MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CORONADO
Coronado City Hall
1825 Strand Way
Coronado, CA 92118
Tuesday, January 3, 2006

Mayor Smisek called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Downey, Monroe, Tanaka, 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. Pastor John Roemer, Coronado Baptist Church, provided the invocation and Mayor Smisek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2005, and the Special Meeting of December 19, 2005, a copy having been provided Council prior to the meeting, were approved as amended. The reading of the minutes in their entirety was unanimously waived.

MSUC **(Downey/Tanaka) moved that the City Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2005, and the Special Meeting of December 19, 2005, as amended.**

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

4. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

5. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>: The City Council approved, adopted and/or accepted as one item of business Consent Agenda Items 5a through 5e with the addition of item 11b and 11c.

Councilmember Monroe commented that, at the Special Meeting of December 19, Mayor Smisek requested that he submit a few changes to the Legislative Policy Guidelines. That has not been done yet, but it will be and for the time being Council should approve what is before it today.

MSUC **(Downey/Tanaka) moved that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar Items 5a through 5e with the addition of Item 11b – Authorization for Staff to Prepare a Letter for the Mayor's Signature in Support of the City of San Diego's Water Re-Use Study and 11c – Introduction of "An Ordinance of the City of Coronado to Amend Section 56.32.041 of the Coronado Municipal Code Exempting Operators of Vehicles with Special Plates from Parking Meter Enforcement."**

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

5a. <u>Approval of Reading by Title and Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinances on this Agenda.</u> 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. <u>Approval of Warrants.</u> The City Council ratified payment of warrants Nos. 10048102 thru 10048353 audited and approved by the Audit Committee, provided there are sufficient funds on hand. **The City Council approved the warrants.**

5c. <u>Authorization for the Director of Administrative Services to Negotiate, and the City Manager to Execute, a Merchant Agreement with Payment Resources International, LLC, A TransFirst Company (PRI), to Provide Electronic Payment Processing Services.</u> The City issued an RFP to eight vendors (including the current vendor) that provide electronic payment processing services. A selection process was conducted that included an evaluation of the RFP responses, interviews of the vendors which best met the criteria set forth in the RFP, and reference checking.

Based on this selection process, City staff recommended PRI as the vendor that best meets the needs and requirements of the City. PRI was determined to have the best system for assisting City staff in streamlining and utilizing new technology in the most cost effective manner. Also PRI is a single source provider for a wide variety of services, including credit and debit card processing, recurring charges to bank accounts (e.g., membership dues), and online donation processing (e.g., library fundraising). The other providers that were considered did not have the full range of capabilities under one umbrella. The fees and charges were competitively priced.

This vendor currently provides similar services to 12 California municipalities, as well as other public agencies, and comes highly recommended.

The PRI Merchant Account will provide the City an array of electronic payment processing services that includes a desktop software program (Transaction Central™) that will provide the City a secure, web-based credit/debit card and ACH (i.e. electronic check) centralized payment processing system. It will provide the functionality of an electronic countertop terminal, enabling transactions to be processed on-line through either a PC or wireless divide that can be converted into a traditional point-of-transaction terminal with fully-integrated card swiping technology. Training will be provided to City staff by PRI at no additional cost. **The City Council authorized the Director of Administrative Services to negotiate, and the City Manager to execute, the Merchant Agreement in such form as approved by the City Manager.**

5d. Approval of Revisions to the City of Coronado Legislative Policy Guidelines. The Legislative Policy is utilized as a guideline to direct appropriate positions and forward position letters to members of the State and Federal Legislatures in urgent situation. All individual measures are 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 Legislative Policy Guidelines set forth the City's policy on legislative issues and provides direction to staff on legislative policy in urgent situations. A timely response is a critical factor in impacting whether a bill is passed or defeated in a committee. Staff will continue to primarily focus legislative issues that are seen to have a very specific impact on Coronado or which are highly important to general local government. **The City Council accepted the proposed revised Policy Guidelines and adopted the document as the City of Coronado Legislative Policy Guidelines.**

