

CITY OF SANTA MONICA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 19, 2007

A regular adjourned meeting of the Santa Monica City Council was called to order by Mayor Bloom at 5:48 p.m., on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at City Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Richard Bloom
Mayor Pro Tem Herb Katz
Councilmember Ken Genser
Councilmember Robert T. Holbrook
Councilmember Kevin McKeown
Councilmember Pam O'Connor (arrived at 6:00 p.m.)

Absent: Councilmember Bobby Shriver

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

CONVENE/PLEDGE On order of the Mayor, the City Council convened at 5:48 p.m., with all members present. Assistant City Manager Gordon Anderson 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.

Member of the public Joey Fullmer expressed various concerns.

Motion by Councilmember Holbrook, seconded by Councilmember Genser, to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented, reading resolutions by title only and waiving further reading thereof. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

MINUTES

1-A: **The minutes** of the May 22, May 23, and May 24, 2007, City Council meetings were approved as submitted.

RESIDENTIAL REHAB PROGRAM

1-B: **Residential Rehabilitation Program administration** - recommendation to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute an amendment to Contract No. 8390 (CCS) with Comprehensive Housing Services, Inc., in the amount of \$250,000, to extend the term of the contract to administer the Program, was approved.

S.M. PIER 100TH ANNIVERSARY

1-C: **Federal Preserve America Grant Application** – recommendation to adopt Resolution No. 10225 (CCS) entitled: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR PRESERVE AMERICA GRANT FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE SANTA MONICA PIER RESTORATION CORPORATION FOR ITS SANTA MONICA PIER 100TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING,” was approved.

BBB FAREBOX MODIFICATION

1-D: **Purchase of farebox modification program for Big Blue Bus Fleet** – recommendation to award sole-source purchase order to GFI Genfare, in the amount of \$447,507, for replacement operator control units and dollar bill validators, was approved.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

Councilmember O’Connor arrived at 6:00 p.m.

On order of the Mayor, the City Council recessed at 5:58 p.m., to consider closed sessions and returned at 7:27 p.m., with Councilmember Shriver absent, to report the following:

2-A: **Public Employee Evaluations.**
Title of Employees: City Clerk, City Attorney

ACTION: Heard. No reportable action taken.

2-B: **Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: Abraham Supino v. City of Santa Monica (and consolidated cases), Case No. SC 080283.**

ACTION: Heard. No reportable action taken.

2-C: **Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation: Zina Bogdanovskay v. City of Santa Monica, et al., Case No. SC 090695.**

Motion by Councilmember McKeown, seconded by Councilmember O'Connor, to approve Settlement Agreement No. 8727 (CCS) in the amount of \$30,000, for a slip and fall case. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

STAFF ITEMS:
LUCE COMPONENTS

8-A: Recommendation to endorse the Neighborhood Conservation and Placemaking Principles as a component of the Land Use and Circulation Elements, was presented.

Members of the public Catherine Eldridge, Michael Folonis, Jerry Rubin, Joe Natoli, Zina Josephs, Darrell Clarke, Chris Harding, Arthur Harris, Brian Hutchings, Ellen Brennan and Jeanne Dodson spoke generally in support of the recommendations, expressed varied concerns and provided suggestions and ideas.

Motion by Councilmember McKeown, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Katz, to approve staff recommendation. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Motion by Councilmember Holbrook, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Katz, to direct staff to study the impacts to the large projects and properties in the M1 and the LMSD Zones, and return to Council with options; and direct staff to return with information on the energy, resources and economic development available and needed for the LUCE plan for the next 20-25 years. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote, with Councilmember Shriver absent.

SPECIAL JOINT
MEETING
CIVIC CENTER
VILLAGE

On order of the Mayor, the regular City Council meeting was recessed at 8:51 p.m., to convene a joint meeting with the Redevelopment Agency, with Councilmember Shriver absent.

8-B: Village Residential, Open Space, and Retail Components of the Civic Center Specific Plan - recommendation that the Redevelopment Agency approve in concept proposed plan for Village residential, open space and neighborhood-serving retail programs for entitlement applications; and authorize the Related Companies of California to apply for a Development Agreement and related entitlement applications and discrete amendments to the Civic Center Specific Plan. Recommendation that City Council authorize staff to begin negotiations with the Related Companies of California, was presented.

The following members of the public expressed concerns and made suggestions to improve the proposal: Joey Fullmer, Joe Natoli, Lorraine Sanchez, Zina Josephs, Jacob Samuel, Brian Hutchings, Jason Parry, Randy Lamm, Daniel Gregory, Suzanne Brogger, Greg Brogger, Ellen Brennan, Arthur Harris, Carissa Ducher and Stewart Lamle.

The following members of the public spoke in support of the proposal: Patricia Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, Darrell Clarke, Paul De Santis, and Joan Ling.

Considerable discussion ensued relative to the number of proposed units, the massing of the project, parking proposals and general design.

Motion by Councilmember McKeown, seconded by Councilmember Genser, that the Redevelopment Agency approve in concept the proposed plan for Village residential, open space and neighborhood-serving retail programs for entitlement applications; and authorize the Related Companies of California to apply for a Development Agreement and related entitlement applications and discrete amendments to the Civic Center Specific Plan.

Additional discussion ensued on the option and manner of having an additional public review of a revised design concept without causing undue delay to the project.

After additional discussion, Councilmember McKeown withdrew his motion.

Motion by Councilmember Genser, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Katz, to continue this matter for approximately one month and to direct staff to return with a revised design concept. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote, with Councilmember Shriver absent.

**RENTAL HOUSING
TRUST FUND
GUIDELINES**

8-C: Consolidated Rental Housing Trust Fund Guidelines revisions - recommendation that City Council and the Redevelopment Agency approve revisions to the Guidelines regarding funding limits and terms, was presented.

