

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
JANUARY 2, 2007**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 2nd day of January, 2007 at the hour of 6:34 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, at 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Human Resources Director Marcie Scott led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

07/0102.1 Presentation of "There's No Place Like Manhattan Beach" Commendation to the Manhattan Bread & Bagel in Recognition of their Extraordinary Contribution to the Community

Mayor Tell, on behalf of the City Council, presented a "There's No Place Like Manhattan Beach" plaque, to owners **Michael Keegan and Lynn Olson of Manhattan Bread & Bagel** in recognition of their excellent service to Manhattan Beach.

Mr. Andrew Casana, Local CRA Legislative Director, on behalf of the California Restaurant Association, presented **Michael Keegan and Lynn Olson** with the *2006 Restaurant Neighborhood Award* for the State of California.

Barbara Haney, on behalf of Social Vocational Services (SVS), presented **Michael Keegan and Lynn Olson** with an award in recognition of their contribution to the world of people with developmental disabilities by expanding opportunities for people with disabilities in California, noting that their philanthropies and dedication to creating opportunities to persons with disabilities in California are an inspiration to all.

Helen Duncan and Sherry Kramer, on behalf of the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce, presented a plaque to **Michael Keegan and Lynn Olson** in recognition of their excellent service to the Chamber of Commerce and community of Manhattan Beach.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar (Item Nos. 2 through 8), consisting of items under *General Consent and Boards and Commissions*, was approved by motion of Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger, seconded by Councilmember Fahey and passed by unanimous roll call vote with the exception of Item Nos. 5 and 8, which were considered later in the meeting under Items Removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

GENERAL CONSENT

07/0102.2 Approve Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of December 19, 2006

The Council continued the subject minutes to the City Council Meeting of January 16, 2007.

07/0102.3 Consideration of Financial Reports:

a) Ratification of Demands: December 28, 2006

b) Financial Reports for the Month Ending November 30, 2006

The Council approved with no exception Warrant Register No. 14B in the amount of \$2,534,417.83 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 and received and filed the Financial Reports for the month ending November 30, 2006.

07/0102.4 Consideration of a Resolution Supporting the Sepulveda Boulevard Bridge Widening Project Grant Application in Metro's 2007 Call for Projects

The Council adopted Resolution No. 6076.

RESOLUTION NO. 6076

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE METRO 2007 CALL FOR PROJECTS GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE SEPULVEDA BRIDGE WIDENING PROJECT

07/0102.5 Consideration of Initiating Proposed Utility Underground Assessment District (UUAD) 15 and Appropriation of \$15,000.00 from the General Fund for Southern California Edison (SCE) Engineering Services

Item No. 5 was pulled from the "CONSENT CALENDAR". Please refer to "ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR."

07/0102.6 Disbursement of Progress Payments:

a) Progress Payment No. 20 in the Net Amount of \$113,461.34 to S.P. Pazargad Engineering Construction, Inc. for the Strand Improvement Project

b) Progress Payment No. 2 in the Net Amount of \$329,697.77 to John T. Malloy, Inc. for the Peck Reservoir Blending Line Project

The Council approved the issuance of the subject progress payments.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Parking & Public Improvements Commission

07/0102.7 Consideration of Action Minutes, Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting of December 7, 2006

The Council received and filed the subject action minutes.

Planning Commission

07/0102.8 Consideration of Planning Commission Approval of an Amendment to a Master Use Permit to Extend the Hours of Operation by One Hour, and Allow Off-Site Wine Sales and Associated Tastings, and Approval for Curtains for the Outdoor Dining Patio, at Petros Restaurant Located at 451 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Metlox Development

Item No. 8 was pulled from the “CONSENT CALENDAR”. Please refer to “ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR.”

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

07/0102.11 Unknown Speaker Re Skate Park

An Unknown Speaker asked Council to resolve to build a skate park during 2007 to serve the approximate 2,000 skateboarders who reside in the City of Manhattan Beach.

07/0102.12 Bev Morse Re Clerical Error in Letter to the Editor

Bev Morse, No Address Provided, apologized for a clerical error in her recent “Letter to the Editor” that she wrote last Thursday, whereby she stated that 70% of the City’s budget was based on property taxes, noting that the true number is 33%.

