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, September 21, 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 Ochenduszko
City Attorney Morgan Foley
City Clerk Diane Shea

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Joan Kantor gave the invocation and Mayor Smisek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7, 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 **(Schmidt/Tanaka) moved that the City Council approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2004, as submitted**

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

4. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS:

4a. Proclamation: "Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children." Mayor Smisek presented the Proclamation to Cecily Kelly, Sara Crowder and Chuck Howe of the SAFE Foundation.

4b. Proclamation: Fire Prevention Week. Mayor Smisek presented the Proclamation to Director of Fire Services Kim Raddatz, and Division Chief Dismas Ableman, former Director of Fire Services John Traylor, Fire Engineer Dave Hingeley, Firefighter/Paramedic Jason Clements, Captain Mark Fagan.

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

MSUC (Monroe/Schmidt) moved that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar Items 5a through 5l

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

5a. Approval of Reading by Title and Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinances on this Agenda. The City Council 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. 10038577 thru 10039045, as audited and approved by the Audit Committee, provided there are sufficient funds on hand. **The City Council approved the warrants.**

5c. Adoption of an Ordinance of the City of Coronado, California Amending Sections 1.20.060 and 1.20.070 of the Municipal code Regarding Conflict of Interest. This ordinance was introduced at a City Council meeting of September 7, 2004. A public notice and summary of the proposed ordinance was published in the *Coronado Eagle Journal* on September 15, 2004. **The City Council adopted AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONADO, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 1.20.060 AND 1.20.070 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST. The Ordinance, having been introduced on September 7, 2004, was read by Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by Council as ORDINANCE NO. 1965.**

5d. Approval of a Request to Hang Banners from the Orange Avenue 'COBRA' Light Poles Announcing the Chrysler Classic Speed Festival on October 9 and 10, 2004. The Chrysler Classic Speed Festival has been held on the North Island Naval Air Station since 1997. As part of the publicity for this community event, in the past Council has authorized the display of 'Speed Festival' banners displayed on the Orange Avenue 'Cobra' light poles. Cunningham BMW, the sponsors of this event, has once again requested that they be allowed to display the 'Speed Festival' banners the three weeks prior to the event, which will be held the weekend of October 9 and 10. Since this is a regular annual community event, staff is further recommending that Council allow future Classic Speed Festival banner requests to be approved administratively. **The City Council approved the request to display street light banners for the three-week period from September 22, 2004 through October 10, 2004 and directed staff to approve future Chrysler Classic banners administratively.**

5e. Request to Close Sixth Street from Orange Avenue to "E" Avenue, and "D" Avenue from Fifth Street to Seventh Street for the Twelfth Annual Coronado Fire Department Open House. The Fire Department holds its Open House every year in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. Road closures are required as fire and police apparatus will be on display in the roadway allowing room for the anticipated 4,500+ visitors. **The City Council approved the temporary street closure of Sixth Street from Orange Avenue to E Avenue and D Avenue from Fifth Street to Seventh Street for the Open House on October 3, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

5f. Request to Permit the Location of Three Banner Signs on the Orange Avenue Medians at Third Street, Sixth Street, and Adella Avenue for the Twelfth Avenue Coronado Fire Department Open House. The Fire Department will hold its twelfth annual Open House on October 3, 2004. The event is designed to complement Fire Prevention Week for the citizens of Coronado. Placement of banners on Orange Avenue at three sites from Monday, September 26, 2004 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 3, 2004 will announce the event to the community.

Council has approved similar requests for the Fire Department Open House in the past. The is an annual community event and staff recommends that City Council allow future Fire Department Open House banners to be approved administratively. **The City Council approved the temporary sign postings for the Twelfth Annual Open House at Orange Avenue medians at Third Street, Sixth Street and Adella Avenue and directed staff to approve the same banner placement administratively for future Open Houses.**

5g. Recommendation from the Traffic Operations Committee Regarding the Installation of a Green, 12-Minute Parking Zone in Front of Village Kindergarten/Preschool, 201 Sixth Street. The Village Kindergarten/Preschool is beginning a construction project that will start in September 2004 with a projected completion date of September 2006. A temporary parking solution is needed due to the anticipated volume of construction vehicles combined with parents picking up and dropping off children aged four to six. A traditional drop-off/pick-up yellow or coned zone will not work, due to the ages of the children and the fact that most are still using car seats and require parental assistance. Beginning this school year, the school has committed to having an employee at the gate to take the children from the parents, thus reducing the amount of

time parents need to remain parked. Parents of preschool students are required to sign their children in and out of the classroom; therefore, their parking time has been and will continue to be longer than the kindergarten group.

