

**MINUTES OF A
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CORONADO
Coronado City Hall
1825 Strand Way
Coronado, CA 92118
Tuesday, November 20, 2007**

Mayor Smisek called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Downey, Monroe, Tanaka and
Mayor Smisek

Absent: Councilmember Ovrom

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

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

3. MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2007, were approved as submitted. The reading of the minutes in their entirety was unanimously waived.

Councilmember Downey thanked the City Clerk for her efforts in summarizing the City Council's deliberations from the meeting two weeks ago.

MSUC (Downey/Monroe) moved that the City Council approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2007, a copy having been provided Council prior to the meeting, as submitted.

AYES: Downey, Monroe, Tanaka and Smisek

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ovrom

4. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

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

Councilmember Monroe commented on Item 11c. He pointed out that bullet number two, under the heading “The City of Coronado”, should read ‘the burden of enforcement of no unauthorized instructors’ rather than ‘authorized instructors.’ He said it was his understanding that the Coronado Tennis Association and the Tennis Pro have agreed that the 90-day trial period starts on January 1, rather than December 1.

Mr. Monroe also commented, regarding Item 5g, that he is pleased that the City will purchase two portable programmable speed message/radar signs. He hopes that rather than the sign that is pictured, one that reads “the speed limit is” and “your speed is”. There are also models available that flash red when the driver is more than five miles over the speed limit, which does catch people’s attention. He hopes this will also be considered.

MSUC (Monroe/Tanaka) moved that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar Items 5a through 5g, with the addition of Item 11c - Consideration of Establishment of the Major Special Events Calendar for the Year 2008 and 11g - Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Temporary (90-Day Trial Period) Amendment to the Agreement for Tennis Professional Services and to Execute a First Amendment to the Agreement for Tennis Professional Services at the End of the Trial Period if the Trial Period is Successful.

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

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. 10061688 through 10061880 audited and approved by the Audit Committee, provided there are sufficient funds on hand.

5c. Filing of the Quarterly Treasurer’s Report on Investments with the City of Coronado City Council for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2007. The report identifies all investments including those not under management with PFM. These include LAIF, Union Bank, and CAMP funds. This report also highlights the year to date interest earned relative to budget. For the quarter ending September 30, 2007, the City’s investment portfolio has earned \$860,234 in investment earnings compared to an annual budget of \$2,047,750. The portfolio earnings have exceeded budget by 17%, which reflects the longer duration of the portfolio and the rise in interest rates. **The City Council examined the quarterly Report on Investments and ordered it filed.**

5d. Approval of Holiday Time Off for Employees Consistent with Prior Years.

For a number of years the City Council has approved additional holiday time off for City employees during the Christmas through New Year's time period. This leave has been granted for use during the month of December. Use of this additional leave has been accomplished without interruption of normal City services, although typically the City operates with a skeleton crew the week between December 24 and January 1. Employees have spread the time off over the month of December to ensure necessary staffing is maintained. City employees have appreciated this gesture of holiday good will. The additional time off allows employees to more fully enjoy the holiday season with their friends and families. **The City Council authorized an additional eight hours leave to City employees in conjunction with the Christmas or New Year's holiday as in past years.**

5e. Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a Renewal of a Permit to Use City Building Between the City of Coronado and the Coronado Senior Association, Inc. for Use of the Senior Center at 1019 Seventh Street.

The Coronado Senior Association has been providing many positive services to the senior community in Coronado through activities conducted at the Senior Center. It is beneficial to allow these services and the arrangement between the City and the Senior Center to continue. **The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the renewal of a Permit To Use City Building between the City of Coronado and the Coronado Senior Association for an additional five-year period.**

5f. Recommendation from the Traffic Operations Committee to Adopt a Resolution to Reduce the Speed Limit on Strand Way from 25 Miles Per Hour to 20 Miles Per Hour.

A recent Engineering and Traffic Study shows provides data to recommend that a speed limit of 20 miles per hours be established for Strand Way between the Boathouse 1887 Restaurant on the north and Rendova Road on the south. The study analyzed the roadway geometry, accident history, prevailing speeds, and other factors that may not be apparent to motorists to determine the appropriate speed limit for this street. **The City Council adopted A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A 20-MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON STRAND WAY BETWEEN THE BOATHOUSE 1887 RESTAURANT (1701 STRAND WAY) AND RENDOVA ROAD. The Resolution was read by Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by Council as RESOLUTION NO. 8259.**

5g. Approval of the Purchase of Two Portable, Programmable, Speed Message/Radar Signs to Further the City's Efforts to Calm Traffic and Reduce Vehicular Speeds.