07/0102.13 Viet Ngo Re Alleged Suit Against Residents by City Attorney Wadden

Viet Ngo, No Address Provided, wished everyone a healthy and happy new year and notified the 33,000 residents that City Attorney Robert Wadden has sued them and that they have 60 days to respond. He also invited District Attorney Steven Cooley to investigate City Manager Geoff Dolan regarding his home loan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

07/0102.9 Presentation of the Synthetic Turf Proposal for Manhattan Village Field

City Manager Geoff Dolan explained that Council had asked staff to conduct more research and talk to user groups regarding contributions and introduced Recreation Services Manager Mark Leyman, who addressed Council with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposal for Synthetic Turf for the Manhattan Village Field. He reported that a committee was established with representatives of various interested organizations to discuss the pros and cons of synthetic turf and garner financial support for the turf, resulting in a total of \$100,000 pledged from the various groups toward the installation, with a guaranteed use of one hour per week for each \$5,000 donated, while they would still pay the premium rate. He reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously recommended the installation of the synthetic turf; reviewed the various problems with the current natural turf; explained the components of the synthetic field turf and the benefits and drawbacks of same, as outlined in the PowerPoint presentation.

Council held considerable discussion regarding the pros and cons of the synthetic turf, including the significant increase in fees and the difference between resident and non-resident fees, the importance of the irrigation system during the hot weather seasons when the field should be hosed down hourly, and the willingness of the adult users of the field to pay the higher fees. In response to questions from Council regarding drainage, Maintenance Superintendent Juan Price explained that the turf field has a sub-surface drain to carry away the water.

In response to Councilmember Montgomery's inquiry whether the Manhattan Village field is part of the Facilities Strategic Plan, City Manager Dolan explained that while it is not part of the plan, it will be funded from the Capital Improvement Funds and Council will need to decide whether they wish to save the money for the CIP Facilities Plan.

The following individuals spoke on this item:

- **John Sloway, South Bay Peninsula Soccer League**
- **Russ Allen, AYSO**
- **Harry Andres, AYSO**
- **Andres Kotch, 1800 Block of Ardmore Avenue**
- **Mike Jacobson, South Bay Soccer Club**
- **Steve Bayden, South Bay Soccer Club President**
- **Scott Douglas, 500 Block 22nd Street**
- **Viet Ngo, No Address Provided**
- **Patrick McBride, 5th Street & Peck Avenue**
- **Mark Bazarek, Mira Costa High School Football Booster Club**
- **Lisa Chamberlin, South Bay Soccer Club**
- **Bev Morse, 900 Block of 1st Street**

In response to questions from Council regarding the recent decision to keep the fees reasonably low so everyone could continue to play soccer and the effect of the proposed higher fees on users, **John Sloway** explained that by making the fees equal to the surrounding cities it will cost approximately \$10 extra per season, per player for the adult groups. The representative from **AYSO** explained that the only fees charged to their association is for the lights and, therefore, it will not affect the 3,600 children who play on the field.

In response to concerns from a member of the public regarding the public process for bidding out the contract, City Attorney Wadden assured Council that the law will be followed with regard to the bidding process and that the City is allowed to recover costs with a rate increase.

Following considerable comments regarding the synthetic turf, Council unanimously supported the installation of synthetic turf at the Manhattan Village field, citing that it will increase the safety and playability of the field, the youth of the **AYSO** will not be affected by the fee increase, significant safety features, and the overwhelming support of the adult users.

Councilmember Fahey noted that the negative input in the past was due to short notice and inability for the various clubs to budget for the fee increase, and emphasized that she is not as concerned about appearance of the fields as she is the safety.

Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger stated that while he supports the synthetic turf, he is still feeling the impact of the last fee increase and was worried it may happen again when the new fees are implemented. He noted that funding for the project will come out of the Capital Improvement Project fund, which could be going to other facilities such as the senior center, aquatic center, and a library; stated he would like to see the synthetic turf project included in the Facility Needs Plan; and emphasized the importance of continued support from residents during the upcoming process to finance the other facilities.

