

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF
OCTOBER 3, 2006**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, was held on the 3rd day of October 2006, 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

Finance Director Bruce Moe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ward welcomed back City Clerk Liza Tamura.

ROLL CALL

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

CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

06/1003.1 Recognition of the Manhattan Beach Monarch's Baseball Team on Winning First Place in the USSSA World Series

Mayor Ward, on behalf of the City Council presented certificates to the Manhattan Beach Monarch's baseball team on winning first place in the USSSA World Series.

06/1003.2 Presentation of the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation to the South Bay Family Justice Center

Mayor Ward, on behalf of the City Council, presented a proclamation to **Ms. Andrea Welsing-Lowery, South Bay Family Justice Center**, declaring October 2006 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month".

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Dolan informed the City Council that Item No. 13 (*Consideration of Declaring Williams Pipeline Contractors, Inc. a Non-Responsible Bidder*) no longer required City Council action.

The Consent Calendar (Item Nos. 3 through 19), consisting of items under *General Consent* and *Boards and Commissions*, was approved by motion of Councilmember Aldinger, seconded by Councilmember Fahey, and passed by unanimous roll call vote with the exception of Item Nos. 7, 13 and 14, which were considered later in the meeting under *Items Removed from the Consent Calendar*.

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

GENERAL CONSENT

06/1003.3 Approve Minutes of the City Council Adjourned Regular and Regular Meeting of September 19, 2006

The Council approved the subject minutes.

06/1003.4 Approve Minutes of the Joint City Council/Parking and Public Improvements Commission Meeting of September 26, 2006

The Council approved the subject minutes.

06/0606.19-5 Adoption of Ordinance Prohibiting Paid Admission or Commercial Parties

Council adopted Ordinance No. 2092.

ORDINANCE NO. 2092

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADDING A NEW SECTION 5.48.330 TO CHAPTER 5.48 OF TITLE 5 OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PROHIBITION OF PARTIES FOR WHICH ADMISSION IS CHARGED

06/1003.6 Consideration of Resolutions Calling and Giving Notice of the Tuesday, March 6, 2007, General Municipal Election; Requesting Assistance from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; Adopting Regulations for Candidates for Elective Office; and Authorizing the Conduct of a Special Runoff Election for Elective Offices in the Event of a Tie Vote

Council adopted Resolutions Nos. 6059, 6060, 6061 & 6062.

RESOLUTION NO. 6059

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES

RESOLUTION NO. 6060

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 6061

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 6062

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF A SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES IN THE EVENT OF A TIE VOTE AT ANY MUNICIPAL ELECTION

06/1003.7 *Award of Contract to Martin & Chapman for Election Consulting and Supply Services for the Tuesday, March 6, 2007 General Municipal Election (Not-to-Exceed \$43,000)*

Item No. 7 was pulled from the "CONSENT CALENDAR". Please refer to "ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR."

06/1003.8 *Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the City of Manhattan Beach and the Manhattan Beach Police Officers' Association*

Council adopted Resolution No. 6063.

RESOLUTION NO. 6063

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND THE MANHATTAN BEACH POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION AND AMENDING RESOLUTION 5898 OF SAID COUNCIL (PERSONNEL RULES) BY AMENDING RULE XI (ATTENDANCE AND LEAVES)

06/1003.9 *Consideration of Financial Reports*
a) Ratification of Demands: September 21, 2006.
b) Financial Reports for the Month Ending August 31, 2006

The Council approved with no exception Warrant Register No. 7B in the amount of \$3,123,429.93 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 August 31, 2006.

06/1003.10 *Authorize the Purchase of Two Budgeted Police Parking Control Vehicles from Municipal Maintenance Equipment in the Net Amount of \$51,504.39*

The Council approved an award of order to Municipal Maintenance Equipment in the amount
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of \$51,504.39 and waived formal bidding per Municipal Code Section 2.36.140 (waivers) for the budgeted purchase of two parking control vehicles.

