

**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, October 5, 2004, 3:00 p.m.**

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

**1. ROLL CALL:**

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

**Absent:** Councilmember Schmidt

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

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Monsignor Jeremiah O’Sullivan gave the invocation and Mayor Smisek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. MINUTES:** The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 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.

**MSC (Tanaka/Monroe) moved that the City Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2004, as submitted**

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

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Schmidt**

**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 5f and 5h.

Item 5g was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

**MSC (Monroe/Tanaka) moved that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar Items 5a through 5f and 5h**

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

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Schmidt**

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

**5b. Approval of Warrants.** The City Council ratified payment of warrants Nos. 10039046 thru 10039059, as audited and approved by the Audit Committee, provided there are sufficient funds on hand. **The City Council approved the warrants.**

**5c. Recommendation from the Traffic Operations Committee to Install Yield Signs at the Intersection of Eighth Street and Cabrillo Avenue.** A resident, Peggy Harrison, 941 Cabrillo Avenue, asked that the Traffic Operations Committee forward a recommendation to Council regarding the installation of yield signs on Cabrillo Avenue at the intersection of Eighth Street. Eighth Street and Cabrillo Avenue intersect at right angles. Both streets are two-way streets with a single lane in each direction. Parallel curbside parking is allowed on both sides of each street. Both streets are classified as local streets and neither street is classified as a through street. There is currently no traffic control for vehicles at the intersection. The Engineering staff found two conditions existed in areas of volume and unusual conditions that qualify this intersection for yield signs. **The City Council adopted A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF YIELD SIGNS ON CABRILLO AVENUE AT THE INTERSECTION OF EIGHTH STREET. The Resolution was read by Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by Council as RESOLUTION NO. 8025.**

**5d. Update on Capital Improvement Program Projects – Informational Item.** The City Council accepted the report.

**5e. Dedesignation of a White Curb Loading Zone on Seventh Street Adjacent to Coronado High School.** In July 1990, Council approved Resolution No. 6971 which established 245 feet of white curb loading zone on the north side of Seventh Street. This was done to facilitate the loading/unloading of students near the main entrance to the campus. With the construction that has been completed on the high school site, the existing loading zone is no longer beneficial due to its distance from the new entrance to campus on D Avenue and Seventh Street. High School faculty members and

residents of the area have contacted the Engineering Department to inform staff of the infrequent use of the passenger loading zone and that the zone would be of greater use as unrestricted parking.

The dedesignation of 245 feet of white curb loading zone will create approximately 10 unrestricted parking spaces. These spaces will be available for use by residents or persons conducting business at the high school. **The City Council approved A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEDESIGNATION OF THE WHITE CURB LOADING ZONE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SEVENTH STREET ADJACENT TO CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL. The Resolution was read by Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by Council as RESOLUTION NO. 8026**

**5f. Authorization for City Manager to Execute License Agreement Allowing Verizon Wireless to Install, Maintain and Operate Cellular Equipment Adjacent to the Public Services Yard.** Verizon Wireless has requested permission from the City to install, maintain and operate cellular equipment adjacent to the Public Services Yard. Specifically, Verizon would like to install telecommunications equipment on 312 square feet and 36 square feet at the north end of Verneti Field at 101 B Avenue, adjoining the south side of the Public Service Building near the Little League Building.

Verizon will install telecommunications transmitting and receiving equipment, including antennas on the property. The equipment will be screened by four palm trees. Verizon will also be permitted to access the site using a 15-foot right-of-way on a 24-hour, 7-day per week basis for maintenance and repair. The City's Public Services Department has confirmed that the use of the property and the right of access will not interfere with its normal operations.

The City's Design Review Commission approved the proposed plans on August 11, 2004. Building permits are currently pending with the Community Development Department.

As with the other similar agreements, the term of this new proposed license agreement is for an initial 10-year period with a one-time automatic renewal for an additional 10 years. **The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the license agreement.**

**5g. Consideration of an Appointment of One Individual to Fill a Vacancy on the Civil Service Commission.** Civil Service Commissioner Barbara A. Theberge was originally appointed to the Commission in February 1997 to fill an unscheduled vacancy, and was then appointed to two full terms expiring on December 31, 2004. She recently notified the Commission Chair that she has moved out of the City and is resigning from the Commission. The Municipal Code does not allow an individual to remain on a committee or commission once they no longer reside in the City. The Commission vacancy was advertised in the *Coronado Eagle Journal* on September 15 and 22, 2004 and resulted in two individuals submitting applications: Michael Fitzgibbons and Richard David Schulman. After Council discussion, Council agreed that both applicants were well qualified and should be considered to fill the current vacancy as well as a vacancy that will occur in December 2004 when Commissioner Elaine Edwards' term expires. Ms. Edwards is not eligible for reappointment as she has served two terms.

