out. There is \$77,000 that is going to be spent on the Port cities for advertising (\$77,000 for all five cities). He doesn’t know how much of it is going to be for Coronado. City staff should contact the Port about this. At its last meeting the Port had a presentation about the Port’s retirement fund. The Port has decided to hire a consultant to work on an agreement with the City of San Diego’s retirement fund people to separate the Port’s money, at least within the account.

San Diego is well under funded; the Port is funded at 100%. Admiral Spane reminded Council that he is a member of the Homeland Security Senior Advisory Committee, Secretary Ridge's Security Council. The Holiday Bowl is sold out. Commissioner Spane gave 24 tickets to Councilmember Tanaka to distribute to CHS students. He added that the Art Committee has a lot of money. By law, ½% of all the revenue coming into the Port goes into the Art Committee fund and it generally doesn't get spent. Coronado should try for some of those funds.

12. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

12a. Council Reports on Inter-Agency Committee and Board Assignments.

Councilmember Tierney attended a reception at the San Diego Natural History Museum where they had a discussion on global warming, a League of California Cities Legislative Briefing in Ontario, CA, had back surgery, attended the Hotel del Coronado tree lighting ceremony, the SDG&E luncheon, the Holiday Open House and Parade, a brunch of the Lambs Players Theater, Artisan Alley, and a South County Economic Development Council meeting.

Councilmember Tanaka met with congressional member Jack Ripa from Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District. He was instrumental in helping the City and the Navy with the \$10 million of funding needed for the Third Street Gate. He is the ranking Democrat on the Defense Appropriations subcommittee. He is also a long time colleague of Duncan Hunter and Duke Cunningham. Councilmember Tanaka also attended the Lambs 10 year anniversary celebration.

Councilmember Monroe attended a Tunnel Action Team meeting, an Airport Authority luncheon regarding the need for a new airport, a SANDAG Board meeting, an MTS meeting, a meeting of the SANDAG Borders Committee, met with Kathy Vienna and took a tour of City Hall and the Community Center, the Hotel del tree lighting, the SDG&E lunch to get support for transmission and lines, the Holiday Open House, the Lambs Players anniversary, and the South County Economic Development Council breakfast.

Mayor Smisek reported on the Airport meeting, two meetings of the Library Board, a reception for Supervisor Greg Cox honoring him as the prime legislator in the San Diego area, the South Bay Mayors meeting where the results of the election and the problems San Diego was having were discussed, a meeting of the Human Relations Council where "Hold My Hand Coronado" is set for March 2005, the Hotel del tree lighting and reception, the Holiday Open House and Parade, the Lambs Players 10 year celebration, met with staff and two members of Design Review to look at the Lifeguard Service building, a meeting of MainStreet, and the Chamber of Commerce.

12b. Appointment of One Member and One Alternate Member to the Serra Cooperative Library Advisory Board. City Manager Mark Ochendusko explained that there is a vacancy for one member and one alternate to the Serra Cooperative Library Advisory Board. This vacancy has been properly noticed. There are several individuals who have submitted applications for appointment to this Board. It is an important Board to the City, as it represents the City's library in the Cooperative system in the entire County. The following persons have submitted applications:

Peggy Wynn Price
Joseph Wilfred Petrucci
Violet Wagener

Jean A. Smith
Elizabeth Taylor Ingram

Councilmember Monroe recognized Toni Hoppe, the previous Coronado member of the Serra Cooperative Library Advisory Board. Her term was extended because it was thought that this particular Board was going to terminate. He added that he was very impressed with those who applied for this position.

Councilmember Tanaka commented that he has never been in the position where he was so impressed with every applicant.

Councilmember Tierney echoed the same sentiments and thanked Toni Hoppe for her involvement over the years.

Councilmember Downey thanked all who applied and reiterated that this town is built on all those who volunteer behind the scenes.

The City Council used the “Schmidt” method to vote for the members.

The City Clerk called the names and recorded the votes as follows:

Peggy Price	Tierney, Smisek, Monroe
Joseph Petrucci	Smisek, Tanaka, Monroe
Violet Wagener	unanimous
Jean Smith	Smisek, Monroe
Elizabeth Ingram	Downey, Tierney, Monroe

The unanimous candidate, Violet Wagener, is selected as the primary member.

The City Clerk called the names and recorded the votes for the second round to determine the alternate member.