06/1003.11 Consideration of a Telecom Permit to Replace the Existing Temporary Cellular Facility with a Permanent Facility Located on City Parking Structure 3 at 12th Street and Morningside Avenue and Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Lease Agreement with Sprint

The Council approved the subject Telecom Permit and authorized the City Manager to execute the related lease agreement with Sprint.

06/1003.12 Ratification of Water Distribution Pump Expenses from Pumpman, Inc., in the Net Amount of \$33,668 and Appropriate \$33,668 from Water Fund Reserves

The Council approved the repair and installation of a vertical water distribution pump located at Peck Reservoir from Pumpman Inc. in the amount of \$33,668 and approved for the appropriation of \$33,668 from the Water Fund Reserves.

06/1003.13 Consideration of Declaring Williams Pipeline Contractors, Inc. a Non-Responsible Bidder

Item No. 13 was pulled from the "CONSENT CALENDAR". Please refer to "ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR."

06/1003.14 Rejection of Bid for Residential Service Conversion Work in Utility Underground Districts 1, 3 and 5

Item No. 14 was pulled from the "CONSENT CALENDAR". Please refer to "ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR."

06/1003.15 Disbursement of Progress Payment No. 17 in the Net Amount of \$203,149.35 to S.P. Pazargad Engineering Construction, Inc. for the Strand Improvement Project

The City Council approved the issuance of the subject progress payment.

06/1003.16 Rosecrans Avenue/Aviation Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project:
a) Consideration of Change Order No. 1 to Griffith Company for Emergency Water Main Reconstruction in Rosecrans Avenue (\$240,000)
b) Consideration of Change Order No. 2 for Sidewalk Construction on Aviation Boulevard (Not-to-Exceed \$40,000) and Appropriate \$40,000 From Transportation Development Act, Article 3 Funds

The Council approved the change orders and appropriated \$40,000 from the Transportation Development Act, Article 3 Funds.

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Planning Commission

06/1003.18 Consideration of Action Minutes, Planning Commission Meeting of September 27, 2006

The Council received and filed the subject action minutes.

Parks and Recreation Commission

06/1003.19 Consideration of Draft Minutes, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of August 28, 2006

The Council received and filed the subject minutes.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

06/1003.22 Mr. Patrick McBride Re Various Items

Patrick McBride, 5th Street & Peck Avenue, commented on the proclamation declaring October 2006 “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” and reminded the public about events taking place at the Joslyn Center (Tuesday, October 10th Heritage Houses at 2:00 p.m.; a new event on scrabble; and Wednesday, October 18th from 1-3 p.m. the movie *Moonstruck*).

06/1003.23 Mr. Viet Ngo Re Allegations of Racketeering

Viet Ngo, No Address Provided, related his intent to ask the government to bring various City officials to justice for racketeering and organized crime.

06/1003.24 Ms. Bev Morris Re Proposition 218

Bev Morse, 900 Block of 1st Street, stated that while Proposition 218 was established and voted in for good reasons, it is being used for frivolous things (such as undergrounding). She asked Council to consider investigating the possibilities of modifying Proposition 218.

06/1003.25 Councilmember Montgomery Re Old Hometown Fair

Councilmember Montgomery encouraged the public to attend the upcoming 33rd Annual Old Hometown Fair to be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 7-8, 2006, from 10 am – 4 pm.

06/1003.26 Councilmember Aldinger Re Old Hometown Fair 10K Race

Councilmember Aldinger announced that the 10K Race which will be held on Saturday, 7:30 a.m., at the Old Hometown Fair. He encouraged everyone to sign-up early and reminded the public that they will not accept any sign-ups on the day of the event.

06/1003.27 Mayor Ward Re Mayor’s Golf Tournament

Mayor Ward announced that the Mayor’s Golf Tournament is scheduled to be held on Monday, October 9, 2006, at the Candlewood Country Club, in Whittier.

06/1003.28 Mayor Ward Re Community Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center

Mayor Ward noted that, effective October 20, 2006, the electronic waste plant (the Community Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center), in Redondo Beach at Marine Avenue and the 405 Freeway, will no longer serve Manhattan Beach residents. He reported that the alternative site for electronic waste and other household hazardous waste will be at the Hyperion Treatment Plant and that further information is available on the City's website at www.citymb.info.

