

**Minutes of a
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CORONADO
Coronado Golf Course
2000 Visalia Row
CORONADO, CALIFORNIA
Tuesday, December 2, 2003, 10:30 a.m.**

Mayor Smisek called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Monroe, Schmidt, Tanaka, Tierney, and Mayor Smisek
Absent: None
Also Present: City Manager Mark Ochenduszeko
City Clerk Diane Shea
City Attorney Morgan Foley

2. COMMUNICATIONS – ORAL:

a. Toni Gaylord, Executive Director of MainStreet spoke of the State MainStreet organization and lobbying efforts to move it from Trade and Commerce to the Historical Preservation Office as well as the lack of State funding. She asked the City support these bills in Sacramento.

3. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:

a. State Legislative Briefing with City’s Lobbyist, Nancy Burt of the Woolley Group. Nancy Burt of the Woolley Group, the City’s legislative advocate at the State level, reported on the legislative activities of the past year. The state budget process took over 8 months and included ERAF changes which would have been devastating to Coronado. The City Manager, Assistant City Managers and members of the Council developed materials for distribution in Sacramento as well as lobbying efforts to leadership, members and key staff involved in the issue.

In response Council direction last year, a bill was developed to establish a 25-mile per hour speed limit in Coronado, AB 449 carried by Assemblymember Vargas. This bill was unsuccessful. The Administration of CHP and Caltrans did not support. She suggested to rethink strategy on this issue.

Ms. Burt entered into discussions with the Department of Finance regarding the census in Coronado, which fluctuates more than most cities due to the way the Navy reports its ship populations. She talked about a section in the Revenue and Taxation Code which is helpful to the City in future subventions. New census figures are reported every three months and the City needs to make sure these figures are reported accurately.

Gail Brydges, Senior Management Analyst reported that the census issue is on the Navy/City Staff meeting agendas and the Navy recognizes the counts are important to the City. The population counts as of January 1 (includes homeported ships population) is applied to revenues received on per capita basis.

Councilmember Monroe said it is important to not only know the census figures from the Navy, but to know how these numbers were built that are reported to the Department of Finance. Christian Esquevin, Director of Library Services, added that library funding is also per capita based on census. Council consensus was to aggressively check the census counts carefully and know how are “built.”

Ms Burt reported that at the request of the City Manager she became involved in discussions being held with the State Lands Commission regarding the Glorietta Bay Master Plan. An attorney for that body had informed the City and the Port District that the Lands Commission wanted to take title to the land. A negotiating session was held in Sacramento and a compromise was offered that was beneficial to the City. She also lobbied members of the Commission through our legislative delegation and attended the Commission meeting itself, with continued good results.

Ms Burt also watched bills dealing with ERAF, all bond measures, CEQA, redevelopment, retirement issues, coastal and environmental issues, regional governance, as well as the budget with its multiple trailer bills.

The City Council, staff, and Mrs. Burt discussed issues to watch in the upcoming legislative period including ERAF, redevelopment agency, backfill for VLF; state/local fiscal relationships, workers compensation, PERB Board jurisdiction, land use, wastewater and water quality, Caltrans, tracking local government control of EMS, Homeland Security funding, Automatic Aid system, local control of enforcement related to medical marijuana, reimbursements for city services provided to military bases and state lands, ability to evaluate traffic and safety issues without the need to perform an EIR; transbay sewer, and Transnet extension.

Councilmember Casey Tanaka left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Council recessed at 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

Council back in session at 12:55 p.m. All present except Councilmember Tanaka.

- b. **Review and Update of City’s Legislative Policy Outline.** The City Council discussed the current Legislative Policy with Ms. Burt and staff, and directed changes be made to the Policy. The areas of modification to the Policy included: support cost recovery of City services on state lands; wording change on item A.8 to reflect a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on SR282/75 within bridge corridor; support of TransNet ½ cent sales tax extension for transportation projects that include the tunnel; support reauthorization of federal Transportation Equity Act funding for design of the tunnel; support design build in general law cities; support funding for

TransBay Water System; support legislation that would advance opportunity to obtain and use reclaimed water; support funding for alternative fuel vehicles; oppose legislation that would usurp local control of land use decision-making; oppose legislation that would impose state mandated standards or procedures contrary to Coronado General Plan or local land use policy; and added "IX. City Navy Relations" supporting Navy on matters of mutual concern concerning base security, air traffic safety, traffic congestion, mission priorities, training facilities; support Navy's efforts in retaining as a long term exclusive military facility; and oppose joint use of NASNI for a joint use commercial passenger or cargo activities.

The Council directed that the City's Legislative Policy be updated and brought back to the City Council in January 2004 for adoption.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Approved:

Tom Smisek, Mayor

Attest:

L. Diane Shea, CMC
City Clerk