Peggy Price	Tierney, Smisek
Joseph Petrucci	Smisek, Tanaka, Monroe
Elizabeth Ingram	Downey, Tierney, Monroe

The City Clerk called the names for the third round.

Joseph Petrucci	two votes
Elizabeth Ingram	four votes

MSUC (Monroe/Tanaka) moved that the City Council appoint Violet Wagener as the primary member and Elizabeth Ingram as the alternate member to the Serra Cooperative Library Advisory Board to a two year term expiring December 7, 2006

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

12c. Renewal of Contract with the PMA Group for Federal Legislative Advocacy Related to State Route 75/282 Tunnel Project and Transbay Wastewater Project. Councilmember Tierney requested that the presentation be made for the public.

Bill Berl, PMA Group, made a presentation to Council. He reviewed the accomplishments of 2004 and the proposed objectives for 2005. He also reviewed the highlights of their overall strategy as well as the key dates for the upcoming year.

Mr. Berl began with an overview of where they focused their efforts this past year. As in years past, they focused on trying to get funding for the tunnel in the six year reauthorization of transportation. That bill was originally scheduled for passage back in September '03. But because of continued debate between the House and Senate, as well as the Administration, it has been extended and was postponed repeatedly throughout this year. It is currently under an eight-month extension. They hope that, early next year, Congress will finalize that bill and that Coronado will have initial funding for the tunnel in that bill. Working with Congresswoman Susan Davis in the House version, they were able to secure a \$5 million mark. In the spring, Mayor Smisek met with the delegation and received a commitment from Senator Boxer that this is a priority for her and that she will support having as much money as possible. That commitment was repeatedly affirmed and as recently as last week Mr. Berl heard that this is something the Senator will support.

Another area where the PMA Group spent a good deal of their time was in encouraging the Navy to support and become involved with the tunnel. They were successful on a couple of fronts. One is, working with the City as well as the Navy, in securing full funding for the Third Street Gate Military Construction Project. They were greatly concerned about trying to get compatibility language, ensuring that the Third Street Gate would be compatible with the tunnel. They secured that commitment both in terms of a letter from the Navy Secretary to Senator Feinstein as well as language that addressed the compatibility directly.

They kicked off research for alternative sources of funding, in particular, the Department of Homeland Security. They have continued to work with City and staff to pinpoint financial strategies, to minimize and maintain the cost, and look for sources of funding. That is an ongoing process.

Finally, this past year, they pursued federal funding for the Transbay wastewater project. A year ago they were successful in getting authorization that would allow this project to go forth, from the federal standpoint. This year they sought funding but were unsuccessful because it was a casualty of the budgetary process – there were no new starts. The project is viewed without prejudice and is an excellent candidate for upcoming years to receive funding.

Looking to the upcoming year, the effort of the PMA Group will be on the Transportation Reauthorization Bill. It is likely that the request in the Reauthorization Bill will fall short of what is needed and, consequently, they will seek transportation appropriations to augment that. He received a commitment from both Congresswoman Davis' staff as well as Senator Boxer's that they will help in that matter.

This year will be critical for several reasons. One is the hopeful passage of the Transportation Bill, but also because of base closures. It is quite likely that this region and Coronado in particular will be impacted by the Department of Defense base closure process. PMA will be seeking to leverage that in support of the tunnel. They continue to work to try to broaden the understanding of the need for the

tunnel. This is not an issue for just Coronado – it is important for the entire region as well as the national government.

Other objectives include identifying the Transbay project and seeking additional federal funding for that. They would also like to seek authorization language that would credit the City for any money that has already been spent on this project as part of the cost sharing process. There is no guarantee on this, but it is something they would definitely like to pursue. As in years past, there will always be an issue or two that come up unexpectedly and they are poised to pursue those as well.

Mr. Berl highlighted some of the key aspects of their overall funding strategy. They are pursuing a strategy that really relies on “push-pull.” That means that they seek funding in one account which then pulls funding in another account which then adds momentum so that there is a third account. That has always been the strategy. It is a classic strategy when talking about a large, complex project such as the tunnel. He would like to be able to come before Council and say that there is single source funding, but that is not how these projects are funded.

He summarized by providing some dates for the upcoming year. February and March are the traditional months when one prepares and submits the appropriate federal appropriation requests. In the middle of May, the Department of Defense will announce their recommendations for closure and realignment of military bases. The end of May is when the TEA Extension expires. Finally, in early September, the recommendations will come out for base closure and realignment in finalized form.

