

CITY OF SANTA MONICA

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

MAY 22, 2008

A special meeting of the Santa Monica City Council was called to order by Mayor Katz at 6:11 p.m., on Thursday, May 22, 2008, at City Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Herb Katz
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom
Councilmember Ken Genser
Councilmember Robert T. Holbrook (arrived at 6:48 p.m.)
Councilmember Kevin McKeown
Councilmember Pam O'Connor
Councilmember Bobby Shriver (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)

Also Present: City Manager P. Lamont Ewell
City Attorney Marsha Jones Moutrie
Acting City Clerk Denise Anderson-Warren

CONVENE/PLEDGE

On order of the Mayor, the City Council convened at 6:11 p.m., with Councilmembers Shriver and Holbrook absent. Don Patterson, Asst. to the City Manager, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONTINUED ITEM:

5-A: Budget Overview:

Capital Improvements Program section, was continued from the May 20, 2008 Meeting, and presented by Don Patterson, Assistant to the City Manager, Management Services.

*Councilmember Shriver
arrived at 6:15 p.m.*

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

**STAFF
ADMINISTRATIVE
ITEMS:**

On order of the Council, Items 8-A and 13-A were considered concurrently.

COUNCIL RULES

8-A: Recommendation to adopt resolution No. 10290 (CCS) entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NUMBER 9932 (CCS)," was presented.

*Councilmember Holbrook
arrived at 6:48 p.m.*

13-A: Request of Councilmember Bobby Shriver, Mayor Herb Katz and Councilmember Bob Holbrook to discuss modifications of Council Rules and procedures; time management and Council agenda management, was presented.

Members of the public Joey Fullmer, Catherine Eldridge, Pro Se, M. Ross and Jerry Rubin spoke in support of various ways to improve the meeting rules and shorten the length of Council meetings.

Council had extensive discussion adding and clarifying some of the rules.

Motion by Councilmember O'Connor, seconded by Councilmember Shriver, to adopt the resolution with staff recommendations, and make amendments to include making special accommodations for people with special needs to be able to speak at the beginning of the meeting; limit the maximum speaking time to 2 minutes per item, with a 6 minute limit for the entire meeting, and no new items called after 11:00 p.m., except for Public Input, unless there is a unanimous vote by Council to continue.

The vote was approved by the following vote:

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

The City Attorney, Marsha Moutrie clarified for the record that the main motion included the following changes: Accept the proposed change in Rule 3 which says the applicant or appellant shall be entitled to request and receive a continuance of the hearing until such time as five Councilmembers are present; Clarification on Rule 12 (d) which will now say the Presiding Officer's decision may be overruled by two-thirds vote of the Council; Rule 12(h) each Councilmember shall be afforded one opportunity to speak on each item before the question is called and a question may not be called to interrupt or cut off a speaker; Rule 14, persons speaking on another's written communication and persons submitting late chits shall have permission to speak for a limit of one minute; also under that subsection, members of the public shall limit their remarks to two minutes per agenda item unless the City Council grants additional time; add a subsection to Rule 14 which includes accommodation to Speakers with Special Needs, and change Rule 24 to read that no new item, other than Public Input, shall be considered after 11:00 p.m. unless unanimously approved by Councilmembers present.

Motion by Councilmember O'Connor, seconded by Mayor Katz, to change the amendment to Rule 24 to read approval by two-thirds vote instead of a unanimous vote of Council present.

Councilmember Shriver stated for the record that he would like to see time limits for Council discussion incorporated in the rules, but acknowledged that there were not enough votes to make a motion.

Councilmember O'Connor's motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bloom, seconded by Mayor Katz, to request that staff return with a formal plan for adding additional Council meetings per year. This motion was unanimously approved by voice vote with all members present.

**PUBLIC / PRIVATE
PARTNERSHIP FOR
TRANSFER AND
RECYCLING SERVICES**

8-B: Public / Private Partnership for Transfer and Recycling Services - recommendation that Council conceptually approve a public/private partnership with Southern California Disposal for transfer services and Cedarwood-Young Company dba Allan Company for recycling services; and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a modification to agreement 8524 (CCS) with Gershman, Brickner & Bratton, Inc., in the amount of \$25,000 for a 3-year total amount of \$578,000, was presented.

Members of the public Joey Fullmer, Mike Matosian, Jason Young and Brian Hutchings were present to speak in support of the partnership.

Motion by Mayor Katz, seconded by Councilmember O'Connor, to approve staff recommendation and approve amendment to Contract No. 8524 (CCS) and Contract No. 8927 (CCS). The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

**REMOVE AND
REPLACE CAROB
TREES**

8-C: Funding appropriation for removal and replacement of declining carob trees – recommendation that Council appropriate \$395,000 for the removal and replacement of approximately 299 declining carob trees and the specialized pruning of an additional 330 carob trees, was presented.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bloom, seconded by Councilmember O'Connor, to accept the staff recommendation.

Motion to amend by Mayor Katz, that in the replacement, the City pick the largest box trees for the area they are going in instead of the standard size.

After input from staff regarding the motion to amend, the Mayor withdrew his motion.

The original motion was approved by the following vote:


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

ADJOURNMENT:

On order of the Mayor, the City Council meeting was adjourned at 10:18 p.m. to May 27, 2008.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Denise Anderson-Warren
Acting City Clerk


Herb Katz
Mayor