06/1003.29 Mayor Ward Re FIDO Award

Mayor Ward thanked FIDO for the award presented to him on Pet Appreciation Day at Polliwog Park commending the City's support toward improving the quality of dogs' lives.

06/1003.30 Councilmember Fahey Re Police Activity near Mira Costa High School

At the request of Councilmember Fahey, City Manager Dolan provided a summary report regarding the burglary incident that took place earlier in the day in the City of Redondo Beach near Mira Costa High School.

Police Chief Uyeda outlined the string of events that occurred which led the Mira Costa High School principal to place the school on "lock down". He also indicated that since students were not being informed of the situation, they would use their cell phones to call and text message their parents, thus causing a domino effect of needless panic. He stated that once the phone calls from the parents were received, they asked the schools to inform the students which helped to alleviate the panic.

In response to Council regarding police assistance from other cities, Police Chief Uyeda indicated that in the South Bay police departments monitor other frequencies to see if neighboring cities require assistance.

Police Chief Uyeda also confirmed that Reverse 9-1-1 was not used during today's incident near Mira Costa High School because it did not appear that anyone at the school was in jeopardy.

06/1003.31 Councilmember Aldinger Re City Council Reorganization

Councilmember Aldinger reminded the public that the next City Council meeting, October 17, 2006, is the City Council Reorganization whereby the City will thank Mayor Ward for his service and will congratulate incoming Mayor Nick Tell.

06/1003.32 Councilmember Aldinger Re Community Facility Needs Assessment Meeting

Councilmember Aldinger shared information concerning discussion at the recent Community Facility Needs Assessment meeting. He invited input on this topic from community members.

Mayor Pro Tem Tell encouraged residents and community groups to attend these meetings. He noted that there will be a booth about this topic at the Old Hometown Fair.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

06/1003.20 Discussion and Clarification Regarding: 1) the Survey Threshold Required to Move Utility Undergrounding Districts 8, 12, 13 and 14 Forward and 2) the Definition of a Failed Utility Underground District

Senior Civil Engineer Stephanie Katsouleas presented the PowerPoint and staff report. She requested the Council's clarification regarding the threshold required to move Utility Undergrounding District Nos. 8, 12, 13 and 14 forward, the definition of a failed utility undergrounding district and a determination on whether the one-year moratorium for failed districts applies to District Nos. 7, 9 and 10..

City Attorney Wadden advised that any aspect of the utility undergrounding threshold can be discussed under this agenda item.

The following individuals spoke on this item:

- **Margo Woodard, Alma Avenue, District 13**
- **Anna Collier, 300 Block of 26th Street, District 13**
- **Sharon Bush, No Address Provided**
- **Robert Bush, No Address Provided**
- **Diana Turner, Crest Drive, District 13**
- **Grant Smith, 300 Block of 32nd Street**
- **Patrick McBride, 5th Street and Peck Avenue**
- **Greg Cherep, No Address Provided, District 12**
- **Larry Westover, 200 Block of Dianthus, District 4**
- **Martha Andreani, 10th Street and Ocean Avenue, District 8**
- **Viet Ngo, No Address Provided**
- **Bev Morse, 900 Block of 1st Street**
- **Brian Porter, No Address Provided, District 13**
- **Paul Gross, No Address Provided**
- **Irl Cramer, 100 Block of Dianthus**
- **Dick Wilden, 100 Block of Poinsettia Avenue**
- **Esther Besbris, 2nd Street**
- **Steve Morse, 900 Block of 1st Street**
- **Jon Chaykowski, 200 Block of John Street**
- **Jan Dennis, No Address Provided**
- **Bob White, No Address Provided, District 10**

Senior Civil Engineer Katsouleas affirmed that surveys distributed did not state specific information about the percentage needed in order to pass and that utility undergrounding districts that previously failed had very clear response rates.

City Attorney Wadden clarified that any opting out would have to take place prior to the Proposition 218 vote.