The following members of the public commented on this matter: Patricia Hoffman, Tod Lipka, Paul De Santis, and Joan Ling.

Motion by Councilmember McKeown, seconded by Councilmember O'Connor, to approve staff recommendation.

Motion to amend by Councilmember Genser, to condition that money to be spent outside the City require City Council approval; and that staff will issue a memorandum to City Council regarding any loans that are approved. The motion was accepted as friendly by the maker. The motion, as amended, was approved by the following vote:

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

**ADJOURNMENT OF
SPECIAL MEETING**

On order of the Mayor, the special joint meeting with the Redevelopment Agency was adjourned at 11:04 p.m., and the regular City Council meeting reconvened with Councilmember Shriver absent.

**STATE ASSEMBLY
BILL 700**

8-D: Recommendation to support California State Assembly Bill 700, if amended, relating to air pollution at the Santa Monica Airport, and direct staff to work with author to amend existing legislation, was presented.

The following members of the public spoke generally in support of the recommendation, expressed concerns, and suggested amendments to the recommendation: Jerry Rubin, Ping Ho, Lorraine Sanchez, Zina Josephs, Bob Fitzpatrick, Brian Hutchings, Susan Hartley, Cathy Larson, James Donaldson, Judith Danes, and Martin Rubin.

Motion by Councilmember McKeown, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Katz, to approve staff recommendation, amended to change the proposed revision to Section 1 of the bill to, "It is the intent of the Legislature to study through this act the increase in aircraft emissions from Santa Monica Airport, and the effects of those emissions on the residents of the surrounding area," as proposed by member of the public Ping Ho; and in staff's proposal, under Section C, change the word "involving" to

“against,” and in Part D delete “no public entity” and instead refer to Code Section 8.11.2. The motion as amended, was approved by the following vote:

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

RECESS

On order of the Mayor, the City Council recessed at 11:40 p.m., and reconvened at 11:52 p.m., with Councilmembers Holbrook, Shriver, and Mayor Pro Tem Katz absent.

**COMMUNITY MEETING
RE ELECTORAL
PROCESS**

*Councilmember Holbrook
and Mayor Pro Tem Katz
were excused at 11:52 p.m.*

8-E: Report on community meeting held: Improving the Electoral Process - recommendation that Council review the information contained in the report and provide direction to staff based on residents' comments, was presented.

The following members of the public spoke general in support of electoral reform and commented on various areas of the report: Brandon Marlow, Brian Hutchings, Bruce Cameron, Joe Natoli, Genise Schnitman, Denny Zane, and Michael Tarbet.

Motion by Councilmember McKeown, seconded by Councilmember Genser, to direct staff to work on improvements on the current campaign finance filings and disclosure processes, including software and including investigation on how to require that expenses be reported when they are incurred; authorize staff to review the enforcement challenges and investigate ways to enable effective enforcement of our existing contribution limits starting with what we have in place, but perhaps recommending changes if that is appropriate; and authorize the City Clerk to continue to work on a public financing system using these documents that have been provided as a springboard (but not necessarily a template) including returning with some estimate of the cost and on possible funding sources; and return to Council at an earlier time during the meeting, after there is a full Council in the fall. The motion was approved by voice vote, with Councilmembers Shriver, Holbrook, and Mayor Pro Tem Katz absent.

**COUNCIL MEETING
RULES; CONTINGENCY
FUNDS**

8-F: Council meeting rules and contingency funds policy revisions – recommendation to adopt a resolution related to Council meeting rules to reduce the number of speakers that trigger a reduction of speaker time; and repealing Resolution No. 9332 (CCS); and adopt form of application and guidelines related to the use of Council contingency funds.

On order of the Mayor, this matter was continued to a future meeting.

WRITTEN REQUESTS:
**ANIMALS ON PUBLIC
PROPERTY**

12-A: Request of Julien Isaacs that Santa Monica pass a law prohibiting display, exhibit, giving away and selling of animals on public property, was presented.

Members of the public Fijou Karman Courtney Taniguchi, Nikki Isaacs, Camila Gonzalez, and Lauren Melton spoke in support of the request.

Motion by Councilmember McKeown, seconded by Mayor Bloom, to direct staff to return with an assessment of the condition; to assure that performers have valid Santa Monica business licenses, and with a recommendation of what, if any, ordinance might be appropriate if Council feels regulation is needed. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote with Councilmembers Shriver, Holbrook, and Mayor Pro Tem Katz absent.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

13-A: Request of Mayor Bloom and Mayor Pro Tem Katz that the Council direct staff to return with an ordinance prohibiting the exterior installation of ATM machines without first obtaining ARB approval, a performance standard permit and/or a conditional use permit, was presented.

There was no one present for public comment.

Motion by Councilmember O'Connor, seconded by Mayor Bloom, to approve request. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote with Councilmembers Shriver, Holbrook, and Mayor Pro Tem Katz absent.

**SCHEDULING OF
ADDITIONAL COUNCIL
MEETINGS**

13-B: Request of Mayor Bloom and Mayor pro Tem Katz that the Mayor announce and the Council discuss: a) additional dates for Council meetings during fiscal year 2007 - 2008, b) the scheduling of a Council retreat during fiscal year 2007 - 2008, and c) the scheduling of evaluations of the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk, was presented.

There was no one present for public comment.

Discussion was held on the matter. No official action was taken. On order of the Mayor, the information was received and filed.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Member of the public Brian Hutchings expressed various concerns.

ADJOURNMENT:

On order of the Mayor, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 1:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

Maria M Stewart (as)

Maria M. Stewart
City Clerk

APPROVED:



Richard Bloom
Mayor