5e. Resolution Approving a Temporary Salary Adjustment to the Assistant City Manager Classification. The employment agreement spells out the terms and conditions for the temporary employment of Ms. Pamela Willis. It identifies that Ms. Willis will receive salary commensurate with her previous total salary and compensation. However, she will not be receiving any other benefits, including health benefits, annual leave accrual, etc. **The City Council approved A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY SALARY ADJUSTMENT TO THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER CLASSIFICATION. The Resolution was read by Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by Council as RESOLUTION NO. 8115.**

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

a. **Kevin Reilly, 451 Country Club Drive,** spoke about the bandstand at Spreckels Park and the naming of it. He doesn't think it is right to dedicate something to someone if it has already been dedicated to someone else. He brought a copy of the current memorial plaque to show the Council. He said this is not a political issue; it is a moral one.

b. Joann Riley, 820 Margarita Avenue, spoke regarding the Stockdale Memorial and suggested some alternate ideas other than naming the bandstand. She also donated $1,000 as seed money for the memorial.

c. Mayor Smisek reminded the public that the Council gave a recommendation to the City Manager for staff to work on a design and to incorporate various thoughts. He said it will come back on a future City Council agenda.

7. CITY MANAGER:

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

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8a. Request for Approval of a One-Lot Tentative Parcel Map for Subsequent Development of 2 Condominium Units for the Property Legally Described as Lot 36, Block 122, Map 376 CBSI, Addressed as 461-463 D Avenue in the R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) Zone. (PC 21-05 Harrington, Travis). Tony Pena, Director of Community Development, provided the staff report. He explained that the Planning Commission recommends approval of the Map. It meets all of the State and local requirements.

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

MSUC (Tanaka/Downey) moved that the City Council adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO APPROVING A ONE LOT TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TWO CONDOMINIUM UNITS FOR LOT 36, BLOCK 122, MAP 376 CBSI, ADDRESSED AS 461-463 D AVENUE, CORONADO, CA. The Resolution was read by Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by Council as RESOLUTION NO. 8113.

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

8b. Request for Approval of a One-Lot Tentative Parcel Map for Subsequent Development of 2 Condominium Units for the Property Legally Described as Lot 35, Block 122, Map 376 CBSI, Addressed as 457-459 D Avenue in the R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) Zone. (PC 22-05, Stall, Stuart). Tony Pena, Director of Community Development, explained that this Map also was approved by the Planning Commission and is recommended for approval.

Councilmember Downey asked if there would be two separate units. Mr. Pena responded in the affirmative.

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

Councilmember Monroe commented that this is all legal and is within the City zoning requirements, but it seemed to him that there are at least one or two parcel maps items at every Council meeting, adding up to 30 to 50 a year. He said the City Council continues to hear that lot splits are not desired by Coronado residents. He wondered if there isn't something the Council could do about the situation, or any other way to handle the issue. He said he is unhappy that the Council constantly has to do this.

Mayor Smisek responded by saying that this is an area where condominiums can be built. It is in the R-3 zone. It is actually less than what it could be. The difference is that, instead of having one large building with two condominium units inside, the building is being cut in half. Discussions about R-1 are different.

MSUC **(Tanaka/Downey) moved that the City Council adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO APPROVING A ONE LOT TENTATIVE PARCEL MPA FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TWO CONDOMINIUM UNITS FOR LOT 35, BLOCK 122, MAP 376 CBSI, ADDRESSING AS 457-459 D AVENUE, CORONADO, CA. The Resolution was read by Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by Council as RESOLUTION NO. 8114.**

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

9. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS:

9a. Administrative Hearing – Appeal of the Historic Resource Commission Decision to Deny a Historic Alteration Permit Request for the Property Located at 1045 Loma Avenue (HAP 13-05). The hearing was continued to a future agenda at the request of the applicant.

10. COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

10a. Report from the Port Commissioner Concerning Port Activities. There was no report.

11. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

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

Councilmember Monroe attended the Winter Solstice Party at the Silver Strand clock, went to Chula Vista with Lobbyist Richard Ledford and briefed Jerry Linden, Hilltop High School

Principal and Chula Vista City Council member, on the tunnel project where his full support was given, went to Spreckels Park to view the memorial plaque, was a Rotary Santa Claus on Christmas Eve and rose to the top of the Men's Tennis Ladder.