The installation of a 12-minute green zone to be in effect Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. will allow a timely turn over of the available parking spaces for parents. **The City Council approved A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE A 12-MINUTE GREEN CURB ZONE IN THE 200 BLOCK OF SIXTH STREET. The Resolution was read by Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by Council as RESOLUTION NO. 8023.**

5h. Authorization to Issue Request for Proposals for Non-Discretionary Investment Management and Reportings Services. The Request for Proposals (RFP) is structured to seek non-discretionary portfolio advisory services. A non-discretionary investment manager or advisor does *not* take over the custody of the portfolio. Instead, the City is seeking an advisor who will recommend purchases and sale of specific securities that take into consideration the City's cash flow and other circumstances. Furthermore, in the proposed arrangement, the City would not be giving up the actual authority to make a purchase. The advisor would initiate trades, but could only do so with the joint action of the Director of Administrative Services and Finance Manager. The City is seeking more in services to help analyze the performance of the portfolio by establishing performance benchmarks as well as providing enhanced reporting **The City Council authorized the issuance of Request for Proposals for investment management and reporting services.**

5i. Review of Staff Critique of Fourth of July, 2004 Celebration and Direction to Staff for Future Events. The annual Fourth of July Celebration includes the Rough Water Swim, 15K run/5K Walk, Parade, Art in the Park, Concert in Spreckels Park, and Fireworks Show. (The celebration has historically included the Navy Air/Sea Show, which was not held again this year due to national and international events and their impact on military deployments). The Citizens' Committee for the Fourth of July Celebration sponsors the Fourth of July Celebration. The City supports the holiday events by providing personnel and services from all City departments at no cost to the Committee. Each year, pre-meetings are held with City staff and the Committee to review every aspect of the day. After July 4, staff again meets with the Committee to debrief the day and determine what improvements can be made for the next year's event.

This report is provided to the City council as an update and critique of the holiday's activities so Council can determine if there desires and expectations are being met for this special event. Any changes Council makes to next year's event should be discussed at this City Council meeting.

RADIO STATION
Recommendation for Improvement:

- Continue to limit the radio station reserved space to the disc jockeys' 10' x 10' broadcasting table, a 10' x 20' promotion/prize give-away table/canopy, and a 15' x 30' VIP area and evaluate alternative site.
- Location to be returned to Glorietta Bay Park in 2005.

FIREWORKS
Recommendation for Improvements:

- Continue to work with the California Highway Patrol and request adequate CHP units on the bridge to prevent vehicles from stopping to view fireworks.
- Continue to obtain Caltrans approval to post the SR 75 shoulders and center median for no parking and tow-away to discourage vehicles from parking in these areas.
- At Councilmember Monroe's suggestion, Police Department personnel will explore, with the City of Imperial Beach and Caltrans, control of traffic signals at the end of SR 75 after the fireworks.

ORANGE AVENUE MEDIAN AND PARK DETAIL
Staff recommendations:

- Continue enforcement of the 1998 Ordinance for medians.
- Committee to discuss with Police Department enforcement of code violations relative to tents in Glorietta Bay Park and new Linear Park based upon availability of staffing or provide on-site, overnight staffing to enforce the code.

15K RUN/5K WALK
Staff Recommendations:

- Race organizers again work to be allowed use of NAB as in the past. Should they be unable to obtain permission, they should seek Navy assistance as in 2003.
- Police Department continues to evaluate the impacts on the parade and on traffic in allowing traffic to cross Orange Avenue after the parade starts.
- In order to avoid pedestrians and parade viewers from stepping off the center median curb and into traffic, the Police Department will fence off the east side of the center median in the 300 block of Orange Avenue.
- Police Department to again contract with Elite Security for 2005.
- Police to explore suggestion made by Councilmember Monroe to manually control the signal cycle at Orange Avenue and R.H. Dana. Traffic turning left on R.H. Dana is waiting for a signal while there is no southbound traffic on Orange.

VENDING PROCEDURES AND ENFORCEMENT
Staff Recommendations for Improvement:

- When personnel are available, Police and Police/Committee enforcement teams check for vendor compliance.

SPRECKELS PARK ACTIVITIES No recommendations for improvement made.

OVERALL: Coronado continues to be a very popular Fourth of July celebration venue for both residents and visitors. There were many visitors in town throughout the week and on the Fourth and Fifth, and significant local participation in the Fourth of July events was evident. Attendance was up, spread between the two days. Due to the extended weekend, there appeared to be an increase in foot traffic particularly in the business district. All available parking at Tidelands Park, the Shores

and the streets adjacent to Ocean Boulevard were filled by early morning. Calls for Police Service were slightly lower than last year. This is particularly attributed to the events taking place over two days. Tidelands Park was full by the early morning hours. Police Officers and/or volunteers should be stationed at Tidelands Park to avoid parking disputes and other potential problems. The events went well in terms of public safety and enjoyment, and City services were not strained, as had been the case in the past.