Councilmember Fahey related her understanding that, according to Proposition 218, a simple majority of the votes cast is required. She reviewed the percentages of the households in District Nos. 8, 12, 13 and 14 that responded, as well as the percentages of how they responded. In answer to a comment made by **Esther Besbris**, Councilmember Fahey related her concern over the sarcasm and viciousness with which utility undergrounding articles in The Observer have been written. She recalled that previous Council discussions about opting out were in conjunction

with discussions about District 2, where there was a clear majority vote.

Councilmember Aldinger recalled that the Council previously took a position against opting out.

Senior Civil Engineer Katsouleas verified that the Council previously agreed against allowing property owners to opt out after the City has spent money on a district and reminded Council that they had adopted procedures that negated the need for an opt out policy. She further explained City procedures for guarding against property owners voting more than once.

Mayor Pro Tem Tell pointed out that, since the undergrounding costs in **Jon Chaykowski's** neighborhood were reduced, the property owners there should be contacted to see if they are still interested in opting out. He related his understanding that the previous definition of a failed district was tied to the Proposition 218 vote.

Utility Undergrounding Threshold

It was Councilmember Montgomery's opinion that the threshold necessary for a utility undergrounding district to move forward to a Proposition 218 vote should be based on the total number of surveys returned.

Councilmember Fahey stated her continued question as to the reliability of petitions. She agreed that 60% of the surveys returned should be the threshold on which to base a determination to move forward with a Proposition 218 vote.

Councilmember Aldinger related his viewpoint that property owners who do not vote should be treated as abstentions. He supported a threshold of 60% of the surveys returned in order for a utility undergrounding district to move forward to a Proposition 218 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Tell also supported a threshold of 60% of the surveys returned.

Like Councilmember Fahey, Mayor Ward questioned the reliability of petitions. He expressed his agreement with a threshold of 60% of the surveys returned to move forward with a Proposition 218 vote. The following motion was made.

MOTION: Councilmember Montgomery moved to approve that 60% in favor shall be set as the minimum survey return rate necessary for utility undergrounding districts to move forward to a Proposition 218 vote. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Aldinger and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

Definition of a Failed District and Waiting Period to Re-Form

Councilmember Aldinger maintained that there should be a one-year waiting period for failed districts (either denied by Council or a failed Proposition 218 vote) to be re-initiated.

Senior Civil Engineer Katsouleas clarified that the procedure for re-initiating a district would not retroactively apply to District 4A, although the point was moot since the one-year waiting period for District 4A will expire on November 21, 2006. She noted that District Nos. 11 through 14 have not yet been initiated by the City and related her interpretation that a district can continue to “morph” during a petition drive as long as it meets boundary guidelines.

MOTION: Councilmember Aldinger moved to approve that a failed district shall be defined as one that received a Proposition 218 vote to move forward, but was not ratified by the City Council, or one for which a Proposition 218 vote failed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tem Tell moved to approve that there shall be a waiting period of one year to initiate petitions to re-form districts for which less than 60% of the surveys returned were in favor of moving forward to a Proposition 218 vote. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

The Council agreed that utility undergrounding surveys shall be returned to the City within 45 days.

Councilmember Aldinger related his concern that 45 days would not be sufficient time for opposed property owners to mount a campaign against utility undergrounding in their district.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

At 8:53 p.m. the Council recessed and reconvened at 9:04 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

06/1003.21 Consideration of the City Council's 2005-2007 Work Plan Item to Review and Discuss Council Committee Assignments and Roles

The staff report was presented by Deputy City Manager Sherilyn Lombos who reviewed the number of local and regional task forces and organizations in which the City Council is assigned to.

Mayor Pro Tem Tell stated his impression that this item was placed on the meeting agenda in order for the Council to better understand the need for the Councilmembers to participate on the various committees.

Councilmember Fahey asked to what extent the Council delegates should be participating in the various committees as City representatives.

Councilmember Aldinger stated that he views this as a chance for the Councilmembers to inform the various committees about what is going on in the City and be ambassadors for the City.

Mayor Ward commented that the Council could identify the committees that would be the most suited to have a Council delegate, as well as the type of relationships the Council delegates should have with the committees (whether the delegate could go as needed, or as he/she would like to participate, etc.).

