#### **MINUTES**

City Council Regular Meeting 2212 Beach Boulevard Pacifica, CA 94044 March 12, 2007

Acting Mayor Vreeland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., stating that all councilmembers were present, with the exception of Mayor DeJarnatt, and announced that the Council would meet in Closed Session. City Attorney Quick announced the business to be discussed:

- 1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): Conference with legal counselanticipated litigation. One potential case.
- 2. In accordance with Government Code Section 54956.8: Conference with real property negotiator. Discussion concerns price and terms of payment. Agency negotiator attending session: William C. Norton. Property: 009-281-1000. Negotiating parties: City of Pacifica and California State Lands Commission.

Acting Mayor Vreeland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Councilmembers:

Digre, Lancelle, Hinton, and Vreeland.

Excused:

Councilmembers:

DeJarnatt.

Staff Present:

William C. Norton, Interim City Manager; Cecilia Quick, City Attorney; Ann Ritzma, Human Resources Director; Scott Holmes, Public Works Director; Mari Brumm-Merrill, PB&R Director; Jim Saunders, Police Chief; Sandra McClellan, Asst. Finance Director; Fernando Realyvasquez, Police Captain; Van Ocampo,

City Engineer; Kathy O'Connell, City Clerk.

Acting Mayor Vreeland led the Salute to the Flag.

Commission Liaison:

None.

Chamber Liaison:

None.

#### **CLOSED SESSION:**

None.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Councilmember Hinton moved approval of the Consent Calendar, as amended, as follows: Approval of disbursements dated 02/21/07 to 03/02/07 in the amount of \$445,240.82, regular and quick checks numbered 816000 to 81603 and 115247 to 115395 and 115400 to 115401, as set forth in Item #1; Approval of Minutes of regular City Council meeting of February 26, 2007, as set forth in Item #2; Notice of Completion for the Beverly Place Storm Drainage Project, as set forth in Item #3; Approval of Lot Line Adjustment Between the City of Pacifica and the North Coast County Water District in Connection with Fassler Avenue Tank Site, as set forth in Item #4, moved to Consideration as Item #6a; Repealing of Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Pacifica Municipal Code, Section 2-2.109, to Remove Language of Interval of One Year for Commission Terms (second reading), as set forth in Item #5; Adoption of a Resolution in

Support of the Pacifica School District Parcel Tax Initiative Measure Q, as set forth in Item #6; seconded by Councilmember Lancelle.

Councilmember Hinton stated that, in his Council Communications on page 2, "... he represented the City on the Mosquito Abatement Board" should be corrected to "... he represented the **County at large** on the Mosquito Abatement Board."

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmembers: Digre, Lancelle, Hinton, and Vreeland.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion carried: 4-0.

## 6a. Approval of Lot Line Adjustment Between the City of Pacifica and the North Coast County Water District in Connection with Fassler Avenue Tank Site.

Councilmember Lancelle recused herself from this item.

City Engineer Ocampo presented the staff report.

Councilmember Digre asked clarification that there was an existing tank there.

City Engineer Ocampo explained that there were no improvements to be installed, but that they were merely rectifying the mistake.

Councilmember Digre asked further clarification that there wouldn't be any excavation of the hill in the future.

City Engineer Ocampo stated that there would be none.

Councilmember Hinton asked if the parcel would be the same size as the previous parcel or a little larger.

City Engineer Ocampo confirmed that it would be a little bit larger.

Councilmember Hinton asked clarification that they weren't moving the tank or putting another tank but merely moving the property line.

City Engineer Ocampo confirmed that there would be no new construction, merely encompassing what was out there.

Acting Mayor Vreeland asked how much larger it would be.

City Engineer Ocampo stated that it was expanded to about 21,500 square feet from a 10,000 square foot lot.

Acting Mayor Vreeland acknowledged that it was doubling in size, and asked clarification that the City wasn't asking the Water District for any compensation for that. He stated that he was seeing all staff members shaking their heads.

City Manager Norton stated that it was property intended to be dedicated to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Acting Mayor Vreeland asked if the whole 200 acres was going to be given to the GGNRA.

City Manager Norton responded affirmatively, explaining that it was not going to continue to be part of City property in the future, and they were only doing it to rectify a problem with surveying, not that they needed more property to do the work.

