

CITY OF SANTA MONICA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 14, 2006

A regular meeting of the Santa Monica City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Shriver at 5:57 p.m., on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at City Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Shriver
Councilmember Richard Bloom
Councilmember Herb Katz (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)
Councilmember Kevin McKeown
Councilmember Pam O'Connor

Absent: Mayor Robert T. Holbrook
Councilmember Ken Genser

Also Present: City Manager P. Lamont Ewell
City Attorney Marsha Jones Moutrie
City Clerk Maria M. Stewart

CONVENE/PLEDGE On order of the Mayor Pro Tem, the City Council convened at 5:57 p.m., with Councilmembers Genser and Katz, and Mayor Holbrook absent. Councilmember O'Connor led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT CALENDAR: All items were considered and approved in one motion unless removed by a Councilmember for discussion.

Members of the public Joey Fullmer and Joe Natoli commented on various Consent Calendar Items.

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Shriver, Items 1-F was removed from the Consent Calendar because it requires five vote, and 1-H was removed because Mayor Pro Tem Shriver had a conflict of interest with the matter.

Motion by Councilmember O'Connor, seconded by Councilmember Bloom, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented except Items 1-F and 1-H, reading resolutions and ordinances by title only and waiving further reading thereof. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers O'Connor, McKeown, Bloom, Mayor Pro
Tem Shriver
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmembers Genser, Katz, Mayor Holbrook

MINUTES

1-A: **The minutes** of the February 14, 2006, City Council meeting, were approved as submitted.

**BIKE/PEDESTRIAN
PATH - EXPOSITION
CORRIDOR**

1-B: **Exposition Corridor Bike and Pedestrian Path** - recommendation to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute Contract No. 8566 (CCS) with Crain & Associates, in the amount of \$558,000, for design, bid preparation and construction monitoring of the project, was approved.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW
MOBILE HOMES**

1-C: **Mountain View Mobile Home Management Services** - recommendation to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to Contract No. 8567 (CCS) with Castle Breckenridge Management, in the amount of \$42,000, for continued property management services, was approved.

**OFFICER RICARDO
CROCKER MEMORIAL**

1-D: **Memorial sign in memory of Officer Ricardo A. Crocker** - recommendation to authorize the City Manager to request that California State Senator Kuehl carry legislation to post a memorial sign along the Santa Monica Freeway or Pacific Coast Highway in memory of Police Officer Ricardo A. Crocker, was approved.

WITHDRAWN ITEM

1-E: **Staff report withdrawn at request of staff.**

**415 PACIFIC COAST
HIGHWAY**

1-F: **Grant funds to support reuse of 415 Pacific Coast Highway** - recommendation to authorize the City Manager to submit all necessary information, and to negotiate and execute Contract No. 8568 (CCS) and all documents related to the acceptance of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the reuse of 415 Pacific Coast Highway; and approve proposed appropriation of funds, was approved.

PIER CAROUSEL

1-G: **Management for operation of Santa Monica Pier Carousel** - recommendation to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute Contract No. 8569 (CCS) with Roth Management, for an annual fee of \$88,500 plus reimbursement of staff salaries and maintenance, for operation and routine maintenance of the Pier Carousel, was approved.

**MOTOROLA
COMPUTERS**

1-H: **Use of grant funds for purchase of mobile computers from Motorola** - recommendation to waive competitive bidding, appropriate proposed uses for State COPS funding of \$270,405, and the purchase of 25 mobile computers on a sole source basis from Motorola, Inc.

On order of the Mayor Pro Tem, this matter was continued to March 28, 2006.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

*Councilmember Katz
arrived at 6:05 p.m.*

On order of the Mayor Pro Tem, the City Council recessed at 6:05 p.m., to consider closed sessions and returned at 7:04 p.m., with Councilmember Genser and Mayor Holbrook absent, to report the following:

2-A: **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation. City of Santa Monica v. Baron & Budd, P.C., Case No. BC 315 186.**

ACTION: Heard. No reportable action taken.

2-B: **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation. Coalition for a Livable Santa Monica v. City of Santa Monica, Case No. SS 013 463.**

ACTION: Heard. No reportable action taken.

2-C: **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation. Haroun Mehdipour, Parvin Mehdipour v. City of Santa Monica, Case No. SC 083 537.**

ACTION: Heard. No reportable action taken.

2-D: **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation. Stewart Lamle v. City of Santa Monica, Case No. 04-06355 (SH).**

ACTION: Heard. No reportable action taken.