Councilmember Tierney asked what percentage is being looked at in terms of federal funding for the tunnel project. He understands that on projects of this size the current thinking is to have 40 to 60% of the project’s value. Mr. Berl responded that it is undetermined at this point. They are looking at from two-thirds up to 80% from federal funds. Mr. Tierney understands that is the objective, but practically speaking, what has actually happened in terms of funds from the federal government. Mr. Berl explained that it depends on whether one is talking strictly transportation funding, in which case, the 60% estimate is probably a good one. If one then takes into account funding from other accounts such as Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security, then that level is likely to rise.

Mr. Tierney asked how Senators Feinstein and Boxer feel about the tunnel project and where they stand. Mr. Berl reiterated that Senator Boxer, who is on the Transportation Conference, has given her commitment in support of this. Senator Feinstein is less supportive and somewhat reserved on this; however, she was instrumental in getting support on compatibility language and ensuring that the Navy work with the City on this. She is withholding judgment to make sure that all alternatives have been properly explored.

In response to a question from Mr. Tierney, Mr. Berl explained that the PMA Group is prohibited by law from lobbying Sacramento. However, they work laterally with the City and all the City’s consultants on that. From their perspective, they see that there will be funding from local, regional and state. What the exact breakout of those three sub-elements into that category is not known. They are putting a placeholder of 20, 25 perhaps 30% as they go forward.

Mr. Tierney asked what the federal government is going to ask for the local commitment. The project is estimated at anywhere from \$600 million to \$1 billion. What is the likelihood that this community is going to be asked to contribute to this project? Mr. Berl responded that he has not seen estimates like that. The numbers he has seen have put it at roughly \$350 to \$360 million for the tunnel. Right now, he

is notionally operating under a 1/3-1/3-1/3. That means, one-third out of Transportation, one-third out of Defense, and roughly one-third from State/Local/Regional.

Mr. Tierney asked if there are more federal dollars this time coming around or far less than there have been in other bills. Mr. Berl explained that there are more dollars than the previous six-year budget. They are coming in right around \$300 billion for this six-year transportation bill. The last bill was \$218 billion. There had been hopes of \$318 billion for this bill, but it is still far greater than what was previously authorized.

Mr. Tierney understands that these funds can only be used for capital improvement. They cannot be used for operational and maintenance costs. Mr. Berl concurred and added that they are focused on construction. Mr. Tierney asked if there are any funds available for operation and maintenance after this project is completed, if it ever gets completed. Mr. Berl explained that they have not focused on that from the federal standpoint. The current focus strategy has been to get Caltrans to help with the operational needs of the tunnel.

Al Ovrom, 1701 San Luis Rey, urged Council to move the extension of the contract. Clearly what PMA has been doing to help the City and work with the City on this project and what they can do to help in Washington, D.C. on other projects is very beneficial.

MSUC (Monroe/Tanaka) moved that the City Council approve the contract with The PMA Group, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents, and appropriate \$35,500 from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund (Account 510781-9855-03401) for the prorated share of Transbay Wastewater Project.

Councilmember Downey commented that she will be voting for the very reason Mr. Ovrom stated. This contract allows the City to bring needed funds to Coronado to help pursue options. That is what this vote is about. This is not a vote to say whether or not they support any project.

Councilmember Tierney explained that his opposition to the tunnel project is quite the item here. He debated as to whether he was going to support this agreement. Based on the fact that the tunnel project is included he feels very uncomfortable about voting for this extension, but knowing that there are so many other vital projects also included and are desperately needed by the City, he will support the extension. He would like the record to show that he in no way supports the tunnel project. The tunnel project is a continual drain on this community and will continue to be a constant drain in the future.

Councilmember Tanaka thanked PMA for the work that they do. He thanked them for working on the tunnel and also for the work they have been doing helping on the Wastewater funding, etc. The work they do on behalf of the City is tremendous.

Councilmember Monroe commented that what happens is almost more informal than it is formal. He has the privilege of interacting with what is called the Tunnel Action Team. PMA joins that conversation which is held every other week. The City Manager, Team members, and others are working on the tunnel project but they also work with PMA on every other thing that affects Coronado at the Washington level. They were instrumental in the Third Street Gate and particularly in the final hours as they sort of shifted to get help for Susan Davis and ended up working with Duncan Hunter's office. Mr. Hunter personally got involved as did his Chief of Staff. It is important to be on the scene. Not only did the City get the

project, but it got the compatibility language that had been worked on for a year. This year is critical with what has happened in BRAC. He strongly supports the extension.

