

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
MARCH 20, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 20th day of March, 2007, at the hour of 6:35 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Parks and Recreation Director Richard Gill led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Montgomery, Fahey, Ward, Aldinger and Mayor Tell.
Absent: None.
Clerk: Tamura.

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

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REORGANIZATION

07/0320.2a Recite the Facts and Declare the Results of the March 6, 2007 General Municipal Election

07/0320.2b Approve Minutes of the City Council Adjourned Regular and Regular Meeting of February 20, 2007 (Continued from the March 7, 2007 City Council Meeting)

07/0320.2c Approve Minutes of the City Council Adjourned Regular and Regular Meeting of March 7, 2007

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger moved to adopt Resolution No. 6086 declaring the results of the March 6, 2007 General Municipal Election and approve the subject minutes of February 20, 2007 and March 7, 2007. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fahey and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

Ayes: Montgomery, Fahey, Ward, Aldinger and Mayor Tell.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 6086

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

07/0320.2d Recognition of Outgoing Elected Officials

The Council recognized outgoing Councilmember Fahey presenting her with various mementos, including a DVD of friends and family wishing her well, in appreciation of her service to Manhattan Beach.

Various public agencies also recognized Councilmember Fahey and presented her with commendations and gifts in recognition of her 8 years of service on the City Council.

In turn, Councilmember Fahey presented gifts to her colleagues and various staff members.

Councilmember Fahey and Mayor Tell also presented the “There’s No Place Like Manhattan Beach” commendation to Alexis Fahey in recognition of her extraordinary contributions to the community.

07/0320.2e Administer Oath of Office to Newly Elected Councilmembers

City Clerk Liza Tamura administered the Oath of Office to newly elected City Councilmember Portia Cohen and incumbent Councilmember Mitch Ward.

Councilmembers Cohen and Ward expressed their gratitude on being elected to the City Council.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

At 7:53 p.m. the Council recessed and reconvened at 8:25 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar (Item Nos. 3 through 6), consisting of items under *General Consent* and *Boards and Commissions*, was approved by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger, seconded by Councilmember Ward and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote.

Ayes: Montgomery, Cohen, Ward, Aldinger and Mayor Tell.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

GENERAL CONSENT

07/0320.3 Declare Vacancies: Planning Commission, Seat No. 1 (Cohen) and Cultural Arts Commission, Seat No. 3 (Seckinger)

The Council declared vacant Planning Commission, Seat No. 1 and Cultural Arts Commission, Seat No. 3.

Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger encouraged the community to apply for these Commission seats.

In response Councilmember Ward’s question as to whether the City will notify those individuals who have already expressed an interest in these Commissions, City Manager Geoff Dolan confirmed that they will be notified and that ads will be placed in the newspaper soliciting candidates.

- 07/0320.4 Consideration of Financial Reports:
a) Ratification of Demands: March 8, 2007
b) Investment Portfolio for the Month Ending February 28, 2007
c) Financial Reports for the Month Ending February 28, 2007

The Council approved with no exception Warrant Register No. 19B in the amount of \$2,320,710.33 in payment of ratification of demands and claims as prepared by the Director of Finance, together with the original demands and claims as prepared by said Warrant Register; received and filed the Investment Portfolio for the month ending February 28, 2007; and received and filed the Financial Reports for the month ending February 28, 2007.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Parks and Recreation Commission

- 07/0320.5 Consideration of Draft Minutes, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of February 26, 2007

The Council received and filed the subject draft minutes.

Planning Commission

- 07/0320.6 Consideration of Action Minutes, Planning Commission Meeting of March 14, 2007

The Council received and filed the subject action minutes.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 07/0320.8 Walt Dougher Re Beach Cities Health District Challenge

Walt Dougher, Beach Cities Health District (BCHD) Board of Directors, announced that the BCHD would like to challenge the City Council to see which group can walk the farthest during the week of April 23-27, 2007 and that the money raised would go towards “stamping out” childhood obesity.

- 07/0320.9 Martha Andreani Re Lot Merger Issue

Martha Andreani, Manhattan Beach Residents Association, encouraged the community to attend the next City Council meeting on April 3, 2007, to state their opinion on a lot merger issue that may affect the future of the City.

- 07/0320.10 Lindy Coe-Juell Re Facility Strategic Plan Meetings

Emphasizing that there is only half a year left in which to assess the community’s facility needs, Assistant to the City Manager Lindy Coe-Juell encouraged everyone to attend the next 2 Facility Strategic Plan Meetings on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the Manhattan Heights Community Center and on Thursday, April 19, 2007, at the Joslyn Community Center.

- 07/0320.11 Councilmember Ward Re Bruce’s Beach Dedication

Councilmember Ward announced that the official dedication of Bruce’s Beach, which is located at Highland Avenue and 27th Street, will take place at 10:30 a.m. on March 31, 2007.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

07/0320.7 *Consideration of Initial Recommendations for the Robinson Elementary School Traffic and Parking Study*

Traffic Engineer Erik Zandvliet briefly reviewed the Council’s creation of a City-Wide Neighborhood Traffic Management Program in 2002; the direction to staff to conduct traffic and parking studies in areas surrounding Manhattan Beach schools in 2003; the presentation of area resident concerns regarding these impacts to the Parking and Public Improvements Commission (PPIC) in December of 2006; and the public workshop to gather additional comments and concerns this past February. He reviewed the 22 recommendations, as listed in the staff report.

Council and Traffic Engineer Zandvliet briefly discussed the studies for additional crossing guards.

There was no public comment on this item.

Council and Traffic Engineer Zandvliet discussed how long it would take to conduct the crossing guard studies; the best location for an additional crossing guard(s); concerns from Hermosa Beach residents regarding the loss of parking; and the cost of adding an additional crossing guard(s).

Council concurred to fund one additional crossing guard and conduct the traffic and parking study.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger moved to approve the Parking and Public Improvements Commission recommendations (as listed in the staff report) and approve the additional funding for one crossing guard. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

- Ayes: Montgomery, Cohen, Ward, Aldinger and Mayor Tell.
- Noes: None.
- Abstain: None.
- Absent: None.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

07/0320.12 *Viet Ngo Re Advice to New Councilmember*

Viet Ngo, No Address Provided, advised newly elected Councilmember Cohen to uphold the law; take her position seriously; and consider reviewing the contract of Jonathan Tolkin LLC. He also stated it is illegal for the Council to receive anything more than \$200 in salary.

CITY MANAGER REPORT(S)

None.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS, COMMITTEE AND TRAVEL REPORTS

07/0320.13 Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger Re Conference

Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger announced that he attended the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference in Washington, DC last week. He encouraged other Councilmembers to attend future NLC Conferences as they are a good opportunity to ask Congress for money for the City's needs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:06 p.m. the meeting was duly adjourned to the to the 5:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Meeting to be followed by the 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

Terri Aliabadi
Recording Secretary

Nicholas W. Tell, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Liza Tamura
City Clerk

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MARCH 20, 2007**

The Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, scheduled for the 20th day of March, 2007, at the hour of 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City, was cancelled.