The proposed speed message/radar signs are portable and can be moved to target specific problem areas. Research has found that these types of devices have been successful at deterring speeding; however, their effectiveness wears off as people become accustomed to seeing them at a specific location for an extended period of time. By purchasing portable units, the signs can be used at problem areas and then redeployed to new locations, keeping them fresh and effective. Having additional capabilities, such as collecting traffic volumes and speed data, will assist with traffic statistics and problem identification. **The City Council (1) approved the purchase of two portable, programmable, speed message/radar signs, with purchase and installation costs estimated to total \$20,000; and (2) appropriated \$20,000 from the General Fund balance to the Public Services' Streets Division's account 100312-9045.**

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. **Mildred Cahill, 1068 Isabella Avenue** commented on the almost completed lifeguard tower. She suggested a good use of the extra sand that the temporary lifeguard tower is sitting on could be to replace the letters B, E, and half of A that were removed from the dunes that spell out "Coronado Beach."
- b. **Councilmember Downey** thanked the City crews for putting up the lights and helping to make the City beautiful for the holiday season.

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. Port Commissioner Robert Spane attended the Port Commission meeting in Imperial Beach last Tuesday where there was discussion regarding the non-permitted construction on port tidelands stemming from the occurrence at 501 - 505 1st Street. During that discussion, a representative from the Corps of Engineers briefed the Port reporting that the issue is now at the US Attorney's Office. The Coast Keepers were there as well and they are also interested in getting involved in the issue. Another item on the agenda was regarding the Woodfin hotel chain that is trying to build a timeshares hotel on Harbor Island. The timeshare piece is of interest because traditionally Port tideland policy has been against this type of development. There have been a series of meetings and votes on this. The last vote was 4-3 in favor of forwarding the timeshare idea to the Coastal Commission. Admiral Spane disclosed that he had voted against it due to his belief that this is against Port tidelands policy. It has implications in Coronado because the more approval of timeshares there are in the beach areas the more opportunity or difficulty there will be with the timeshare issues. The final item on the Port Commission agenda was how much should the Port spend on art. The standing rule is ½ of 1% of gross revenue, or about \$600,000 per year. It is supposed to cover art purchases, art personnel salaries, and overhead, which add up to about \$700,000. This means that currently the art committee is underwater. Ms. Caroline Murray and Ms. Linda Stanton represented Coronado at the meeting. Admiral Spane thinks the art committee does a good job and that he voted to increase the budget because of the dividend it provides to the people from port business. It was a very emotional topic and he believes the outcome is that the art budget is at zero now. The lines have been drawn quite firmly in the sand, with the new leadership at the Port Commission being against the art committee.

Councilmember Downey asked how long the current percentage has been in place. Admiral Spane responded that Jesse VanDeventer put that in place in the 90's. The real issue is whether the Port should be spending the money on art in various cities.

Councilmember Tanaka asked if there is any new word about the lighting of the bridge concept. Admiral Spane commented that some money was going to come from someplace else, not just the Port. That project has some support.

Councilmember Monroe asked about the relationship between the salary and the administrative fees to the Port. Admiral Spane commented that he does not understand why the art staff gets treated any differently than any other Port staff. He added that it would help if Coronado wrote a letter in support of the art program.

11. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

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

Councilmember Monroe attended an MTS board meeting, and a SANDAG Board meeting where they heard a report from Independent Taxpayers Oversight Committee (ITOC) on how SANDAG is planning to spend money. Coming up in the new TRANSNET are the new impact fees for new development and renovations. They are asked to audit those fees and will be interacting with City staff from ITOC. He attended the Planning Commission review of the Housing Element, attended a FACT Board meeting, a lunch hosted by Ben Hueso at the Coastal Commission meeting last week where he sat with Pat Kruer and his wife and some others. Coastal approved Coronado's permit regarding the lifeguard service building last week. Mr. Monroe attended a SANDAG Transportation Committee meeting, met with Julie Myer Wright and Marnie Cox from SANDAG to discuss the economic prosperity strategy that will be coming before the SANDAG Board. The problem is that people want to come to San Diego but there are not enough good jobs in San Diego. The outcry of this report is that if one looks at the public investment over the years it has really been in industries, such as the tourist industry, etc., where the lower paying jobs are in the majority. Jobs paying in the lower third of the spectrum have been increased by 250,000 while those in the higher third were only increased by 30,000. Part of the strategy will be to try to focus elected officials to see what can be done for public investment in higher paying jobs. He attended meetings with Mayor Smisek, the City Manager, Tony Pena, Mary Salas, and Denise Ducheny regarding cabins on the Silver Strand beach. He attended the first meeting of a group to discuss the zoning code regarding carriage houses and to try to make clear what the intent of that code is. The members of the committee are Dorothy Howard, Doug St. Denis, Jim Strickland, Patty Schmidt, planners Peter Fait and John Swanson, and Tony Pena. Patty Schmidt wasn't able to make the first meeting.