Mayor Smisek stated he has been very supportive all along.

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

12d. Approval of Process to Determine Desired Use of Open Space at the Corner of Seventh Street and D Avenue, Formerly the Lawn Bowling Green. The degraded condition of the site resulting from the use as a construction lay-down yard provides an opportunity for the community to discuss potential uses when the library construction is complete. Staff suggests that Council consider giving general direction as to the types of activities that are desired for the site. Such direction might come under one of the following items:

- Focus the entire site on activities for seniors
- Split the site between senior and general use activities
- Design the entire site for general use

Staff suggests that Council authorize the Director of Recreation to take the lead in setting up a working group similar to that used to develop the design parameters of the new City pools. The working group would include representatives from the Senior Association, Recreation Board, School District and neighbors of the site. The City Manager would also direct certain City departments to participate in the group efforts. **Under Consent, the City Council authorized staff to organize a working group which will explore design parameters for the former lawn bowling green, and provide guidance as to City Council’s preferences to be considered by the working group.**

As noted earlier, Patty Schmidt will chair this group.

12e. Request for Authorization for the Director of Engineering and Project Development to Enter into a Task Order-Based Time and Material Contract for the SR 75/282 Congestion Relief and Corridor Enhancement Project Report and Environmental Document. Ed Walton, Principal Engineer, Engineering and Project Development Department, explained that staff has been struggling to keep the Congestion Relief Corridor Enhancement Project moving forward. It is a project that came from the Congestion Relief Working Group for short term improvements on SR 75. These improvements include traffic signals at B Avenue and Third and Fourth Street, traffic signals at F Avenue at Third and Fourth Streets, traffic signal at Fourth and Alameda, traffic metering at the bridge plaza approach to slow the traffic down to a safer speed as cars enter the City. Also included are bulb outs and enhanced landscaping.

Mr. Walton explained some of the problems that have been encountered. After the Project Study Report (PSR) was complete, staff had to complete an agreement with SANDAG and Caltrans to co-fund this. They have agreed to each share the project cost, \$2.1 million, with the City funding \$700,000. With that agreement signed, they put out an RFQ to find qualified consultants to do the Project Report and Environmental Documents (PR&ED). There were over a dozen consultants at the presubmittal meeting. On the date submittals were due, no one turned in a proposal. Staff requested proposals from three qualified firms that expressed interest. One proposal was received for a fee of \$1.3 million, which was

over half of the total project budget. Staff still looked at what could be done to move the project along. They wanted to compare that proposal to at least one other firm. Staff solicited another proposal from another firm. They came in with a price of just under \$500,000. In their proposal they did not include an Environmental Impact Study. To be fair to the first proposal, staff had them resubmit without the EIS. They came back with a fee of around \$890,000. Talking with both Caltrans and SANDAG on what can be done to get this moving, they looked at other ways to expedite this. They talked about removing the signal at Fourth and Alameda to remove the federal impact nexus and possibly the NEPA requirements. That looked promising but the funding from both Caltrans and SANDAG includes federal funding so the federal environmental process is still required. Both Caltrans and SANDAG suggested that a time and material contract based on specific task orders be implemented to move the project along.

Staff is asking permission for authorization to award a contract to RBF on a task based time and materials contract. Staff foresees about seven different tasks possible, starting with Need and Purpose and eventually going up to an environmental document, that could be an EIR or possibly an EIS as well.

Councilmember Monroe explained that this project had started over two years ago. Meetings of the Third and Fourth Street residents were held for over a year resulting in a package of recommendations. One of the theories of that group was that the volume of traffic really can't be changed but maybe traffic could be calmed. A number of recommendations came forth and were adopted by Council. The sad reality is that none of the suggestions have occurred on the ground since that decision was made over two years ago. One of the problems that the City is facing with this is that it is too big a package. As it comes forward, there will be varying degrees of controversy about some of the recommendations. He heard on the campaign trail that the idea of metering at the bridge is widely accepted in Coronado. Maybe the pieces should be broken apart. One of the more controversial pieces is putting in traffic lights at B and Third and B and Fourth. Now that the barriers have been voted to come down, there will be a lot of discussion about what can be done to mitigate the safety impact there. Generally, people agree with the light at Alameda and Fourth. Most people do not think the "waver" is the right answer. That could be worked as a separate issue, also. Mr. Monroe said he has two suggestions for today's action. If the Council takes this as recommended, with these five steps, he would like to see a time line. Perhaps Council should continue this today and bring it back. Maybe we should work with the people from the original group to see, with today's votes on the barriers, what makes sense to everybody now to calm traffic on Third and Fourth streets.

