

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**JULY 15, 2008**

A special meeting of the Santa Monica City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Bloom at 5:07 p.m., on Tuesday, July 15, 2008, at City Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom  
Councilmember Ken Genser  
Councilmember Robert T. Holbrook  
Councilmember Kevin McKeown  
Councilmember Pam O'Connor (arrived at 5:15 p.m.)

Absent: Mayor Herb Katz  
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 Pro Tem, the City Council convened at 5:07 p.m., with Councilmembers O'Connor, Shriver, and Mayor Katz absent. Karen Bancroft, Human Resources Director, 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 Pro Se, Joy Fullmer and Denise Barton commented on the Consent Calendar items.

Motion by Councilmember Genser, seconded by Councilmember McKeown, 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 Bloom  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmembers Shriver, O'Connor, Mayor Katz

**MEA - MUNICIPAL  
EMPLOYEES ASSN.**

1-A: **Resolution No. 10323 (CCS) entitled:** "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION," was adopted.

**UTU - UNITED TRANS-  
PORTATION UNION**

1-B: **Resolution No. 10324 (CCS) entitled:** "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION, LOCAL 1785," was adopted.

**CLOSED SESSIONS:**

*Councilmember O'Connor  
arrived at 5:15 p.m.*

On order of the Mayor Pro Tem, the City Council recessed at 5:15 p.m., to consider closed sessions and returned at 6:10 p.m., with Councilmember Shriver and Mayor Katz absent, to report the following:

2-A: **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: City of Santa Monica v. Pumpman Inc., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SC 097365.**

Motion by Councilmember Genser, seconded by Councilmember O'Connor, to approve Settlement No. 8951 (CCS) in the amount of \$18,900 from defendant's insurance. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

2-B: **Anticipated Litigation: Anticipate significant exposure to litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): 2300 Wilshire.**

ACTION: Not Heard.

**STAFF ITEMS:  
LUCE**

8-A: **Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) Strategy Framework** - recommendation that Council review the LUCE Strategy Framework, and based upon the review and Planning commission and community input, endorse the Framework with appropriate comments and direct the staff to proceed with economic, transportation and environmental analysis and evaluation, was presented.

Members of the public Joey Fullmer, Catherine Eldridge, Jerry Rubin,

Tom Larmore, Barbara Kaplan and Ted Winterer commented on various aspects of the Framework and on the points made during the presentation.

Discussion ensued on the information, on public comment made, and on the collective information received to date on the project.

Motion by Councilmember Holbrook, seconded by Councilmember O'Connor, to adopt the recommendation on Santa Monica Boulevard.

Discussion ensued on the merits and timing of the motion. After considerable discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

On order of the Mayor Pro Tem, the information was received and filed. The matter was continued to July 22, 2008.

**COUNCIL ITEMS:**  
**PERSONNEL BOARD**

**13-A: Appointment to one annual vacancy on the Personnel Board for a term ending June 30, 2011.**

On order of the Mayor Pro Tem, the floor was opened for nominations.

Councilmember Genser nominated Edward Gordon Pell.

There being no other nominations, Mr. Pell was appointed by acclamation, with Councilmember Shriver and Mayor Katz absent.

**ANNUAL VACANCIES**

**13-B: Annual Appointments to Boards and Commissions for terms ending June 30, 2008**, were presented.

Board/Commission	No. of Appts.	Term Ending
Airport Commission	1	6/30/2012
Architectural Review Board	2	6/30/2012
Arts Commission	6	6/30/2012
Bayside District Corporation	1	6/30/2012
Building and Safety	2	6/30/2012
Comm. Senior Community	2	6/30/2012
Comm. Status of Women	2	6/30/2012
Disabilities Commission	3	6/30/2012
Housing Commission	1	6/30/2012
Landmarks Commission	2	6/30/2012
Library Board	1	6/30/2012
Personnel Board	1	6/30/2012
Planning Commission	2	6/30/2012
Recreation & Parks Commission	3	6/30/2012
Social Services Commission	2	6/30/2012

On order of the Mayor Pro Tem, this matter was continued to July 22, 2008.

**CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE**

**13-C: Request of Mayor Herb Katz that the City become a member of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.**

On order of the Mayor Pro Tem, this matter was continued to July 22, 2008.

**ELECTRONIC FILING  
OF CAMPAIGN  
STATEMENTS**

**13-D: Request of Councilmember McKeown that staff provide further information on making electronic filing of campaign finance statements mandatory, allowing voter access to searchable reports on donations and expenditures, with the intent to implement mandatory electronic filings in 2009; and work with candidates and treasurers in the 2008 election to strongly encourage electronic filings and provide assistance and training as needed, was presented.**

There was no one present for public comment.

Motion by Councilmember McKeown, seconded by Councilmember Genser, to approve recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote, with Councilmember Shriver and Mayor Katz absent.

**HEDGE ORDINANCE**

**13-E: Request of Councilmember Genser and Mayor Pro Tem Bloom to: (1) Direct staff to return with a process and any legal changes necessary to provide that all pending appeals relating to Hedge Ordinance No. 2236 (CCS) will be heard by a hearing officer, and return with time frames (and budget authorization, if necessary) for hiring a hearing officer as well as an anticipated schedule for hearings to proceed in as expeditious a manner as possible without sacrificing due process; (2) to return to Council for adoption of the permanent "Hedge Ordinance" (to replace Ordinance No. 2236 (CCS)) at the Council's earliest possible meeting; (3) and, to request comments from the Planning Commission regarding temporary Ordinance No. 2236 (CCS) and the adoption of a permanent Ordinance, was presented.**

Member of the public Leah Mendelsohn spoke in support of the request.

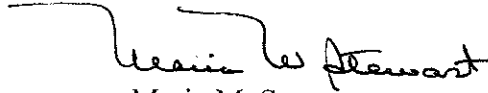
Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bloom, seconded by Councilmember Genser, to approve recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote, with Councilmember Shriver and Mayor Katz absent.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On order of the Mayor Pro Tem, the City Council meeting was

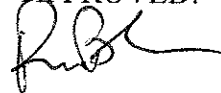
adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maria M. Stewart".

Maria M. Stewart  
City Clerk

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Bloom".

Richard Bloom  
Mayor Pro Tem