Acting Mayor Vreeland clarified that it was to knock down any further issues and transfer the property to the federal government, this being the last barrier to that transfer.

City Manager Norton stated that he was correct.

City Attorney Quick stated that the Park District had informed the City that they would not accept the transfer with the mistake on it and once it was transferred they were prohibited by federal law to grant any property rights.

Acting Mayor Vreeland understood, stating that this was why the City had done the trail improvements, because they could do it faster than the federal government.

Councilmember Hinton moved to **APPROVE** the Lot Line Adjustment between the City of Pacifica's Cattle Hill property and North Coast County Water District's Fassler Tank Site, and **AUTHORIZE** the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary to record the Lot Line Adjustment; seconded by Councilmember Digre.

There were no public comments.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmembers: Digre, Hinton, and Vreeland.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Abstain: Councilmember: Lancelle.

Motion passed: 3-0-1.

Councilmember Lancelle returned to the dais.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

None.

#### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Councilmember Hinton requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Mon Jew, a veteran who drives a jeep with a 50 caliber machine gun on it and who was supportive of veterans' affairs. He was born in China, lived for five years under the Communist regime, and passed away due to cancer. He stated that he was well liked.

Councilmember Digre stated that May Gee was receiving an award for the Women's Hall of Fame, adding that she would not be able to attend that meeting. She stated that a study session would be held on March 21 with the PB&R to discuss Pacifica ordinances, beaches, skatepark, etc. She mentioned that their first budget meeting would be on April 11. She also mentioned that they would have a meeting on March 17 with the history group, with a former mayor, Jean Fassler, attending.

Councilmember Lancelle reported that she attended the monthly Chamber meeting and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting for the county. She also met with the GGNRA Advisory Committee and attended a meeting with the City Manager, Don Eagleston and Councilmember Digre about the BID. A joint committee of the School District and City Council met. She mentioned the read-aloud at Ortega at which they all had fun. She stated that she and Councilmember Digre met with the youth at Terra Nova who gave them feedback about their needs for the shuttle, stating they would pass that information along at their next meeting, along with other good input about what the youth would like to see in the community. She also commented on the Historical Society's day for all citizens who had served the City in the past. She mentioned that discussion of the meeting she attended with San Francisco regarding the golf course would be coming up later in the meeting.

Councilmember Hinton stated that he had attended the San Mateo Elks Law and Order night. He also read at the Sunset Ridge and Ortega schools. He thought it was interesting and felt anyone would enjoy reading to them, detailing some of the comments made.

Councilmember Lancelle mentioned that Mayor pro Tem Vreeland stepped down as chairman of CCAG. He was honored at the meeting, and she had only heard wonderful things about the job he did. She thanked him for his service to Pacifica, as well as the County.

Acting Mayor Vreeland thanked Councilmember Lancelle for acknowledging that, adding that it was an emotional night at the meeting. He felt, through the Council's efforts, Pacifica was seen as more of a regional force than in previous years. He stated that, while there was no Pacifica item on CCAG's agenda now, we had received a grant for a bike trail which was one of the items on the agenda for the PB&R Commission/Council meeting and he hoped everyone showed up for the meeting. He mentioned the Read Aloud program, adding that he was on the Pacifica School Volunteers Board which was having a fundraiser at the Linda Mar Shopping Center. He asked staff when the discussion on redevelopment was scheduled.

City Manager Norton stated that they had a review by consultants but they didn't have a firm date on the study session.

Acting Mayor Vreeland asked about the date for the biodiesel project.

City Manager Norton stated that they were trying to get that on the first meeting in April, but it could be the second meeting because, while they had proposals, they still had to review them.

Acting Mayor Vreeland stated he would follow up later because he wanted to help in moving those through the process for public discussion. He asked Councilmembers Hinton and Digre about setting up a Fire JPA meeting with staff and asked staff for a recommendation for a proposal sent to the Council on a cost analysis.

Councilmember Hinton stated that he had been in conversation with the City Manager, who was working with staff on a plan to address the issue of cost analysis. He also had conversations with the City Manager concerning the JPA and they were working on a strategy to approach the next meeting, with the City Manager calling a meeting when things were in line.

Acting Mayor Vreeland wished it was going to be longer. He clarified that this firm might not be the people, but he thought they could do an RFP also.