Councilmember Tierney likes the format that Engineering has come up with, the task format. He thinks this is the appropriate way to work this problem. He is not too keen about putting time lines out there. This will have to evolve by itself. He thinks that the "waver" is vital to Alameda and Fourth. He will not be supporting a signal system that will delay and cause back up of traffic in his quadrant.

Councilmember Tanaka thinks Mr. Monroe is astute in pointing out that some of the CRWG suggestions are less controversial than others. There are clearly some that everyone is going to support and clearly some that won't be supported. He thinks that Mr. Tierney is probably right that the tasks the Engineering Department laid out make sense. It might be good to follow up with Mr. Monroe's input in terms of prioritizing this for staff. He is very uncomfortable with some of those options. He is very uncomfortable with the light at F. He has spoken to residents who don't want that there. He happens to live right next to that. Traffic piles up so severely that it actually creates openings such that a light isn't needed there. He only mentions that because everyone has different quirky insights into this. Anything to speed up this process and get something on the ground would be a good move. Maybe a way to do that would be to prioritize some of these strategies. Maybe some of them should be weeded out.

Councilmember Downey would like to see a priority list. The one thing that was heard throughout the campaign was that there are great ideas but nothing was done. She agrees that separating tasks is the smart way to get this funded and to give the contractors a schedule. She would like to put this off, not for a vote today, and have staff come back with a priority schedule, if not a date schedule.

Mayor Smisek said he interprets this discussion as being able to go ahead on a T & M basis to set this vehicle up. The first task, the Development of Purpose and Need, will determine which projects are going to be continued, set aside, prioritized, etc. Council needs to get the wheels in motion to get the contract set up. This is yet another time sensitive thing.

MSUC (Smisek/Tierney) moved that the City Council authorize the Director of Engineering and Project Development to enter into a task order-based time and material contract with RBF Consultants for the SR 75/282 Congestion Relief and Corridor Enhancement Project Report and Environmental Document (PR&ED)

Dick Scharff, 1310 Fourth Street, urged Council to approve this. It is the only way to continue to move ahead. It is a complex issue.

Pat Miller, 310 J Avenue, agrees with Mr. Scharff. A lot of work has been done on this and two years have gone by. She hopes that some movement will be made. She owns a home on Third between E and F and as a homeowner she doesn't like that light being there, but the kids are more important.

Story Vogel, 350 D Avenue, commented that he heard some dissent on the ideas that came from the CRWG. He became involved in this early on. He passed around a petition which almost everyone signed. The Council then and the community clearly stated that they were in favor of this. A message needs to be sent to the community that these are streets, not freeways. That can be done by taking certain actions. Getting Dick and Pat and the Council's CRWG solutions on the ground and working is really important. This needs to be done as a package in order to be effective.

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

12f. Acceptance of Transbay Sanitary Sewer Preliminary Design Report, Selection of Preferred Alternative and Direction to Staff to Move Forward with Design of Selected Alternative.
Ed Walton, Principal Engineer, Engineering and Project Development Department, provided the staff report on this item. This is part of Council's Capital Improvement Program. Council authorized the Predesign Study for a possible redundant or replacement line for the Transbay sewer force main. The City hired Boyle Engineering to conduct a study on analyzing and making recommendations about the sewer force main.

Mark Weinberger, Boyle Engineering Corporation, made a presentation on the results of their study of the Transbay Sanitary Sewer Force Main Study. He addressed the condition of the existing force main, the results of a sonar inspection done on the inside of the pipe, discussed why a new force main is needed, five available alternatives for construction, presented the recommended alternative, and made some conclusions and recommendations.