The Police Department responded to 156 calls for service from the public from 12:00 a.m. July 4 to 11:59 p.m. July 5 and officers' self-initiated 139 calls for service (e.g. traffic stops, citizen contacts, field identifications, suspicious vehicles). There were 140 citations written, 65 case numbers issued and 7 arrests within this same time period. The top three incident natures were parking violations (57), traffic stops (34), and disturbing the peace (17). The Fire Department responded to a total of nine (9) incidents.

Councilmember Monroe commented on a few traffic items for this item. In the morning, when Orange Avenue is closed off, the people who are coming north on the Strand want to go left on Ocean Boulevard and park in that area of town. That light backed up all the way down to the Shores. Traffic control there can help with this. He also suggested working with Imperial Beach to manage the lights so that traffic can move expeditiously through IB. **The City Council received and filed the report.**

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Ginger Raaka, new Director of PR for Coronado Historical Association, reported on Visitor Center activities and volunteer hours logged. The CHA has an exhibit, "The Class of 1941: Service to Our Country" and it features photographs of Coronado High School graduates, many of whom left for active duty weeks after they graduated. She also announced that CHA was awarded a grant from the County for a new children's program called Junior Explorers.

b. Toni Gaylord, Executive Director, Coronado MainStreet, announced that Downtown Goes Ghostly will be held on October 31st from 3 to 5 p.m.

c. Councilmember Schmidt has noticed that 5th Street is loaded with cars coming off Alameda Boulevard at school dismissal time. The City needs to look at ways to alleviate traffic near the school.

7. CITY MANAGER:

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

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8a. Public Hearing to Approve Proposed Expenditures of Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds for FY 05 and Appropriation of the Funds for Approved Expenditures. Bob Hutton, Chief of Police Services, explained that this is a routine action,

seeking public comment. The City has been receiving the SLESF funds since 1996/97. Acceptance of these funds will support part-time and full time positions which have already been authorized by City Council. There is no change in what Council is approving here. The Department receives about $100,000 in SLESF funding.

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

MSUC **(Tanaka/Schmidt) moved that the City Council accepted the funds and appropriated the funds to account 231222 for expenditure**

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

8b. **Public Hearing: Request for Approval of a Two Lot Tentative Parcel Map for Future Development of a Maximum of 5 Dwelling Units for the Property Commonly Known as 1600 Glorietta Boulevard in the R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) Zone (PC 13-04 Bennett, Bruce).** Tony Pena, Director of Community Development, explained that this map complies with the State Map Act and the local subdivision ordinance. It has been approved by the Planning Commission and reviewed by Fire and Engineering. The standard conditions have been placed on the map. Staff is recommending approval. The applicant is present.

Responding to a request by Councilmember Tanaka for clarification of the division of property and number of residences proposed, Mr. Pena explained that three would be allowed on one parcel and two on the other because they are not of equal size. If the owner wishes to develop them into condominiums, that would come back as a condominium map to the Planning Commission and City Council. If they were to be developed as one dwelling or two dwellings on each site, no map would be required.

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

MSUC **(Schmidt/Monroe) moved that the City Council adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO APPROVING A TWO LOT TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A MAXIMUM OF FIVE DWELLING UNITS FOR PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1600 GLORIETTA BOULEVARD. The Resolution was read by Title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by Council as RESOLUTION NO. 8024.**

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

9. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS:

9a. Administrative Hearing: Appeal of the Historic Resource Commission's Determination that the Property Located at 1117 G Avenue Meets the Criteria to be Deemed a Historic Resource in Accordance with Chapter 70.22 of the Municipal Code (NOI 6-04, Wright, John and Nan). This item was continued to a future meeting, date to be determined, at the request of the applicant.

10. COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

10a. Report from the Port Commissioner Concerning Port Activities. Port Commissioner Robert Spane began by reporting reported on art for the Glorietta Bay Linear Park and would like the City Council to pass judgment on them. San Diego has an agreement for a 60- or 90-day exclusive negotiating agreement with the company who owns Seaport Village to work on the old Police Headquarters and Bazaar del Mundo. The Port voted to have America's Cup Harbor work done by Driscoll whose proposal provided to most parking. The Port is in the final phase of the $60 million bond program. The Port received it's a rating from Standard and Poors. The interest for Coronado is that those funds will be used for the Capital Development Program – the Yacht Club and Promenade.

Councilmember Monroe thanked Admiral Spane and the Port staff who were at the Port meeting regarding Grand Caribe.