**MSC (Monroe/Tanaka) moved that the City Council appoint Michael Fitzgibbons to fill the vacancy created by Ms. Theberge with a term expiring December 31, 2004, and further appointed him to a full three year term effective January 1,**

**2005 and expiring December 31, 2007; and further moved to appoint Richard David Schulman to fill the vacancy that will be created on December 31, 2004 by Elaine Edwards to a term effective January 1, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2007.**

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

**5h. Consideration of Reappointment of Three Incumbents to the Coronado Street Tree Committee.** The Street Tree Committee consists of seven members. Five of those members' terms expire on October 30, 2004, with three requesting reappointment to a second term: Sharon Scharff, Cara O'Callahan Abrantes, and Ronald Henderson. City Council Policy #23 sets forth the process for reappointing an eligible incumbent on a City board, commission or committee. Three incumbents have requested appointment to second terms. **The City Council reappointed Sharon Scharff, Cara O'Callahan Abrantes, and Ronald Henderson each to a second term on the Street Tree Committee, expiring October 31, 2007.**

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.**

**7. CITY MANAGER:**

**7a. Update on Council Directed Actions and Citizen Inquiries.** City Manager Mark Ochenduszko reported on two items, both relating to the SR75/282 Transportation Corridor Project. First, he announced that the Memorandum of Agreement for Preparation and Review of the Project Report has been signed by all agencies that have an interest – the City of Coronado, Caltrans, Federal Highway Administration, and the Navy. All four have signed on as participants and will serve on the steering committee to oversee the preparation of the Project Report and Environmental Document (PR&ED). The City of Coronado will be the lead agency for CEQA and the FHA is going to serve as the lead agency for NEPA, with Caltrans District 11 serving as their agent. The final product will be the Project Report and the Environmental Document. It will be prepared in accordance with Caltrans Project Development procedures, the local assistance manual, the Caltrans Standard Environmental Reference, NEPA and CEQA and is scheduled to be completed in August 2008. The second item Mr. Ochenduszko announced is that there will be two workshops in November to explore design concepts for the tunnel and tunnel portholes. These workshops will include consideration of ideas to integrate the design of the tunnel with the design of the Bridge. Information gathered at the workshops will serve as the basis for the visual impact assessment in the Environmental Documents. The City's Design Review Commission and Public Art Subcommittee are encouraged to participate in the workshops. One workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and the other will be held on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Both will be in the evening at a location and time to be noticed later.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.**

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS: None.**

**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 Tanaka** attended a Library Board meeting where Admiral Shaw was present. The mural was discussed.

**Councilmember Monroe** reported on meetings of the South County Economic Development Council, Metropolitan Transit System, SANDAG Board and Transportation Committee, the Tunnel Action Team and the Fire Department Open House.

**Councilmember Tierney** attended the Chamber of Commerce Sundowner, the VFW MIA Remembrance Dinner, the Coronado Realtors Candidate Forum, the San Diego Councilmember Jim Madaffer get-together, the Fire Department Open House and the Police Senior Volunteers Barbeque.

**Mayor Smisek** reported on the Library Board meeting, the Cays Homeowners Association meeting, the Chamber Sundowner, a presentation of a Proclamation for Reverend Hallerberg and his 30 years of service, the Navy luncheon with Captain Alexander, a meeting of the Human Resources Commission, a meeting of the South County Economic Development Council, a Capital Improvement meeting, a MainStreet meeting, met with the Chamber of Commerce and attended the Senior Volunteer Barbeque.

**11b. Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the SR-75 Bikeway Extension Project – TEA-21, Phase 2 Contingent Upon the City of Imperial Beach Appropriating Additional Funds to Fully Cover the Project Cost and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a Revised Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Imperial Beach for the Bike Path Project.** Ed Walton, Principal Engineer, explained that last week the City opened bid for Phase 2 of the SR 75 Bikepath Extension, taking the bike path along the highway into Imperial Beach. There were four bids received, ranging in price from \$1.147 million to about \$2 million dollars. Subsequent to the writing of the report, the low bidder, 3-D Enterprises, requested to withdraw their bid because they made a clerical error. Staff has reviewed and verified this. Staff is recommending that the City Manager, because of timing, be authorized to execute an agreement with the second low bidder, Weir Construction, for the bike path. Time is critical to get this built within the nesting season of the birds and the City is waiting for funding from Imperial Beach before the City actually authorizes the contract.

There are two budgets in the staff report supplement. One is with the bid additive; one is without the bid additive was included to enhance the concrete railing barriers that are a sea wall texture with sedimentary features and enclosed aggregate sea shells.

Councilmember Tanaka asked how much the bid that Council may accept differs from the last bid that was rejected. Mr. Benson explained that the bid that was rejected was approximately \$2.2 million.

**M (Monroe) moved that the City Council accept the request of 3-D Enterprises to withdraw their bid and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Weir Construction in the amount of \$1,945,969 for the construction of the bike path (including bid additive) contingent on the Imperial Beach City Council approving additional project funding. The City Council encourages Imperial Beach, as they work on funding, to adopt the bid additive**

Councilmember Monroe would like to encourage Imperial Beach, as they work on funding, to adopt the bid additive. This enhancement of the barricade was the result of a lot of work and discussion with the Silver Strand Corridor Management Committee.