Councilmember Tanaka attended the Ye Olde Flower Shop ribbon cutting.

Councilmember Tierney attended a Metro Tac meeting with Scott Huth.

Councilmember Downey went skiing with her family.

Mayor Smisek attended the ribbon cutting at Ye Olde Flower Shop and met with Karen Finch of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the City Council agenda.

11b. Authorization for Staff to Prepare a Letter for the Mayor's Signature in Support of the City of San Diego's Water Re-Use Study. The purpose of the Water Re-Use Study was to explore the options for more diversified sources of water San Diego and increasing the production and use of recycled water to reduce the demand for imported water. The Water Re-Use Study reviewed various potential opportunities for using recycled water to include: expanding the existing distribution system for irrigation and industrial use, additional customer uses for construction, manufacturing, cooling towers, etc., adding storage reservoirs, options for excess recycled water produced during low demands for irrigation, discharge into streams, wetlands development, recharging groundwater storage basins, gray water use, and, after additional advanced treatment, blending with water stored in reservoirs used as drinking water sources.

The Water Re-Use Study was a tool for providing information to the City Council of the City of San Diego and to the public, and not a venue for establishing policy. As such, staff felt that a letter of support, endorsing the Water Re-Use Study, should be authorized, as the study was prepared in an open and above-board manner, and that it provides a detailed review of the several opportunities for water reuse.

Under Consent, the City Council authorized the preparation of a letter for the Mayor's signature in support of the City of San Diego's Water Re-Use Study.

11c. Introduction of "An Ordinance of the City of Coronado to Amend Section 56.32.041 of the Coronado Municipal Code Exempting Operators of Vehicles with Special Plates From Parking Meter Enforcement." Currently the California Vehicle Code allows some exceptions to local parking regulations. Vehicles displaying disabled person license plates or placards are exempt from operating parking meters to show legal parking. In addition, local municipalities may by ordinance or resolution, authorize preferential parking for certain, qualified designated groups. It is under this authorization that a recommendation for a similar exemption for holders of certain special license plates – Congressional Medal of Honor recipients; Legion of Valor recipients; former Prisoners of War; Purple Heart recipients; and, Pearl Harbor Survivors. **Under Consent, the City Council introduced AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONADO TO AMEND SECTION 56.32.041 OF THE CORONADO MUNICIPAL CODE EXEMPTING OPERATORS OF VEHICLES WITH SPECIAL PLATES FROM PARKING METER ENFORCEMENT. The Ordinance was read by**

Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and placed by the City Council on FIRST READING.

11d. <u>Consideration of Council Comments to SANDAG on the Bayshore Bikeway Plan.</u> Jim Benson, Director of Engineering and Project Development, explained that the Bayshore Bikeway is a designated 24-mile bike route around the San Diego Bay. Since the original plan was written in 1975 a number of key path segments have been constructed, consisting of about 12 miles of off-street bicycle paths and 12 miles of on-street sections designated as either bicycle lanes or routes. In 1987, service on the San Diego-Coronado Ferry became available, providing the current ferry link to complete the loop. SANDAG sponsors the Bayshore Bikeway Working Group (BBWG) consisting of an elected official from the County of San Diego and each of the five cities around the Bay, as well as Advisory Members from the Metropolitan Transit System, the Port District and a representative of the region's bicycling community. The Bayshore Bikeway Plan (BBP) was updated by the BBWG, focusing on ways to connect the gaps in the current route with new off-street segments.

Staff has reviewed the draft report and has prepared some comments, however staff wanted to draw attention to Section 5.10 of the plan that proposes to make the current Class III path along the Coronado Golf Course into a Class II or Class I bikeway. He said he didn't think SANDAG remembered action taken by the City some years ago when the City turned down grant funding from SANDAG to make that area a Class I bike path, and decided instead to leave it as it is.