Art Osborne, 345 Alameda Boulevard, noticed some of the art on the waterfront in San Diego. He suggests that whoever selected the art projects in that area not select the Glorietta art.

11. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

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

Councilmember Tierney attended the Floral Association Barbeque, and the League of California Cities Conference in Long Beach where the discussions centered around the support by cities of Prop 1A. There were a number of workshops with vital information available.

Councilmember Monroe attended a Metropolitan Transit Service meeting;, a two-hour workshop with the Borders Committee where they discussed the Hoover Commission's report on undocumented people who come to California; took a SANDAG tour of North County; attended the Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting where they heard a presentation by Gary Bonnelli, the SANDAG Communications Director; attended the Senior Friendship Group meeting and presented a proclamation to them in honor of their 45 years of service; and a Tunnel Action Team meeting.

Councilmember Tanaka reported on the Tunnel Commission Meeting.

Councilmember Schmidt attended the Naval Complexes meeting and a meeting of the Residential Standards Improvement Program.

Mayor Smisek attended a candidates meeting with City staff; a golf course meeting where the feedback on the golf course increases has been favorable thus far; and the Floral Association Barbeque. At the Naval Complexes Coordinating Committee meeting there was information on noise from the airplanes. The runway 1A36 has now been completely paved. That is the north/south runway that has been closed for several months. It is being used at night and on weekends, but cannot be used on its normal operation because of lighting issues. It should be another month or so before that is resolved.

11b. Presentation about Fleet Week San Diego by Tom Caughlan, Executive Director of Fleet Week San Diego. Pete Heckman, member of the Board of Directors of the Fleet Week Foundation, described the event as a celebration every October in the whole region that honors the enlisted men and women and their families. In the greater San Diego region there are 130,000 active duty enlisted and their families add up to 250,000. It is a huge constituency. They are individuals who not only serve the community in great part (their volunteerism is five times as high as the normal population, as are their charitable contributions) and then their service they perform when they deploy. They are certainly deserving of every honor that we can give them. Fleet Week is a part of that program. He introduced Pete Botenta, member of the Board of Directors, representative from Coronado.

Tom Collins, Executive Director of Fleet Week Foundation, reviewed the interests from Fleet Week that he thinks are of most interest to the Coronado community. First is the flagship event, The Port of San Diego Sea and Air Parade on October 2nd. The All Enlisted Golf Tournament will also be held that week. The Speed Festival takes place on NASNI, October 7, 8 and 9th. The Navy Ball is put on by Navy Region Southwest and the Fleet Week Foundation raised $18,000 last year to underwrite the cost of tickets for the enlisted sailors and their wives. This year they will raise $30,000 for that. The Fleet Week Foundation Breakfast will feature the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research and Development, Test and Evaluation, John Young. Another key enlisted event is the Enlisted Recognition Lunch. It is put on by and in conjunction with the River Club of Downtown San Diego, the second largest river club in the country. New this year, the Naval ??? of the United States is bringing their national convention to San Diego and on October 15th they will host their kickoff event on MIDWAY and introduce them to the local members of The Legion of Valor. The Legion of Valor is made up of people who won the medal of honor or their service cross. The San Diego region has the biggest chapter, about 65 people about 35 of which are mobile and able to come to such events. The all military Air Show will also be held. At the end of Fleet Week, Mayor Murphy hands out the awards to the Hall of Fame winners. The children are from Silver Strand Elementary. They kick off the event, backed by the US Marine Band. **The City Council received the report.**

11c. Presentation of Transnet Information by Craig Scott, SANDAG Transnet Program Manager. Craig Scott, Transnet Program Manager, gave an overview of the Transnet transportation improvement projects completed and to be completed in the region. This funding was approved by voters in 1987 and will expire in 2008. There is a three-way split of funding: one-third for highways; one-third for transit; one-third for street/roads.

- He reviewed the list of project completed and those yet to be completed.

Mr. Scott went on to explain that the street and road third went to every city in the County of San Diego for road maintenance, minor pothole filling, new stop signs, better coordinated signals, widened roads, and new bridges. By October 2008, it means that Coronado will receive about $9 million in local street/road revenues. There is a new Proposition A on the November ballot to renew financing for transportation projects and programs in the region and will extend the funds from 2008 to 2048. A two-thirds vote is required for passage.

Art Osborne, 345 Alameda Boulevard, pointed out that the Coronado SR75/282 transportation corridor project, which he thinks people want to see pursued by now, has a very interesting graph that shows bridge traffic volume. It seems that it is matching the rapid breakout on population growth. He is delighted that one of the projects on that graph is $25 million for the Coronado tunnel. He recognizes that there are a lot of projects in the County that need that kind of money. It is very important to recognize that, in order to get the money needed for the tunnel, the City needs to have some matching funds. These are those matching funds. He commended Council, Mayor Smisek and City staff for the effort that has gone in to get the tunnel project on that sheet. He supports Proposition A.