Councilmember Montgomery emphasized his long-time support of this request and the fact that it will not impact the **AYSO** users. He noted his support of a joint effort with the School District for improving the Mira Costa field, and thanked everyone for attending tonight.

Mayor Tell made it unanimous stating support of the request. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and asked the residents in attendance to support improving the other facilities in the City at the appropriate time.

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger moved to approve the installation of synthetic turf at Manhattan Village Field and approved to appropriate \$900,000 from available CIP Funds. 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.

City Manager Dolan stated he would contact American Martyrs and the School District regarding working with potential vendors to get a quantity benefit for all parties.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

At 7:55 p.m. the Council recessed and reconvened at 8:09 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

07/0102.10 Consideration of a Proposal from the Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) to Amend the City's Local Coastal Plan to Permit 100% Paid Attendance at Future Manhattan Beach Opens

City Manager Geoff Dolan introduced Parks and Recreation Director Richard Gill, who made a presentation to the Council regarding the **Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP)** request to amend the City's Local Coastal Plan (LCP) to authorize 100% paid seating at the AVP events. He explained that, if Council were to consider this request, the recommended action is to refer the matter to the Planning Commission for public hearing, after which the Council would decide whether to send it to the California Coastal Commission for consideration.

David Williams, Representing the AVP, explained that the AVP was rescued from bankruptcy in 2002 and has since become a public company accountable to shareholders and in need of making its events profitable. He said California is the most difficult place for the events to be profitable because of the interpretation by the Coastal Commission's staff of the guidelines; explained that the 24.9% paid seating is only a requirement from Memorial Day through Labor Day and that any tournaments outside the season is not subject to the Coastal Commission restrictions. He emphasized that the AVP would like to create a private-public partnership to keep the Manhattan Beach Open, which is different than others, a viable event. He explained that while the request is to amend the LCP to provide for 100%, because the City hires the AVP to run their event the seating would be managed via the contract with the City. He said the request to the City to modify the LCP and obtain the rights from the Coastal Commission to allow the creation of a structure to make the event profitable in the future, and while they are asking for 100%, they don't know what the correct number is to make the event viable, but it is somewhere between the 25% and 100%, as break even and profitability is always going to be a moving target.

Mr. Williams responded to several inquiries from Council regarding why this matter cannot wait until after the Coastal Commission hears the Hermosa Beach Request, what advantage this gives the City of Manhattan Beach, the difference between "paid seating" and "paid attendance", whether there might be other areas where revenues could be increased in order to avoid increasing the 24.9% paid seating, and what response they received from Santa Barbara regarding the paid attendance.

In response to Council inquiries whether a contract could legally override the LCP amendment to allow up to 100% paid seating and whether there is any legal downside to this proposal, City Attorney Wadden pointed out that the City issues a Coastal Development Permit every year, which can be appealed to the Coastal Commission, and stated that there is no legal down side to asking for local control of the matter.

The following individuals spoke on this item:

- **Bill Eisen, 3500 Block of Crest Drive**
- **Sandra Seville-Jones, 6th Street**
- **Dean Francio, Redondo Beach Resident**
- **Viet Ngo, No Address Provided**
- **Bev Morse, 900 Block of 1st Street**
- **Unknown Speaker, No Address Provided**
- **Duke Nor, Hermosa Beach Resident**
- **Patrick McBride, 5th Street & Peck Avenue**
- **Sherina, No Address Provided**

- **Matt Frerbringer, Redondo Beach Resident**
- **Kenny Johnson, 15th Street and Ocean Avenue**
- **Steven Shimik, 700 Block of Rosecrans**

Council held lengthy discussion regarding local control vs. Coastal Commission control; possible amendment to the LCP; discussion re 100% paid seating; the Coastal Commission's decision regarding the Hermosa Beach matter; the possible benefit of forming a subcommittee to work with the AVP and other coastal cities; increased revenue from paid seating; the difference between "paid seating" and "paid attendance"; the unwillingness of the AVP to share information about projections; and the desire of Council to have a more concrete number than "more than 24.9%;". Council further identified that this will be a very lengthy process with public input discussions that will evoke high, sometimes irrational emotions and the importance of asking for complete local control from the Coastal Commission is important in order to maintain the flexibility.