Councilmember Lancelle stated that she had spoken with the Planning Director and the inclusionary zoning ordinance would be on the next Council agenda.

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Acting Mayor Vreeland opened Oral Communications.

Therese Dyer, 1408 Crespi Drive, thanked the interim City Manager for disclosing the high fees by Coastside Scavengers. She thought it was outrageous that they were charging twice as much as any other city on the Peninsula. She suggested that a refund be made to all the residents for those overcharges, rather than instituting a lawsuit. She asked if the lights by the beach were solar lights and who pays the bill.

City Manager Norton stated that he wasn't familiar with them and would have to check and get back to her.

Acting Mayor Vreeland closed Oral Communications.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

7. Appeal by Scott Patterson and Mary Vasiltsova of Decision by Emergency Preparedness and Safety Commission Upholding the Decision of the Vehicle Hearing Officer Regarding the Towing of Two Vehicles.

Police Captain Realyvasquez presented the staff report.

Councilmember Hinton asked if the City would have to reimburse them for the tow charges if they upheld their appeal and be out of pocket for some \$525.

Police Captain Realyvasquez responded affirmatively.

Scott Patterson, Pacifica, stated that the staff report was thorough. He highlighted the correction in the report that stated they were away on a family emergency and not a vacation. He explained that the reason the vehicles were parked on the street was because there was an absence of marked parking restrictions on those streets and he had never had any problems in the past. He detailed the process they followed during subsequent months in an attempt to reverse the charges. He stated that they felt the parking restrictions were arbitrary, and explained his reasoning for it. He felt that, since they didn't have to pay the parking citation, they should not have to pay the towing fees either. He mentioned that the code stated that, if the cars weren't towed lawfully, then the City must pay the towing and storage fees.

Councilmember Lancelle asked if the vehicles were parked one in front of the other.

Mr. Patterson stated that there was one across the street and the other car was in front of a neighbor's home whom they believe made the complaint.

Acting Mayor Vreeland asked Mr. Patterson if he lived on that street.

Mr. Patterson stated that he lived on Linda Mar Boulevard, and there was no parking on Linda Mar. He stated that Peralta was the only place for those residents to park.

Councilmember Hinton asked if he agreed the vehicles were left there 72 hours.

Mr. Patterson agreed.

Councilmember Hinton stated that the report indicated he appealed the citation because he lived in San Francisco and couldn't park it in San Francisco. He asked where he was living now.

Mr. Patterson stated that they were currently living in the Sunset District of San Francisco and were preparing to move to Oregon.

Councilmember Hinton asked whether they were living in Pacifica at the time the vehicles were parked there.

Mr. Patterson stated that he was not living in Pacifica at the time the vehicles were left there or at the time of the towing.

Acting Mayor Vreeland stated that he asked him that question, and he stated that he lived on Linda Mar Boulevard.

Mr. Patterson stated that he currently didn't live on Linda Mar Boulevard, but he had lived on Linda Mar Boulevard for two and a half years previously.

Councilmember Lancelle asked if he picked up the car that was towed on the day he discovered it was towed.

Mr. Patterson stated that they came home two hours after the vehicles were towed.

Councilmember Lancelle asked that if there was a storage charge for the other car because they picked it up the following day.

Mr. Patterson stated that one company charged a storage charge because two hours constituted a full day, although the other company did not charge a storage fee.

Acting Mayor Vreeland asked the police for clarification that the cars sat there for three weeks, not just three days.

Police Captain Realyvasquez responded affirmatively.

Acting Mayor Vreeland stated that it sounded like a computer problem with the people handling the City's tickets. He asked how they came with something that said they were forgiven and we put them in abeyance.

Police Captain Realyvasquez explained that when they received an appeal for a citation, they review it immediately and sent it back to Turbo Data who managed the City's citations, at which time they took appropriate action. He explained the process he followed, adding that due to the delay in processing, Turbo Data dismissed the citation.

Acting Mayor Vreeland asked clarification that Turbo Data handled the processing of citations of the City, as well as other cities.

Police Captain Realyvasquez stated that they handled citations for the County.

Acting Mayor Vreeland reiterated that the City didn't take any action to give them up, but were going through our process.

Police Captain Realyvasquez stated that this was an unusual circumstance to take so long to hear the appeal, and it went beyond Turbo Data's limits.