Al Ovrom, 1701 San Luis Rey, hopes citizens will support Proposition A for funds for Coronado and the SR282/75 project. This is absolutely essential not only for the County, but for Coronado. He encouraged everyone to vote in support of Prop A.

The City Council received the report.

11d. Consideration of Tree Master Plan and Draft Ordinance to Amend Title 52.32 'Trees in Public Rights-of-Way.' Scott Huth, Director of Public Services, provided a Powerpoint presentation. The Street Tree Committee is Council's committee to deal with tree issues in Coronado. One of their tasks is to create a Tree Master Plan that will put forward strategies, tools and concepts for managing Coronado's urban forest. He acknowledged Dave Brazier from staff, the City arborist, and Street Tree Committee members Stan Binnie and Ron Henderson who are present. Other members of the committee include Shannon Player, Paul Corriere, Sharon Scharff, Steve Mullin, Jeanne Fox, Cara Abrantes and Leslie Higginbotham.

Council is being asked to review the goals, concepts and action steps and determine if it is in agreement with those, such that the Street Tree Committee and staff can use that as a work plan to continue to move forward with the vision.

Dave Brazier, Public Services Parks Supervisor, City Arborist and staff to Street Tree Committee, explained that currently the City is at about 9,258 trees within the City of Coronado on public right-of-way. That is predominantly street trees which are between a sidewalk and a curb and a parkway strip. This also does include trees within park areas, medians and other public properties. Coronado is very diverse in the species list. There are currently about 150 different species of trees growing within the City. Predominantly, though, within Coronado, the Queen Palm is the predominant palm in Coronado, makes up about 3% of the trees on the public right-of-way. 2000 sites are on the inventory right now, are predominantly on parkway strip areas and are vacant. The City is approaching between 70 and 100 trees a year that are planted. Private property development is something the Committee is looking at. Part of the Master Plan is to look at the goals in terms of how incentive programs can be developed to encourage people to plant trees on private property.

Coronado is very finite in land area and the public right-of-way is even more restrictive in terms of areas to plant. Private properties are being looked at as areas and ways where the City can increase the tree inventory.

Stan Binnie, Chairperson, Street Tree Committee, commented on the Committee's vision. One of his goals was for the Committee to present to Council of the Tree Master Plan. He asked for Council support of the Plan and draft ordinance. The Committee's vision is for Coronado's urban forest to consist of a multiple age stand, which makes for a more efficient maintenance practices and increases the continuous growth of the tree population. There is also a desire to have a diverse population of different types of trees. The public trees should be maintained at the highest standards possible. The Committee wants to develop and maintain a heritage tree program. This would be a program where property owners whose lots contain large or significant or historic trees are given some sort of incentives to preserve these trees. The City will look favorably at any opportunities that might present themselves in the future for additional planting of public trees. They want to encourage the City to continue its commitment for a sound tree planting and maintenance program.

Mr. Brazier talked about the benefits of trees. The include: improved air quality; particulate matter collector; improved water quality; energy conservation (cooling quality); buffer from winds which cause chill factor; noise pollution absorption; visual enhancement; and, provides habitat.

Mr. Huth echoed Mr. Brazier's comments. In terms of those benefits, most of those are associated with canopy trees. In terms of the goals, the report identifies 12 goals. Under those goals are action steps and concepts. He looked to Council to talk about those goals and concepts and get some feedback on those.

Mayor Smisek commented that Goal 1-D.5 is already in the system. That is already in the funding mechanism and has been determined by Council in the past. The other four are new items. Does the Committee visualize these as something the City wants to have over time and that could be brought into the Capital Program, as the Capital Program has finances available for things like this and have them stepped out over the years. If so, does the Committee have a recommended priority of which it would want to have come first, second, third and fourth?

Mr. Huth explained that they did not put forward a priority. These are significant capital projects because a median needs to be built and there are drainage issues and street issues. It is not as simple as just planting a tree. They would like to know if Council is interested in having the Committee look further into those ideas. He can envision the process including establishing a concentric plan, go out and survey the residents in those areas to determine if there is buy in to those concepts, and then based on that buy in, come back to Council as a status report and then look to be in the CIP process. There is a big chunk of areas where the Committee can be planting now that they will be running towards at the same time.

Councilmember Schmidt is glad to hear Mr. Huth say that they have to check with the people who live on those streets first. The first three areas are not popular at all. 1-D.4 could be a very important project. That is a challenging corner. She is in favor of looking at 1-D.4.