Councilmember Tanaka facilitated a meeting with Joe Ditley, John Gillem, and the Building Department to try to find a place to store the antique Hotel Del laundry truck. Lee Mather volunteered a carport but it didn't have a roof and John Gillem volunteered his labor to put in an enclosure. He toured the new bungalows at the Del with Todd Shallan and Bill Dodds. After walking the grounds he came away with a good feeling about approving the project and noticed that the bungalows really only look large from one angle. He commented on Mr. Monroe's statement about investing more in higher paying jobs, saying that one place to focus attention would be on the schools.

Councilmember Downey chaired the SANDAG Environmental Mitigation Program Committee meeting. It was the first meeting after the fires to determine what to do with the habitat that was burned. As they look at how to spend city, county, and taxpayer money on fire clean up and fire efforts, that is one of the things SANDAG had built into the TransNet initiative which is hopefully going to help the region recover. Unfortunately, a lot of the habitat that they have been meeting about for the last year and a half burned. It will be a long process. She attended the League of Cities Coastal Issues Group meeting in the Community Center. This location provided the perfect opportunity to show why cities should be involved with the Coastal Commission. Our project here is a real example. She attended, with Chief Raddatz, the League

of Cities quarterly meeting where they received a brief on the regional response to the fires. The short version is that we did an exceptional job compared to 2003. One of the lessons learned was that the reverse 911 system was a big help. She would like to look at how to do that here in Coronado. In conjunction with that, there is a community non profit 511 organization that provides more information to those who received the Reverse 911 calls. Ms. Downey attended the CHA fundraiser for the Diane Keaton book about 'Romantica.' There are several pictures that show how simple designs like we have in Coronado are the leading edge. She commented that in attending two events held in city facilities, the golf course restaurant and the Community Center she noticed that staff, on both occasions, went above and beyond in comparison to the revenue gained.

Mayor Smisek met with the City Manager, Rachel Hurst, and representatives from Sharp Hospital to gain understanding of an operation shortfall at the hospital and to discuss alternatives to help rectify the situation, to look at the long range future of the Hospital and how the City can assist. They need to find out exactly what the problem is. This comes on the heels of the TOT initiative trying to go on the ballot. He met with Doug Metz, an appointee to a committee along with three other members, working for the Regional Chamber of Commerce to look at the draft environmental report for airport master plan. They must come up with suggestions on items that they feel are being done or are proposed to be done right and on shortfalls. He attended the Library Board monthly meeting. On a trial basis they have purchased fifty books on tape that are much like ipods - you provide the batteries. He attended the Diane Keaton book signing and the CHA Board of Directors meeting where they approved the proposed contract to send to the City for approval. He met with Mr. Monroe, the City Manager, Tony Pena, and Ben Clay, the City's lobbyist from Sacramento, Assemblywoman Mary Salas, and Senator Denise Ducheny regarding the proposed huts at the state beach. This issue has been ramrodded without much planning and the elected officials are looking for guidance on how to handle this issue. The City's recommendation is that there should be a master plan for the beach with guidance on what it should look like. This is some of the most valuable land left in all of California and the City doesn't want roll-on huts to be dumped there. Hopefully the City will hear more on this and will have the opportunity to give input.

11b. Comment on San Diego International Airport Master Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report. Tony Pena, Director of Community Development, provided the staff report and advised that there is a copy of the Draft EIR in the library. Staff reviewed the EIR and did not find any significant adverse environmental impacts for Coronado; however this is an opportunity to make comments on the Master Plan itself. The deadline for comments has been extended from November 30 to January 4.

Mayor Smisek asked for the other Council members' indulgence in hearing him out, and then provide him with guidance as to their feelings on the subject. Mayor Smisek advised that he was involved in some of the preplanning of the Airport Master plan long before the Airport Commission existed. This same effort was all done at that time and those recommendations were passed on to the Airport Commission. There was a Phase I and a Phase II. Phase I is similar to what they are talking about now and has to do with maximum utilization and efficiency of Lindbergh Field. Phase II was to seek another airport. It seems that they reversed the order and have done Phase II first and are now going back to Phase I since Phase II didn't work out very well. As long as Lindbergh Field remains the major airport, the possibility of needing an additional area for long range flights, either cargo or international, brings North Island back into the mix. One of the options they considered in the past is to use a people mover

to bring passengers over for long range airplanes. It behooves the City to make sure that the job they do at Lindbergh Field is a very good one so that Coronado is not going to see that, at least not in the foreseeable future. The first point Mayor Smisek wanted to make was that it isn't going to be the single runway or the terminal space, it is going to be that there is too much traffic on Harbor Boulevard. That was in the reports and in the information received after the Airport Commission came into being. The first choke point of all the problem areas is Harbor Boulevard, which would go to Level of Service 'F'. That must be addressed.