The Council emphasized the importance of laying out for the various committees the aspects of what to expect from the Council delegates (such as they will attend the first ten minutes of the meeting, they will be available when needed, they can be communicated with via e-mail, etc.).

The Council entertained the idea of sending letters to the committees establishing the type of relationship the Council delegates will have with them.

City Manager Dolan noted that new Council committee assignments will be made in the near future when Mayor Pro Tem Tell becomes Mayor and the relationship of the Council delegates with the committees can be established at that time, rather than doing so in a formal manner (such as a letter).

Councilmember Aldinger stated his opinion that the Council delegates should attend the committee meetings and that the parameters on which the delegates will serve should be in writing.

Councilmember Montgomery pointed out that the Council delegates would always have the option to attend the committee meetings.

It was Councilmember Fahey's opinion that Council delegates' attendance at the committee meetings should be flexible and that the delegates should not be required to attend if the committees are not discussing anything relevant to the City. She noted for example that, rather than a Council delegate, the City's Risk Manager could attend the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority meetings.

City Attorney Wadden affirmed that, rather than a Council delegate, the City's Risk Manager could attend the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority meetings; but, the representative who attends these meetings on the City's behalf is up to the Councilmembers.

City Manager Dolan stated that current or future Councilmembers having a key interest in risk management are encouraged to attend the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority meetings.

The Council agreed to the following:

Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council

A City Council delegate shall attend the luncheon meetings once a month.

Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch
Manhattan Beach Old Hometown Fair Association
Manhattan Beach Sister Cities Committee
Downtown Manhattan Beach Business & Professional Association
Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce
North End Business Improvement District

These groups shall be asked if a City Council delegate needs to attend the meetings. If so, the delegate will ask that they allow for the City to participate at the beginning of the meeting. The delegate shall work with the committee chair to ensure appropriate City participation.

Coastal Corridor Mobility Task Force
Los Angeles World Airport Community Noise Roundtable

These groups shall be asked if a City Council delegate needs to attend the meetings. If not, attendance at the meeting shall be at the discretion of the Council delegate.

Councilmember Aldinger clarified the differences between the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (COG) and provided detailed information pertaining to the history and structure of the two organizations.

Mayor Ward suggested that the Council discuss the idea of rotating committee assignments and that the Councilmembers communicate their long-term desires to serve on various committees.

City Manager Dolan clarified that the modifications addressed at tonight's meeting will be attached to the staff report regarding City Council assignments which is scheduled for Council approval at the next City Council meeting. He further indicated that the report will clarify what the new policy is and suggested that the City Council provide copies of the report to the designated committees identifying the changes being implemented.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

06/1003.7 Award of Contract to Martin & Chapman for Election Consulting and Supply Services for the Tuesday, March 6, 2007 General Municipal Election (Not-to-Exceed \$43,000)

The following individual spoke on this item:

- **Viet Ngo, No Address Provided**

MOTION: Councilmember Fahey moved to waive formal bidding per Municipal Code Section 2.36.130 (professional services) and approved authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between the City and Martin & Chapman Co., for Election Services pertaining to said Election. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Aldinger and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

06/1003.13 Consideration of Declaring Williams Pipeline Contractors, Inc. a Non-Responsible Bidder

City Manager Dolan clarified that this item no longer required City Council action.

06/1003.14 Rejection of Bid for Residential Service Conversion Work in Utility Underground Districts 1, 3 and 5

The following individual spoke on this item:

- **Viet Ngo, No Address Provided**

MOTION: Councilmember Aldinger moved to approve rejecting the bid received to perform residential service conversion work for 25 homeowners in Utility Underground Districts 1,3 and 5. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Montgomery and passed by the following unanimous roll call vote:

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

06/1003.33 Viet Ngo Re Illegal Activities

Viet Ngo, No Address Provided, related his perceptions about on-going illegal activities by the Council and City staff.