Mayor Smisek explained that these are long term goals along with the ordinance and Master Plan that are ideas and concepts that will have to be individually developed, especially when there are large capital projects. They may be modified tremendously.

Councilmember Tanaka thinks the goals are all great. He thinks it is obvious that there is a lot of distance between these goals and a lot of the concepts he sees. Certainly, when the City proposes to plant trees or make radical changes, the neighborhoods affected should be on board.

Mayor Smisek asked about the Caltrans projects and if there was any prioritizing of them.

Mr. Huth responded that they are already working on the 3rd and 4th Street corridor. There has already been a survey. There will be more surveying. Other than that item, they were not prioritized. The 800 block of Orange is going to come next year.

Ms. Schmidt would like to congratulate staff if they can get Caltrans to move off home plate on doing anything about landscaping projects, especially around the toll plaza, which hasn't changed since 1969.

Mr. Huth added that a real big issue is to get some policy direction on 3-A.5 because in order for the City to move forward on Caltrans' right-of-way they will be looking at the City taking over maintenance responsibility. In the 3rd and 4th Street corridor and on Orange Avenue, that is a nominal cost, related to trees. But when getting into the toll plaza area, and there have been some preliminary discussions about taking over that landscaping, that has some real financial impacts to the City.

Ms. Schmidt would be in favor of that if the City could make the toll plaza area beautiful. So far, Caltrans hasn't done anything.

Mr. Tanaka agrees with Ms. Schmidt.

Mr. Huth commented that the City can control the maintenance as it does on the median and there would be a lot more flexibility in changing out plant material, etc.

Mr. Tanaka reiterated that the goals are important. He thinks it is a very natural evolution for the Street Tree Committee to try to bring different actions as they see fit back to Council for approval. There could be more trees planted each year to improve the canopy cover. He wouldn't mind seeing the City provide some trees. The policy decision of Council should be to support the goals.

Councilmember Monroe thinks that the City of Coronado is absolutely blessed by the talent it has that understands trees. Mr. Brazier, Stan Binnie, Shannon Player and others are so talented and have done so much. One thing not shown as a benefit of trees is that they calm traffic. He asked what the affect of this ordinance is on the Cays.

Mr. Huth explained that there are very few parks and public trees in the Cays. Most of the trees are on the median, which belong to the City, and in the parks. Everything else is either the HOA or on private property. The HOA does in front of the fences along the streets and the homeowners take care of the back. Mr. Monroe commented that this is a Village ordinance.

Mr. Monroe thinks the goals are wonderful. He responded to Ms. Schmidt's comments on 1-D. He indicated that, on Olive Avenue in particular, there is a large group of people who are interested in some kind of a median and a tree cover in that median to slow that street down and to calm traffic. He mentioned that Isabella Avenue was included in the Business Areas Development Plan (BADP) and the group decided not to do it. He thinks that the City really does need to work on the toll plaza. Goal 5-A is a great idea. He mentioned Goal 8 and didn't realize that the City's current community forest expenditures are $275,276.00 annually. He thinks that is a great number. He also mentioned Goal 10-A and thinks that adopting ISA tree pruning standards for all work within the City is a very good idea. Action Step 10-C prohibits the topping of trees on both public and private property. He is interested in some other Council member's comments on this. Property rights has been a big issue. He agrees that 11-B is another great idea.

Councilmember Tierney did not know all these trees existed in Coronado. He is getting tired of seeing more palms in the City and hopes that there can be a little bit more diversion. He asked if there could be some sort of educational policy added for residents who continue to use the trees as places to staple signs. There has been a great deal of damage done to these trees. He thinks it is important that the City set up some sort of policing for this.

Mr. Huth explained that it is in the ordinance. There is a section that covers that and any other kind of damage that could be done to City trees. In terms of enforcement, it is always a challenge to determine who did what.

Mr. Tierney noticed along Tenth Street, under the right-of-way for power lines, there seems to be a lot of trees that were cut down there. Is there adequate coverage in this concept for how to handle trees that are interfering with the right-of-way, what the policy is, what the public is aware of and why it is being done?

Mr. Huth feels there is adequate coverage in dealing with encroachments into the public right-of-ways. With respect to the Tenth Street situation, the rules that are dealing with those situations are covered under the Public Utilities Commission, which actually is a law that indicates the distance from the power structure and power lines that have to be maintained. That is why undergrounding is a positive issue that the City is looking at, but at the same time, the City is dealing with them to make sure they do it in such a way when they are trimming. They are being dealt with on their trimming standards to make sure they aren't harming the tree any more than they have to. Typically, the City will get a tree replacement trade off for the removal along Tenth. The City would then put a canopy tree of such nature that it won't grow up into the power lines in that area.