2-E: **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation. Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation. Anticipate significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): claim of JSM relating to state housing law and the City's Affordable Housing Production Ordinance, one dispute related to real property at 161 Ocean Park Boulevard, and claim of SKS Construction Company.**

ACTION: Heard. No reportable action taken.

2-F: **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation. Russell Barnard v. City of Santa Monica, Case No. BC 281 367.**

ACTION: Heard. No reportable action taken.

STUDY SESSION:

3-A: **Study Session on Solid Waste Rate Structure and options for Solid Waste Operations**, was presented.

Member of the public Joey Fullmer commented on various aspects of the presentation.

On order of the Mayor Pro Tem, the information was received and filed.

SPECIAL ITEMS:

4-A: **Proclamation declaring March 2006 *Mayors for Meals Month* in the City of Santa Monica**, was issued by Mayor Pro Tem Shriver.

ORDINANCES:
BUSINESS EMPLOYEE
PARKING PERMITS

7-A: **Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2178 (CCS) entitled: “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADDING CHAPTER 3.10 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING PERMITS FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES,”** was presented.

Motion by Councilmember McKeown, seconded by Councilmember Katz, to adopt ordinance, reading by title only, and waiving further reading thereof. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bloom, Katz, McKeown, Mayor Pro Tem Shriver.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember O’Connor

ABSENT: Councilmember Genser, Mayor Holbrook

STAFF ITEMS:
REDESIGN OF POLICE
VEHICLES

8-A: **Redesign of police patrol vehicles** - recommendation to approve a new design for police patrol vehicles incorporating the City logo and a "black and white" color scheme, was presented.

Members of the public Terry D. Manpearl and Todd Flora spoke in opposition to the proposal. Members of the public Jerry Rubin and Pro Se expressed their views and concerns.

Motion by Councilmember O'Connor, seconded by Councilmember Katz, to approve the proposed design, amended to change the color of the side letters ("Santa Monica" and "Police") on the side to blue. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers O'Connor, Katz, Bloom, Mayor Pro Tem Shriver
NOES: Councilmember McKeown
ABSENT: Councilmember Genser, Mayor Holbrook

COMMUNITY ENERGY INDEPENDENCE INITIATIVE

8-B: Community Energy Independence Initiative - recommendation to approve in concept a Community Energy Independence Initiative and authorize implementation of a two-year demonstration project, was presented.

Members of the public Joey Fullmer, Harvey Eder, Woodrow Clark, and Mark Olson spoke in support of the proposal.

Motion by Councilmember McKeown, seconded by Councilmember Bloom, to approve staff recommendation, amended to include direction to staff to consider a wind turbine concept on the Pier, as suggested by a member of the public. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bloom, McKeown, O'Connor, Mayor Pro Tem Shriver
NOES: Councilmember Katz
ABSENT: Councilmember Genser, Mayor Holbrook

**COUNCIL ITEMS:
APPOINTMENT**

13-A: Appointment to one annual vacancy on the Pier Restoration Corporation for a term ending November 10, 2009.

On order of the Mayor Pro Tem, this matter was continued to March 28, 2006.

GANG VIOLENCE

13-B: Request from Councilmember Bloom that the City Council receive an update from the City Manager and the Chief of Police regarding city response to the homicide that took the life of Santa Monica resident and Santa Monica High School student Eduardo "Eddie" Lopez; and, that the City Council receive information from staff regarding REGIONAL efforts to prevent gang violence and apprehend gang violence suspects, including inter-agency cooperation, was presented.

Members of the public Joe Natoli, Jerry Rubin, Ana Maria Jara and Lorraine Sanchez commented on aspects of the presentation and expressed their views and concerns.

On order of the Mayor Pro Tem, the information was received and filed.

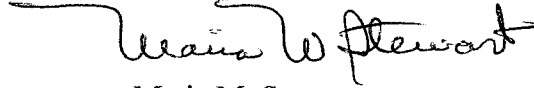
PUBLIC INPUT:

Member of the public Art Casillas commented on local issues and expressed his views.

ADJOURNMENT:


On order of the Mayor Pro Tem, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m., in memory of 15-year-old scholar and athlete Eduardo "Eddie" Lopez, and in memory of John Zender.

ATTEST:



Maria M. Stewart
City Clerk

APPROVED:



Bobby Shriver
Mayor Pro Tem