06/1003.34 Bev Morse Re Utility Undergrounding

Bev Morse, 900 Block of 1st Street, asked Council for clarification regarding the petitions being submitted and the surveys being sent out. She asked that the survey be sent out in a timely manner and include estimates with costs that will be close to the actual cost, giving examples of other districts where their actual cost went up 75%. Reiterating that it is the cost that is the drawback for undergrounding, she also voiced her impression that the majority of property owners on 1st Street would like the City to allow them to opt out prior to the City spending additional money on their utility undergrounding district.

06/1003.35 Patrick McBride Re Electronic Records and City Hall/Theater

Patrick McBride, 5th Street and Peck Avenue, came forward to request that all City records be put into electronic format; inquired about the City Hall/Theater and documents pertaining to the history of it; and suggested alternatives for a new theater in the City Council Chambers.

Councilmember Aldinger stated that it was called the Manhattan Beach Pier Players and that the Council Chambers was built as a 99 seat theatre.

06/1003.36 Steve Morse Re Utility Undergrounding

Steve Morse, 900 Block of 1st Street, stated his support for opting out and asked staff to clarify the definition of “morphing”. He asked for input on procedures for opting out when a utility undergrounding district is being formed.

Councilmember Fahey stated that although this is the portion of the agenda where items are addressed “not on the agenda,” she said it’s a legitimate question that requires an answer.

Council suggested that **Mr. Morse** discuss his desire to opt out with those who are forming his utility undergrounding district.

Councilmember Montgomery pointed out that property owners opposed to utility undergrounding should vote no on their surveys.

CITY MANAGER REPORT(S)

None.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS, COMMITTEE AND TRAVEL REPORTS

06/1003.37 Councilmember Montgomery Re Old Hometown Fair

Councilmember Montgomery said he looks forward to seeing everyone at the Old Hometown Fair on Saturday and Sunday, October 7 – 8, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 p.m. the meeting was duly adjourned to the 5:30 p.m. Adjourned Regular Meeting to be followed by the 6:30 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2006, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1400 Highland Avenue, in said City.

WENDY WEEKS
Recording Secretary

MITCH WARD
Mayor

ATTEST:

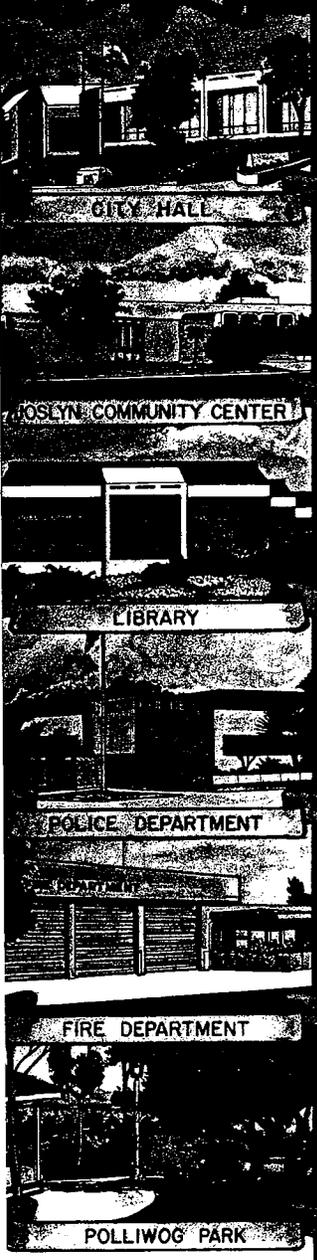
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City of Manhattan Beach



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TO
OUR COLLEAGUE
MITCH WARD
MAYOR

JANUARY 3, 2006 to OCTOBER 17, 2006

WHEREAS, Mitch Ward served the City of Manhattan Beach as Mayor from January 3, 2006 to October 17, 2006; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Mayor, Mitch has exercised leadership in establishing the professional precepts of the position of Mayor, has possessed the outstanding qualities of integrity, unselfishness, concern, and devotion, has truly been an asset to his colleagues, and has benefited the citizens of Manhattan Beach immensely; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council that Mitch be commended for his loyal dedication and achievements as Mayor on behalf of the citizens of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, does hereby commend with deep appreciation, outgoing Mayor Mitch Ward, for his extraordinary contributions as Mayor and as a member of the City Council.