Mr. Tierney asked what the anticipated additional funding requirements are for the next five years for the addition of trees being sought.

Mr. Huth responded that, separate from those projects that were identified as in the Caltrans' right-of-way, they have money within their own operational budget to continue to plant clearly in excess of 100 trees. The biggest challenge is finding the locations and getting buy in. They have been funded adequately, but it has been a real challenge in the last three years to plant trees in the public right-of-way because of adjacent property owners not finding them desirable and or utility issues.

Mr. Tierney asked if there have been any preliminary discussions with Caltrans on the possibility of taking over and maintaining the landscaping in Caltrans' right-of-ways.

Mr. Huth responded that he has been meeting with Caltrans for six years on that concept at different levels. When staff did its landscaping bid recently, they had the contractor also bid out those Caltrans areas so that staff would know how much it would cost if the City did take over those areas. There is a meeting with Caltrans in October to deal specifically with taking over the landscaped areas on Third and Fourth Street, the toll plaza, as well as those areas on the Strand up to the Amphib Base. The primary strategy up front is to try to get money from Caltrans and in lieu of not getting money from Caltrans, to get them to fund a project to enhance. Their funding is typically dealt with in two modes – an operational end and a capital project end.

Ms. Schmidt commented on 10-C and the topping of trees. SDG&E tops trees all over town, all the time. Mr. Huth explained that they already have that ability by law.

Mr. Huth would like to know how they should deal with the situation where there is an adjacent property owner who does not want to have a tree in the parkway. The down side of forcing a tree on someone is the risk that the tree won't thrive because of insufficient irrigation or damage, etc. Staff is strategic in watching who moves around in the community and development.

Mayor Smisek asked if there are any Council members who are strongly in favor of changing the City's current concept which is to attempt to educate and convince people that it is a good idea, but if they say no they are left alone. (No one came forward.)

Mr. Huth pointed out the new street tree list located on page 189 and 190 of the staff report. There are some changes in the street tree list. Predominantly, the biggest issue that is in front of Council, is moving palm trees from the approved list down to a restricted use tree list. He doesn't think this will have that big of an impact.

Mayor Smisek pointed out that this does not restrict private property owners from putting palm trees on their property, but it is strictly in the parkway.

Discussion continued as to the process for putting in a palm tree.

There were no objections to the new street tree list.

Council consensus was to agree with the Street Tree Committee on their emphasis on the canopy tree versus the palm tree and its placement on the restrictive list.

Mr. Monroe commented that there ought to be a way to work with a resident if they have a tree they really don't want and they are willing to pay for its removal and replace it with another tree. The City should provide the opportunity to do that and not just have the statement that describes conditions that are not reasons for tree removal. Part of the ordinance before Council today is the provision where, as a condition for allowing the removal of any public tree or palm, the Street Tree Committee may require that the permittee plant, at his or her expense, another tree or palm. He thinks there should be something built in to allow the City to work with these people.

Mr. Tanaka opposes that because he thinks it is written to discourage people from finding an out at getting rid of a tree. If there is a unique situation, there might be a way to work back to the Street Tree Committee with an appeal to Council.

Mr. Huth explained that there is a provision for people to come to the Street Tree Committee. The issue over the long haul is that people have used leaf litter as being an excuse to try to move forward in removing a tree. In many cases, there is no desire to replace the tree with anything. That is the reason it was articulated in those words.

Mr. Huth went on to say that they are in the process of putting forward to Council this draft. Part of that is to take back Council's comments and then work with the City Attorney to fine tune it and have it come back to Council for a first reading in the future.

Dick Scharff, speaking for Committee member Sharon Scharff, encouraged Council to support this ordinance. He encouraged the replacement of the 3,000 palm tree telephone poles with canopy trees. He hopes to see the 3rd and 4th Street plans move forward aggressively.

Toni Gaylord, 3 Tuna Puna, reminded Council and the Street Tree Committee that Coronado is a beach town. She doesn't think palm trees are out of place in a beach community. She hopes that palms will not be outlawed in Coronado.

Mayor Smisek reviewed that Council was asked to provide comments on the goals, the street tree list and the concept of parkway trees where adjacent resident does not want a tree in the parkway. Comments on the goals have been heard. There were no changes proposed for the street tree list. A Coronado resident will not be forced to accept a tree if it does not want one.

MSUC **(Schmidt/Monroe) moved that the City Council approve the Tree Master Plan including the Draft Ordinance.**

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

11e. <u>Presentation of Final Scoping Report for State Routes 75/282 Transportation Corridor Project Environmental Document.</u> Jim Benson, Director of Engineering and Project Development, explained that staff is before Council with the Final Scoping Report, the document that has been distributed to Council last week. This is the project that was being talked about in relation to Prop A which includes $25 million in matching funds. Mr. Benson reviewed the purpose of the scoping, the notifications that were done (a legal requirement), the six alternatives, the information provided at the meetings, a summary of the meetings, the major issues that were identified in the comments and some conclusions as to where this is headed next.