In response to Mayor Tell's comments that while he appreciates the notion of local control, he is unsure that it needs to be sent to the Planning Commission and questions whether the Council could approve it to go to the Coastal Commission on its own, City Attorney Wadden stated that the proposal to revise the LCP is legally required to be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Tell suggested developing a specific proposal with the AVP in order to find out if the community would be willing to go to the Coastal Commission with a specific proposal. He added that he believes Council will know more after the Coastal Commission considers Hermosa Beach's request and he would rather wait and formulate a specific proposal, taking into account all of the information and then making a specific proposal to the community explaining what it means, what the sponsorship dollars really do, and what it will take to keep the AVP in Manhattan Beach.

Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger agreed, stating that there is some advantage to asking the Coastal Commission for the maximum flexibility, but he believes that a subcommittee would be a good idea because it will take a while to get through it and having the discussion with the AVP as elected officials would be a good thing.

Councilmember Ward disagreed with that approach, noting that he is looking for as much local control so it doesn't have to come back to Council every year and he would like to see the number determined down the line, but he doesn't feel it's necessary to have the specific number before going to the Coastal Commission.

In response to Mayor Tell's inquiry whether it is necessary to have the Planning Commission review this request prior to sending it to the Coastal Commission, City Attorney Wadden stated that the proposal needs Planning Commission consideration, with an ordinance prepared for Council consideration and approval.

Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger argued for appointing a subcommittee to discuss this with members of the Coastal Commission to determine the real number, educating members of the Coastal Commission on the important value this has to Manhattan Beach, working out details beyond the paid seating, and noting that a subcommittee can help make it a win-win situation for everyone.

Councilmember Fahey suggested Mayor Tell and Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger serve as a subcommittee to work on other ways of generating revenue for the AVP and the City in the upcoming years, while the City works on parallel tracks, sending the request to the Planning

Commission for their input regarding whether they would support changing the Local Coastal Plan for maximum local control before the Coastal Commission, pointed out that if the Planning Commission votes against sending it to the Coastal Commission, then it would return to Council for final decision. She reminded Council the need to recognize that the answer from the Coastal Commission is likely to be an absolute NO.

Councilmember Ward said this is not about 100% paid seating, but about getting local control.

Mayor Tell noted the concurrence of Council to refer to the Planning Commission an amendment to the LCP that allows local control over one event per year to determine the amount of paid attendance at the AVP event; that there be a subcommittee formed of Mayor Tell and Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger and staff to work with the AVP to come up with a specific proposal to discuss how this would translate into a contract or a specific proposal in front of the Coastal Commission.

City Manager Dolan explained that the LCP amendment will go quickly, returning to Council at the second meeting in February and going to the Coastal Commission in March, April or May, at which time they can amend it and send back for consideration of adoption at that time. He noted that staff would inform the Planning Commission that Council is not looking for 100% paid admission but rather are looking for local control.

MOTION: Councilmember Fahey moved to approve forming a subcommittee consisting of Mayor Tell and Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

07/0102.5 Consideration of Initiating Utility Underground Assessment District 15 and Allocation of Funds for Design Plans

Citing a conflict of interest on this item, Mayor Tell stated that he would abstain from this matter and turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger.

A member of the audience pulled this item from the Consent Calendar for Council discussion.

The following individuals spoke on this item:

- **Bev Morse, No Address Provided**
- **Patrick McBride, 5th Street & Peck Avenue**
- **Robert Bush, No Address Provided**
- **Bill Bloomfield, Address Inaudible**
- **Esther Besbris, No Address Provided**
- **Viet Ngo, No Address Provided**
- **Larry Westover, 200 Block of South Dianthus**
- **Dick Whilden, 100 Block South Poinsettia**
- **Steve Morse, No Address Provided**

Councilmember Fahey expressed support for the district, noting that the reason this was on the Consent Calendar was because the democratic process has gone forward and received an 87.8% return rate, with 66.2% of the residents in favor and Council cannot ignore the will of the people. She said that despite the roadblocks put in front of the proponents in this district, they returned with an incredible response rate with 66.2% favoring undergrounding in the district. She said that it has been a year since the other district was disbanded, and to label this unfair is to ignore the facts that the new district has overwhelming support. She suggested the anger should be directed toward the people who “killed” undergrounding 20 years ago when the costs were not prohibitive, rather than blaming the current Council for the high costs. She agreed that social change is always painful, but the facts are that there is overwhelming support for this district and she supports that it be allowed to move forward.