The construction method alternatives include horizontal directional drilling (HDD), microtunneling, conventional tunneling, installation of the pipeline on the San Diego-Coronado Bridge, and cut and cover/dredging. A breakdown of anticipated cost and schedules for the various alternatives is as follows:

Alternative	Design Cost	Construction Cost	Construction Administration	Total Cost (Future \$)*	Construction Duration
HDD One Pipe	\$503,000	\$5,023,000	\$754,000	\$6,280,000	100 weeks
HDD Three Pipes	\$771,000	\$7,712,000	\$1,157,000	\$9,640,000	100 weeks
Backfilled Microtunnel	\$1,197,000	\$11,967,000	\$1,796,000	\$14,960,000	136 weeks
Open Microtunnel	\$1,360,000	\$13,591,000	\$2,039,000	\$16,990,000	136 weeks
Conventional Tunnel	\$1,688,000	\$16,872,000	\$2,530,000	\$21,090,000	171 weeks
SD-Coronado Bridge	\$1,183,000	\$11,832,000	\$1,775,000	\$14,790,000	237 weeks
Cut & Cover/Dredging	\$841,000	\$8,415,000	\$1,264,000	\$10,520,000	207 weeks

Each of these alternatives was put through a rigorous evaluation criteria. The criteria included construction and operation and maintenance (O&M), costs, safety, constructability, schedule, reliability, environmental and social impacts, local agency impacts, redundancy, expandability and risk.

The alternative selected and recommended is the HDD with the three pipes. It is not the least expensive, but is the second lowest in cost and it provides redundancy.

Mr. Weinberger summarized by saying that the existing force main has no significant breaks or flaws but the degree of corrosion is unknown at this point. Prior to final design there will have to be further study on that alternative and specifically some more geotechnical information needs to be completed.

Councilmember Tierney commented that the preferred alternative is the most appealing one to him. He wants to see this project kick off as soon as possible because of the likelihood or possibility that the 30 year lifetime for the current type of pipe might cause it to break and there is no backup. It is imperative that the City move forward on this project.

Councilmember Tanaka is very pleased with an alternative that plans for the future with three pipes instead of one.

MSUC (Tierney/Downey) moved that the City Council:
1) accept the findings of the report that horizontal directional drilling (HDD) be chosen as the preferred alternative method for construction of a new Transbay sewer force main, using a 24” diameter pipe to serve as the primary force main, with two additional 18” diameter pipes, one as a backup force main and the other as a casing for a future utility

- 2) appropriate an additional \$500,000 from the Wastewater Fund (510871) to be transferred to the project account (9855-03401) for the design of the selected alternative
- 3) direct staff to proceed with the design of a new force main with the risk of not being eligible for federal reimbursement for any work accomplished prior to federal funding of a project

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

12g. Acceptance of FY2003-04 Community Development Agency Annual Report. Section 33080.1 of the Health and Safety Code (Redevelopment Law) requires the preparation of an annual report which contains: (1) an independent financial audit; (2) a fiscal statement; (3) a description of the Agency’s activities affecting housing and displacement; and (4) any other information deemed useful to explain its programs.

The Annual Report includes a copy of the FY2003-04 State Controller’s Report, which provides a fiscal statement and summary of information relating to the Agency’s activities affecting housing, and a report of the Agency’s accomplishments for FY2003-04. [A copy of the complete Annual Report is provided with the staff report in the December 7, 2004 Community Development Agency (CDA) Agenda.] The Agency’s auditors are finalizing the independent financial audit which will be included in the Agency Report submitted to the State Controller’s Office. The financial audit will be available in mid-December.

Therefore, the Report is based on trial balances; staff will revise the Report as necessary to comply with final audit figures and make technical corrections before submitting the final Report to the State. The audit and associated reports are still in process this year due to added requirements to meet new GASB 34 standards. When the final audit report is received from the Auditor, staff will distribute it as required. The Agency approval includes authorization for the Executive Director to make any revisions and technical corrections necessary prior to transmittal of the final Report to the State.

This item is also on the CDA Agenda for today’s meeting. After approval by both the Agency and the City Council, the State Controller’s Report will be submitted to the State Controller’s Office by December 31, 2004 in compliance with redevelopment law. **Under Consent, the City Council received and filed the FY2003-04 Annual Report of the Community Development Agency of the City of Coronado (CDA).**

Note: Councilmember Downey pointed out that the staff report inadvertently read December 31, 2003 instead of 2004.

13. CITY ATTORNEY: None.

14. COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN: None.

15. **CLOSED SESSION:** None.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Approved: January 4, 2005

Tom Smisek, Mayor

Attest:

Mary L. Clifford
Interim City Clerk