Council is being asked to reaffirm the six alternatives, receive the environmental analysis and move those six alternatives forward in the environmental process. The next steps are to initiate the environmental technical studies. The City is well into some of those. The City is continuing to work with Caltrans to prepare geometric plans, prepare a preliminary seismic memorandum. Staff has been working for months on a Memorandum of Agreement with the various parties who need to participate, the crucial partners in this, and that MOA was delivered back at the Naval Complexes meeting by Captain Alexander. The Navy, Caltrans, Federal Highways and the City have already signed that document. It is now complete.

Councilmember Tierney attended these meetings. Discussion centered around the fact that there is a major problem that has not been listed as a major issue. There are six lanes of traffic moving off the island, headed to a bridge that can only accommodate three lanes. Another major issue is that there is traffic coming off the Bridge going into five lanes, coming into an entrance at the Navy Base that can only accept four lanes and it will be a secure base. He has heard that the Navy has given verbal notice to the City that they will give priority to people who enter the tunnel. If that is not the case, there is another major problem.

Brian Pearson, Parsons Brinkerhoff Quade and Douglas, consultant, explained that Councilmember Tierney has raised these issues before. They have investigated this during the Major Investment Study. This will be a part of the ongoing work that is being done to prepare the Caltrans Project Report and it will require Caltrans to be in concurrence to include how to manage the traffic onto the Bridge and from the tunnel going into the Naval Air Station. When looking at the number of lanes that will be exiting the island and going onto the Bridge, there will only be four or perhaps five. There will be two lanes from the tunnels, the number of lanes in the couplet will be reduced to two. Once the tunnel is built, there will be two lanes on 3rd Street westbound and two lanes on 4th Street eastbound. There may be a lane accommodating the right hand turn from Orange onto the 4th Street and then the merge with Glorietta. Four lanes being merged into three lanes on the Bridge can be accommodated. There is no question that the three lanes on the Bridge represent the major constraint. There is no way to make that grow. But those three lanes on the Bridge operate as a freeway lane would, at a much higher volume, then do the lanes coming off of the surface streets. The reduction of lanes on 3rd and 4th was defined as part of the alternatives in the Major Investment Study.

Discussion continued with Mr. Tierney questioning the number of lanes and the configuration. This should be one of the major issues, in his opinion. He asked again if there is an assurance from the Navy, in writing, about how they will prioritize the traffic entering the Base.

Councilmember Monroe commented that the statement that the City has nothing in writing simply is not factual. The City has a letter from the Navy that says the Navy will work with the City to have the tunnel compatible with the 3rd Street Gate. There was recently a conversation with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and a more recent letter than that all corroborate this compatibility issue. Mr. Tierney has no issues with compatibility. However, prioritizing tunnel traffic to give it first priority onto the Base over and above surface traffic is something he would like to see in writing. That does not exist. Mr. Monroe defines compatibility as making the tunnel work with the Third Street Gate. He thinks the City is just where it needs to be at this point. Coronado is also working very, very hard to support the Navy on the Third Street Gate. That is in Congress, in Committee, this week. The City Manager and Mr. Monroe were directly involved last week and have engaged in the help of Duncan Hunter and they think some headway can be made there.

Mr. Monroe explained that Prop A includes $25 million for construction only funds, without buying studies or paperwork or anything. SANDAG recognized that good faith efforts by the local people need to be represented in order to qualify for federal funds or for state funds. If Prop A fails this time, there will be a second bite of the apple in 2006, but the best chance right now is to pass Prop A for not only Coronado, but for the region. If Prop A fails that $25 million will not be there. It doesn't mean that the project goes away, but just that the City will have to work harder.

Mayor Smisek responded to a question from the audience by saying that the City's funding formula has not been determined at this point. There may be funding coming from the City, i.e. a possible TOT tax increase that would be a local share, then there would be a state share and there would need to be a federal share which could come from the military side or the transportation side. There are several different ways to approach that issue. The City is not at that point yet. The environmental process has to be completed before that can get finalized.

MSC **(Tanaka/Schmidt) moved that the City Council receive the Final Scoping Report and reaffirmed the alternatives to proceed through the environmental process**

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

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

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

14. **CLOSED SESSION:** None.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Approved: October 5, 2004

/s/_____
Tom Smisek, Mayor

Attest:

/s/_____
L. Diane Shea, CMC
City Clerk