Councilmember Tanaka thinks it is dangerous for Council to make that recommendation. A very natural thing for Imperial Beach to do would be suggest that Coronado pay for it. Imperial Beach has funded the lion’s share of this. It would be inappropriate for Council to make any suggestions to them regarding that, considering the City is hopeful that they will pick up a \$1.4 or \$1.2 million tab. He knows how hard the group has worked, but he doesn’t think it is appropriate.

Councilmember Tierney agrees with Mr. Tanaka. He doesn’t want to tie their hands in any direction. Hopefully they will accede to Coronado’s wishes.

Mr. Monroe withdrew his motion.

**MSC (Tanaka/Tierney) moved that the City Council accept the request of 3-D Enterprises to withdraw their bid and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Weir Construction in the amount of \$1,945,969 for the construction of the bike path (including bid additive) contingent on the Imperial Beach City Council approving additional project funding. The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amended MOU with the City of Imperial Beach based on the proposed project budget.**

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

**11c. Ballot Measure Proposition a TransNet Extension Informational Presentation.** Jim Benson, Director of Engineering and Project Development, presented a Powerpoint presentation of Proposition A on the November ballot and its impact on Coronado. The TransNet Extension is a 40-year extension of the existing ½ cent sales tax that will take it from 2008 to 2048. Different from the existing plan is that it calls for a review every 10 years. There is a feature for private developer impact fees – regional fees – which is a new concept for the new growth in the County to share in its portion of the traffic that it generates. Environmental mitigation is one of the difficult parts of any transit project. There is a mandatory feature in the program to set aside money for environmental mitigation so that projects can move along more expeditiously. There is a provision for a new feature – Taxpayer Oversight Committee – where appointed people would be picked by the provisions in the Ordinance that created this bill that would help oversee whether the commitments that are made are in fact being followed. Smart growth incentives don’t apply so much to Coronado, but rather to other agencies. There is an expanded public

education program that is planned as it goes along so that people really know how the money is being spent. This measure requires a 2/3 majority, rather than 50%.

How does this apply to Coronado? The money starts off with approximately \$600,000, which is about the level of funding Coronado receives now. With inflation over time it will move to about \$1 million at the end. Coronado has primarily used this funding for road maintenance. It is one of the reasons that Coronado streets are in better conditions than some other areas. By the rules of this funding, this money can't be used any differently than the gas tax in that it has to go to roads, sidewalks, curbs and gutters. The other work that is done off of the right-of-ways on drainage has to come out of other funds sources. In addition, there is a specific, ear-marked piece of money in the TransNet Extension, \$25 million, to use as matching funds for the SR75/282 construction project. The preferred alternative from Council is a tunnel. That earmarked money would be available for the construction at the time the City gets the federal money to do the construction.

Sut Clark, 333 Orange Avenue, commended Council and staff for getting funding for these key transportation priorities included in the TransNet Extension proposal, Proposition A, on the November ballot. As pointed out in the staff presentation, Prop A includes annual funds for local streets and road projects, competitive grant programs for Smart Growth, bicycle, pedestrian and neighborhood safety for which Coronado can apply. Given the very creative City staff, he thinks the City could be pretty competitive in mitigating those funds. Finally, the big aspect is the \$25 million for construction matching funds. This is absolutely critical to showing significant regional financial support which will be so important to obtain the federal and state funding needed to do this project. To put the cost of TransNet in perspective, consider continuing the ½ cent sales tax as a nickel to a ten dollar purchase. It adds \$1 to the cost of a \$200 item. It adds \$100 to the cost of a \$20,000 automobile. This is something that most people would say they can afford.

Councilmember Tanaka added that this is an extension of something that is already being done. People have already gotten used to this.

Councilmember Tierney wanted to let the public know that the \$25 million in matching funds will probably be available for any different changes that may take place on the SR-282. It is not relegated solely to the tunnel project. Any items which take place on the SR-282 routing leading to the Bridge can use those funds.

**The City Council accepted the report.**

12. **CITY ATTORNEY:** No report.

13. **COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN:** None.

The City Council recessed into closed session at 3:40 p.m.

**14. CLOSED SESSION:**

**14a. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

**AUTHORITY: Gov. Code §54957.6**

**CITY NEGOTIATORS: Mark Ochendusko, City Manager; Pamela Willis, Assistant City Manager; Leslie Suelter, Director of Administrative Services**

**EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 127**

The City Council concluded their Closed Session discussion at 4:04 p.m.

The City Council came back into open session at 4:09 p.m. reporting that direction was given to the City's negotiators.

**15. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.**

Approved: October 19, 2004

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Smisek, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
L. Diane Shea, CMC  
City Clerk