



Agenda Item #: _____

Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Tell and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Marcie Scott, Human Resources Director

DATE: November 8, 2006

SUBJECT: Introduction of New Employees and Presentation of Service Awards

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the following:

- 1) Introduction of new employees from the Community Development, Fire, Police, Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments;
- 2) Presentation of commemorative certificates and pins to employees who have completed 15 or more years of service to the City.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended actions.

BACKGROUND:

The City has a tradition of welcoming new employees by introducing them at Council meetings. This gives new employees an opportunity to meet the Council members and Department Heads and experience firsthand how Council meetings are conducted in the City. This tradition includes presenting commemorative certificates and pins to employees who have been with the City for 15 years or more.

DISCUSSION:

1) Introduction of New Employees

Michelle Ami is our new Administrative Clerk II in the Parks and Recreation Department. She previously worked for the San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park where she was a Senior Events Assistant for seven years. She attended the University of Arizona majoring in Human Resources Management and plans to go back to school for further studies.

Esteban Danna, Assistant Planner in the Community Development Department, holds a Master of Arts degree in Geography with emphasis in Geographic Information System (GIS) from California State University, Northridge. He previously worked in the private sector as a GIS Technician and at the Culver City transportation department. His responsibilities include performing plan checks and developing GIS maps and tools for departmental use.

Stacey Kinsella, Assistant Planner in the Community Development Department, earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Loyola Marymount University. She previously worked for her architect father and most recently at the Palos Verdes Homes Association and the Palos Verdes Art Jury. Her current responsibilities include reviewing new projects and implementing a new ordinance establishing culturally significant landmarks in Manhattan Beach.

Patricia Kolar, Police Records Technician/Matron, earned an A.A. degree in Liberal Arts from Long Beach City College. After working in the travel industry for a number of years, she made a career change and went back to school earning an A.S. degree in Administration of Justice from Rio Hondo Community College.

James Stratton, Firefighter/Paramedic, graduated from Mira Costa High School. James brings a variety of work experience with him. After undergoing Paramedic Training Program and attending the Fire Academy, he was hired as a Firefighter/Paramedic. James has since demonstrated a high degree of motivation and commitment to his chosen career in the Fire Service.

Anna Luke, Secretary in the Public Works Department, attended Cal State Fullerton where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Speech Communication. Her previous work experience is in retail and marketing. Anna is a welcome addition to the public works staff.

Our new Sewer Maintenance Worker, Tony Riley, previously worked for the LA County's Parks and Recreation department and Water/Works and Sewer Maintenance departments for the last 29 years. With this outstanding record of longevity, Tony brings great experience and expertise to his current position in our Public Works Department.

2) Presentation of Service Awards

The City wishes to recognize tonight the following employees for their dedicated service:

Clarence Van Corbach, Utilities Manager	20 years	Public Works Department
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The following employees are not able to attend tonight's meeting, but the City wishes to recognize them for their dedicated service:

William Evenson, Water Plant Operator	35 years	Public Works Department
Donald Skibiski, Sewer Maintenance Worker	30 years	Public Works Department
Gustavo Valdes, Police Officer	25 years	Police Department
Phyllis Meyer, Police Records Technician/Matron	15 years	Police Department
Christopher Vargas, Police Sergeant	15 years	Police Department
Kenneth Kim, Secretary	15 years	Public Works Department