DATED this 17th day of October, 2006.


CITY CLERK

MAYOR

COUNCILMEMBER

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ITEM NO. 2C

**NO STAFF REPORT
REQUIRED**

**CEREMONIAL
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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Members of the Manhattan Beach City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Honorable Mayor Nicholas W. Tell, Jr.

DATE: October 17, 2006

SUBJECT: Ratification of New Council Assignments

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Members of the City Council ratify the attached Council Assignments list.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended action.

DISCUSSION:

It has been the discretionary responsibility of each Mayor to review the standing list of City Councilmember assignments to the City's various government and community-related committees.

The attached list reflects the designated changes and, if ratified, will remain in effect until the next Council rotation, which takes place on August 7, 2007.

Also attached is a description of each committee and the agreements that the Council reached on October 3, 2006 regarding attendance and participation.

Attachments:

- A. Council Assignments list
- B. Council Assignments, Committee Descriptions

MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS

Reorganization of City Council – October 17, 2006

Assignments Ratified – October 17, 2006

Next Reorganization – August 7, 2007

	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
<u>COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES</u>		
City Council/Manhattan Beach Unified School District	Fahey/Tell	---
Ad Hoc Committee		
Finance Subcommittee	Montgomery/Tell	---
Public Safety Facility Ad Hoc Committee	Ward/Montgomery	---
<u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG)	Aldinger	Montgomery
South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority (RCC)	Aldinger	Fahey
<u>L.A. COUNTY GOVERNMENT</u>		
Independent Cities Association	Montgomery	Tell
Independent Cities Risk Management Authority	Tell	Risk Manager
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts	Mayor	Mayor Pro Tem
<i>(Mayor is automatically the delegate; Mayor Pro Tem alternate)</i>		
Los Angeles County City Selection Committee	Mayor	Mayor Pro Tem
<i>(Mayor is automatically the delegate; Mayor Pro Tem alternate)</i>		
<u>REGIONAL/STATE GOVERNMENT</u>		
League of California Cities	Mayor	Mayor Pro Tem
<i>(Mayor is automatically the delegate; Mayor Pro Tem alternate)</i>		
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)	Tell	Montgomery
<u>GENERAL CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS</u>		
Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council	Fahey	Aldinger
Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch	Ward	Montgomery
Manhattan Beach Old Hometown Fair Association	Montgomery	Fahey
Manhattan Beach Sister Cities Committee	Aldinger	Ward
<u>BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS</u>		
Downtown Manhattan Beach Business & Professional Assn.	Fahey	Aldinger
Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce	Aldinger	Fahey
North-end Business Improvement District (BID)	Ward	Aldinger
<u>LAX</u>		
Coastal Corridor Mobility Task Force (formerly LAX Ground Cmte)	Aldinger	Fahey
Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) Community Noise Roundtable	Tell	Montgomery

Committee Assignments COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Coastal Corridor Mobility Task Force:

Formerly known as the LAX Ground Committee, the task force is made up of cities impacted by LAX, specifically related to ground transportation. This committee meets on an as-needed basis.

Council/School District Ad Hoc Committee:

This committee is comprised of two Council members and two School Board members. The committee meets on an as needed basis, usually if there is a specific issue to deal with.

Downtown Manhattan Beach Business & Professional Association:

The DBPA is a non-profit corporation established in 1985 which serves all business license holders in the downtown area except commercial property owners. The Association works on parking, transportation and community programs, marketing and advertising of the downtown and holds a variety of promotions and special events. The DBPA meets twice a month. It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

Finance Sub-Committee:

This committee is comprised of two Council members and the City Treasurer. The committee meets on a quarterly basis to discuss issues such as the investment report, the annual audit, the annual budget, and other finance-related issues. The Treasurer maintains regular contact with the Finance Department staff.

Independent Cities Association:

ICA is a non-profit corporation established in 1961 by the full service cities (cities that provide their own police and/or fire services) in Southern California to represent the interests of the member cities collectively. ICA is governed by a 20-member Board of Directors elected by the member cities which meets once a month (1st Wednesday).