Councilmember Ward said he fought hard to make the process fair and transparent; to make sure there was a financial support program in place for those who could not honestly afford it; and he helped put in place a survey process to determine a clear indication whether or not property owners wish to move forward and with 87.8% return is a clear and transparent answer; that he doesn't want to change the rules of the process in place for all of the other districts; and believes Council needs to move forward and put some of the divisiveness behind and begin listening to the people who have clearly spoken.

Councilmember Montgomery expressed support of the district, noting that it has met every hurdle put forth by Council and he supports it.

In response to Council inquiry regarding who will pay the costs related to design plans for these homes, Senior Civil Engineer Stephanie Katsouleas said any costs related to the design plans would be included in the cost recovered will be passed on to the new district, and anything that was not used for this design will be paid for by the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger said he is also in favor of moving forward, but expressed concern that now part of the area is never going to be undergrounded and the poles will still be remaining. He said while people discount Proposition 218, it is the law and he believes the City has to respect that law as much as when it goes the other way and things don't pass because of Proposition 218.

MOTION: Councilmember Fahey moved to receive and file the subject report as a “Certificate of Sufficiency” to initiate Underground Utility District (UUAD) 15, indicating that more than 60% of the property owners of the newly proposed UUAD 15 have signed a petition and requested the proposed improvements and approve appropriating \$15,000.00 from the General Fund for Southern California Edison (SCE) for their engineering services for District 15. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery and passed by the following roll call vote:

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

07/0102.8 Consideration of Planning Commission Approval of an Amendment to a Master Use Permit to Extend the Hours of Operation by One Hour, and Allow Off-Site Wine Sales and Associated Tastings, and Approval for Curtains for the Outdoor Dining Patio, at Petros Restaurant Located at 451 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Metlox Development

A member of the audience pulled this item from the Consent Calendar for Council discussion.

The following individual spoke on this item:

- **Viet Ngo, No Address Provided**

MOTION: Councilmember Fahey moved to receive and file Planning Commission approval of the Amendment to the Master Use Permit and the approval of the curtains. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ward and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

07/0102.14 John Clark Re Lot Merger

John Clark, 3600 Block of The Strand, spoke in opposition to the proposed lot merger near the 3600 Block of The Strand and asked Council to impose a moratorium on these types of proposals until the Council makes a decision regarding lot mergers and mansionization.

07/0102.15 Diane Decker Re Lot Merger

Diane Decker, 3600 Block of Ocean Drive, agreed with comments by **Mr. Clark** and stated she looks forward to the Planning Commission hearings.

07/0102.16 Viet Ngo Re Complaint Against City Manager Dolan

Viet Ngo, No Address Provided, referred to the Los Angeles Times article regarding the Mayor and City Treasurer of the City of Inglewood and contended that the City Manager of Manhattan Beach has received similar benefits from the City of Manhattan Beach and should be prosecuted for this as well as for purchasing stock with public money. He asked the Council to refer the matter to the District Attorney's office for confirmation that this is a felony criminal act and should answer to the federal grand jury.

In response to **Mr. Ngo's** comments, City Manager Dolan reported that the City of Inglewood has an employee home loan program that was amended to include Councilmembers, which is being investigated. He said that he did have a home loan with the City when he first came to the City twelve years ago, but he has recently paid off the loan as part of a home remodel and he no longer has a loan with the City.