The committee looked at the airport as a clean slate and started over with the caveat that there would be one runway. The idea to get traffic off of Harbor Boulevard was to split the airport into a North and a South terminal area. That was the initial concept to help Harbor Boulevard. To be able to do that, in order to successfully use the single runway and a terminal that has a lot of airplanes going to it a north taxiway was needed. However, the piece of land required to do that is owned by MCRD. There were discussions, and it appeared that they were very close to an agreement with the Marines, before the Airport Commission came into being. He believes that process needs to be reinvigorated. The idea of a transportation hub on the north side is excellent, but to not have the terminal up there is foolish. He doesn't know of any airport that would do it the way that is being discussed here. Another thing they are talking about is whether to move the rental cars. This needs to be looked into extensively to see why they would want to use the acreage for that purpose. A dialogue with the Marines can be effective. The plan of putting ten new gates on the south side is ludicrous because that will further inundate Harbor Boulevard. Mayor Smisek would like to work with Mr. Pena to put something together that makes sense relative to their documentation and then bring it back to the City Council for approval.

Councilmember Downey asked if there is an electronic version of the EIR. Mr. Pena responded that there is not. Ms. Downey commented that the report must be readily available to everyone; even a link to a web page would be fine. She stated her support for Mayor Smisek's comments but thinks that this would be an alternative analysis. Apparently the Airport Commission did not complete an adequate alternative analysis given the previous studies that have already been done. She stressed that would be the way to comment, and include as appendices any reports that should have been included from the prior analysis but were not. She would be happy to help in any way she can. She added that it is ludicrous that they didn't include all the work that has gone on for the last twenty years.

Councilmember Monroe thinks that the City is blessed to have an experienced pilot and an environmental lawyer at the dais for a discussion like this. He thanked them both for their expertise. He referred to a section of the staff report on page 59 where, under Analysis, a sentence says, "The Master Plan depicts the same improvements that have been presented to the region for the past five or six years regarding upgrades." He does not think that is quite true. These are not the same improvements. He, together with County Supervisor Ron Roberts, at SANDAG, really took the airport authority on because they have changed things dramatically. He spoke with Thela Bowen, the Executive Director and President, who came to Coronado and did a workshop on this in 2005. She said that, along with other things, San Diego needed a new airport because Harbor Drive is going to be gridlocked. He pointed out that it isn't gridlocked as of today. He questions her credibility. The idea of a transit center is not being fully developed. The San Diego Economic Development Council is becoming heavily involved in this discussion. Maybe the money could be taken from the Golden Triangle and moved to serve the airport with a light rail option. Tony Young, the San Diego City Council member who serves on the Airport Authority Board, has asked Mr. Monroe to serve with him on a committee that will look at a

transit center at the airport. He recalled his trip to Portland and their light rail system. A person can pick up their bag and get right on the light rail.

Mayor Smisek suggested looking at the Atlanta airport as another excellent example. Mr. Monroe added Philadelphia to the list.

Councilmember Tanaka thanked Mayor Smisek for taking the lead on this and for his vision. Everything has been said that needs to be said. In the last five years, as new people have tried to tackle this old issue they have kept leaving behind all of the data that had been gathered. He thinks that the main thing to understand is that there is a limitation of one runway. That has to be made to work.

11c. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Temporary (90-Day Trial Period) Amendment to the Agreement for Tennis Professional Services and to Execute a First Amendment to the Agreement for Tennis Professional Services at the End of the Trial Period if the Trial Period is Successful. The mediation team reached agreement to move forward with one solution, which was developed as a result of the mediation process. The proposal will require amending the current Agreement for Tennis Professional Services to incorporate the elements and terms of the solution. Additionally, a new Agreement for Use of City Services will be entered into between the City and the Coronado Tennis Association. The proposal includes a 90-day trial period, during which the mediation team will meet to discuss and evaluate the outcomes of the solution every 30 days, with a final evaluation and analysis at the conclusion of the 90-day period. At that time, a decision will be made to continue with the solution as currently proposed, to continue with modifications as agreed through consensus of the mediation team, or to discontinue the solution and revert to the Agreement for Tennis Professional Services dated May 30, 2006. The Mediation Team's Proposal for Tennis Services is attached. **Under Consent, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a temporary (90-day trial period) amendment to the Agreement for Tennis Professional Services and to execute a First Amendment for Tennis Professional Services at the end of the trial period if the trial is successful.**

12. **CITY ATTORNEY:** No report.
13. **COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN:** None.
14. **CLOSED SESSION:** None.
15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Approved: December 4, 2007

Tom Smisek, Mayor
City of Coronado

Attest:

Linda K. Hascup
City Clerk