Independent Cities Risk Management Authority:

Established in 1980, the ICRMA is a joint powers authority that offers member cities excess liability, excess workers' compensation and property programs. ICRMA is directed by a governing board consisting of one representative from each of the 29 member cities and meets once a month (2nd Wednesday). Howard Fishman, the City's Risk Manager is the alternate and attends all the ICRMA meetings.

League of California Cities:

The LA County division of the League is made up of the 86 cities in LA County and provides information to assist in providing high-quality services to the cities and their citizens. All City Council members, City Managers, City Clerks and other staff are invited to attend the LA County Division meetings which take place on the 1st Thursday of every month.

Los Angeles County City Selection Committee:

This is an ad hoc group made up of elected representatives from each city in Los Angeles County (the mayor is the automatic delegate) that elects nominees to seats on regional boards (MTA, AQMD, etc.). The group meets on an as-needed basis.

Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts:

The Sanitation Districts are a confederation of independent special districts in LA County covering approximately 800 square miles and encompassing 78 cities within the County that construct, operate and maintain facilities to collect, treat, recycle, and dispose of sewage and industrial waste.

There are 24 separate Sanitation Districts, each with a separate Board of Directors consisting of the mayor of each city within that District. The Board of Directors meets once per month (3rd Wednesday).

Los Angeles World Airport Community Noise Roundtable:

The Roundtable was created in September 2000 and is intended to reduce and mitigate the adverse noise impacts that the users of LAX create on the surrounding communities and their environs. Membership of the Roundtable consists of local elected officials, representatives of congressional offices, members of recognized community groups, the FAA, the ATA and LAWA management. The Roundtable meets the 2nd Wednesday of every odd numbered month.

Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce:

Established in 1941, the Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting business and community through a mix of opportunities for business expansion, personal growth and community connection. The Board of Directors meets once a month (2nd Wednesday). It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council:

The Coordinating Council's mission is to encourage cooperation and communication among agencies, organizations and individuals interested in making the community a better place to live. It holds monthly luncheons (3rd Thursday) featuring speakers of general interest.

Manhattan Beach Neighborhood Watch:

Neighborhood Watch Block Captain meetings are held monthly (3rd Monday). It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

Manhattan Beach Old Hometown Fair Association:

The annual Manhattan Beach Old Hometown Fair is organized by an all-volunteer, non-profit board of directors. The meeting schedule varies and is provided to the board members. It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

Manhattan Beach Sister City Committee:

The Sister City Committee is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting goodwill,

friendship, cultural, education, economic and people-to-people exchanges among the citizens of two cities. The agenda empowers private citizens as well as municipal officials, local businesses and civic organizations to foster true relationships with the people of both countries through community outreach programs. Manhattan Beach's sister city, Santa Rosalia in Baja California Sur, Mexico was selected in 1989. The Committee meets once a month (1st Monday). It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

North End Business Improvement District:

The North End BID (the area generally surrounding the Rosecrans Avenue and Highland Avenue intersection) was originally formed in 1969, and then reformed in 2004 with a broadened scope to address physical improvements to the district, signage, and marketing. It includes all business license holders in the defined area and has a 7-member board comprised of business owners within the BID boundaries which meets as needed. It is up to the committee chair and the City delegate to work out appropriate participation for the City representative. Attendance may also include a brief report/City update at the beginning of the meeting.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments:

This is a joint powers authority of the 16 South Bay cities of Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance and the Harbor City/San Pedro communities of the City of Los Angeles. Each member has one delegate. The group meets once a month (4th Thursday) to discuss issues of relevance to the South Bay cities such as legislation, transportation, and other such intergovernmental issues.

South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority:

This is a joint powers authority currently owned by the cities of Gardena, Hawthorne and Manhattan Beach (services are also provided to the city of Hermosa Beach under contract). The Board of Directors meets twice a year and is comprised of elected representatives from each city, executive staff and users from each city.

Southern California Association of Governments:

SCAG functions as the metropolitan planning organization for the six counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and Imperial. The General Assembly meets once a year and is attended by a representative from the City.