07/0102.17 Patrick McBride Re Senior Resource Committee

Patrick McBride, 5th Street & Peck Avenue, Co-Coordinator of the Senior Resource Committee, expressed concern that programs in place in the past—such as hot lunch, day programs and others—are non-existent. He said the Senior Resource Committee was formed to advocate for improved quality of life for seniors in the City; 7% of the Joslyn Center, named “The Oasis”, was dedicated specifically for seniors but is now being run by the Parks and Recreation Department; and noted that while in concept it pleases the seniors, in reality they are working without input from the seniors in complete disregard of the City’s policy of inclusiveness, causing a division and serious confrontation between seniors. He said the Senior Resource Committee proposed a Senior Advisory Committee to work with the activity coordinator more than three months ago and, had it been in place, he believes the problems would not have arisen. Moreover, it seems that the Oasis has been used to diminish the amount of space for the seniors, not to expand it. He expressed concern that many older adults have no desire to be involved in the senior center.

In response to comments by **Mr. McBride**, Mayor Tell pointed out that the process was put in place following discussions with the three different senior organizations and noted that each organization has the right to put their president and vice president on the committee.

07/0102.18 Melen McBride Re Senior Resource Committee

Melen McBride, 5th Street & Peck Avenue, expressed her appreciation for Council support of seniors; noted her frustration with the lack of a senior coordinator since July; noted that the 30-hour position and pay rate is not an incentive to attract qualified applicants and asked for the position to be made full-time; and stated that, without the Senior Advisory Committee, they don’t know how decisions are being made and there are signs of underhanded approaches to decision making. She commented regarding the lack of understanding and insight into how to encourage participation from older adults and stated that, had the advisory committee been in place, it would have provided guidance and feedback to staff; asked Council to conduct town-hall meetings to receive input from older adults on what their needs are and how the Oasis and future senior center would address these needs; and asked Council to adopt a proclamation that *collectively older adults are city treasures who helped build where we are now and contributed to forming our future*, asking that the proclamation have a place in the Oasis and noted that Manhattan Beach would be the first in the nation to make such a proclamation for 20% of its population.

07/0102.19 Beth Muir Re Senior Resource Committee

Beth Muir, 1600 Block of 10th Street, Treasurer of the Senior Resources Committee, read a statement from **Madonna Newburg** regarding use of the Oasis senior space and noted that the seniors want to work together and put their differences behind us.

In response to comments by members of the public, Parks and Recreation Director Richard Gill stated that the Senior Advisory Committee was to be a good idea in order to eliminate the need to go to all three organizations to get approval for use of rooms; explained that the Senior Resource Committee was informed of the proposed composition of the Senior Advisory Committee, at which time they lobbied each of the clubs to hold their elections and make appointments to the Senior Advisory Committee, which was not how it was supposed to be. He stated that, at that point, he “backed off” because he didn’t want the process to be monopolized by any one group.

City Manager Dolan explained the purpose of the Senior Advisory Committee, which is administrative and advisory to help plan programming for the Oasis Room, with the intent being to have representation from each of the clubs (president and vice president), as well as some independent appointees, as representation from each of the three committees to work with staff to meet everybody's needs. With regard to the vacant position of Senior Coordinator, City Manager Dolan explained that Council had authorized 30 hours per month for additional staff time to fill the position, with existing staff doing the job until the position is filled. He noted that if staff continues to have difficulty filling the position, they may request allocation of resources for a full-time position. He said that, while the seniors would like to have a dedicated staff person, the two people who are currently filling in are doing a good job.

Mayor Pro Tem Aldinger expressed concern regarding the conflicts among these groups and suggested that perhaps Council should appoint a subcommittee.

Councilmember Ward expressed a desire for the various senior groups to resolve their differences at the staff level and commended Parks and Recreation Director Gill for attempting to bridge the differences among the groups.

Melen McBride explained that the miscommunications came from verbal communications and recommended that written follow-up would prevent problems in the future.

CITY MANAGER REPORT(S)

07/0102.20 City Manager Re Next Meeting

City Manager Geoff Dolan reminded Council that their next meeting will be a Joint Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission, in the Police/Fire Conference Room, to be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS, COMMITTEE AND TRAVEL REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:13 p.m., in memory of President Gerald R. Ford, the meeting was duly adjourned to the 6:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Joint City Council/Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting, on Tuesday, January 9, 2007, in the Police/Fire Department Conference Room, 400/420 15th Street, in said City.

Merna Marshall
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Nicholas W. Tell, Jr.
Mayor

Liza Tamura
City Clerk