Mayor Smisek commented that he served on the BBWG years ago. He remembered when that issue came up there were two public hearings. The first plan proposed was to put a raised bike path either along the side of the golf course in the roadway or actually on the turf of the golf course. It was decided to be too dangerous because of flying golf balls. The next idea was a Class II bike path, a painted path along the golf course side; however the same concerns were raised. The next thought was to put a painted bicycle path on the other side of the street, going against the traffic. There was not a lot of support for that either. The decision was to leave it as it is. The path was going to be extended up to the stop sign by the tennis courts and that hasn't been completed yet. Some of the grant funds from SANDAG were withheld for that section.

Councilmember Monroe said he has enjoyed working on the BBWG. He commented that Ron Kelly was in the audience representing Greg Cox who has led the committee for years. Stefan Vance is also in the audience, who is in charge of this project from SANDAG. He went on to say that the idea of having a completed bikeway all the way around the bay would be wonderful. He said that the history wasn't lost on SANDAG, but Mr. Monroe just lost the battle. The document that really outlined the bikeway all the way around the way was done in 1978. For the last two years there has been a major effort to update the plan for the Bayshore Bikeway. Once it is approved and adopted by SANDAG, there should be a total package and perhaps funding as a total package. Coronado has been way ahead of the whole issue. From Imperial Beach to the tennis courts this is a Type I bikeway. There is no other stretch around the bay that has that kind of a bikeway. He tried to get them to take out the sentence that the goal was to have a Type I bikeway all around the bay because he knew the history in Coronado. They thought that there should at least be a goal statement for a Type I path. He suggested that the Council might want to reconsider a Type II path, a painted bike path, on Glorietta. The path already shows up on maps of the area and the reality of golf balls is there whether paint is on the pavement or not.

This is not an immediate thing. SANDAG is working hard on several other areas around the bay. He suggested that a policy statement for a Type II painted bikeway would be a reasonable way to show support for the Bayshore Bikeway.

Councilmember Tanaka said his students have discussed with him that they bike around Coronado at night. He thinks that even a Class II path is unnecessary and it should definitely not be a Class 1 path. There is an aesthetic issue. People ride their bikes on Glorietta because it is a beautiful street; it is one of the City's widest streets as well as one of the most beautiful. The last Council was right to leave it as it is. Painted stripes would make it uglier. He said he appreciates what the BBWG is trying to do, but the Council knows Coronado better than they do. Glorietta hooks into the wider bike system as it is.

Councilmember Downey wanted to verify that the Council is not interested in upgrading the current Class III status along that road.

Councilmember Tierney agreed with Councilmember Monroe. He definitely would not want to see it as a Class II bikeway. The present Class III works. If it was push to shove for one reason or other he could buy off on Class II, however he does worry about the potential liability. He said he really thinks it should be left as is.

Mayor Smisek asked Chief Paul Crook about the Class III designation as far as the rules he has to follow on the direction of travel of the bicycles. Chief Crook responded that on a Class II or Class I they can go either direction on a bike path off the roadway. Once on the roadway, the bicycles have to go in the same direction as the traffic.

Mayor Smisek said he thinks that, if the City is looking at the current routing, the path should stay as it is.

Mr. Monroe asked Mr. Vance about the painted area through National City, if the bike path is on both sides of the street?

Stefan Vance, SANDAG, responded that those will be Class II facilities and they will be painted on both sides of the road. Two-way traffic can only be accommodated if the path is separated from the roadway. He added that he did not forget the history. The reason it came up again is because of the issue of having a continuous Class I all the way around the bay. The reason he promoted it to the extent he did is because now there is a street with bicyclists, rollerbladers, joggers, etc. who are using the path and sometimes inappropriately. They are sometimes in the street, traveling against traffic. This is illegal for bicyclists. The street is very wide and there is room to do this, technically. With regard to the golf course issue, it is not unusual to have trails next to golf courses and they are not always fenced. He would be interested to know how many bicyclists or joggers have been hit by golf balls. It is always worthwhile to look in to these issues.

Mayor Smisek thinks most of the City's history on this has been with smashed car windows.

The City Council approved the comments by consensus.

12. CITY ATTORNEY: No report.

13. COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN: None.

14. CLOSED SESSION: None.

15. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Approved:

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Tom Smisek, Mayor
City of Coronado

Attest:

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Linda K. Hascup
City Clerk