Acting Mayor Vreeland asked if we learned that we would not let a consultant waive our rights to make certain the tickets were enforced.

Police Captain Realyvasquez stated that they had. He stated that they were only two \$16 tickets and they could have been reissued, but they decided not to in good faith. He added that the police didn't actively look for 72-hour violations because of being understaffed, but they did respond to citizen complaints and the citizens expected them to take action.

Acting Mayor Vreeland stated that the Council expected action to be taken also, because it was a quality of life issue. He asked the City Attorney if the actions of the private consultant at all relieved the validity of the tickets themselves.

City Attorney Quick responded that it was not a defense to the action today.

Councilmember Lancelle asked if other cities had similar ordinances about how long cars can be parked on the street.

City Manager Norton stated that other cities had this and City representatives had a yearly meeting to discuss these issues, as well as the state grant which funds this activity.

Councilmember Lancelle asked confirmation that this was not atypical to have a 72-hour abandonment ordinance, which was triggered by complaints rather than constant patrolling.

City Manager Norton stated that he didn't say some cities didn't go out and look if they had the personnel for it, but our parking control officer was busy merely responding to the complaints except when it was very obvious that a car had been there for a while.

Councilmember Lancelle asked if the origin of the ordinance was a way to deal with cars that didn't get used.

City Manager Norton stated that the intent was to clear the streets of vehicles that weren't being operated, done by 72-hour ordinances or if the vehicle expired over 6 months plus a day, trying to address quality of life, abandoned stolen cars.

Councilmember Digre asked confirmation that the police department waived the \$40 release fee for each vehicle and Turbo Data dismissed the citation.

Police Captain Realyvasquez responded affirmatively.

Mr. Patterson stated that they believed the citation was because of the second complaint and the reason for the second complaint was the officer offering information about a potentially stolen vehicle to a neighbor.

Police Captain Realyvasquez stated that, once the officer located the stolen plates on the back of one of the vehicles, it was their procedure to do a neighborhood check to find out if anyone knew who left the vehicle in order to gain some investigative details to follow up on the case, and they told people why they were investigating something.

Acting Mayor Vreeland clarified that it was police procedure, if they saw a stolen vehicle in front of a house, to ask the resident if they saw someone dropping the car off.

Police Captain Realyvasquez stated that he was correct, and that they would also mention it was stolen. He mentioned that they would also do a neighborhood check if a home was burglarized and they would tell the neighbors what happened at the neighbor's house. He added that this ordinance was adopted by a previous Council and has been enforced since 1984.

Acting Mayor Vreeland opened the Public Hearing and, seeing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Hinton stated that he read the staff report, and he thought it was quite apparent that the vehicles were improperly parked, and they really did receive considerable good fortune in the fact that the police department didn't respond in a timely manner, that they were relieved of the responsibility of paying for the citation, and that the police accommodated them by waiving the \$40 towing release fee. He felt the police acted responsibly and they were given extra time because the enforcing officer was on vacation. He acknowledged that they were towed and an expense incurred, but he felt the money would be coming out of City funds if the appellants were reimbursed which he felt would be a gift of public funds. He felt it was a legitimate, verifiable and correct procedure by the police department.

Councilmember Lancelle stated that they were aware of their streets and were familiar with their neighbor's cars. She felt sympathetic to the appellants, but she thought there was a reason for not wanting other people parking in front of your house. She felt she would have been distressed if a car had been parked in front of her house, because they all need those spaces. She agreed with Councilmember Hinton that paying for people's expenses would be a bad precedent to set.

Councilmember Digre also sympathized with the appellants, explaining her own similar experience in San Francisco. She also mentioned the same situation in a neighboring city regarding the 72-hour limit. She appreciated the police department for being as compassionate as they can be.

Councilmember Hinton stated that these vehicles could have been stolen, not reported and used by the people who stole them in a crime, and he felt it was in the best interest of everyone to be aware of what was going on.

Councilmember Hinton moved to **DENY** the appeal and uphold the determination of the Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission;" seconded by Councilmember Lancelle.

Councilmember Lancelle asked if there was a charge for the appellant making the appeal.

City Clerk O'Connell stated that there was no charge.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmembers: Digre, Lancelle, Hinton, and Vreeland.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

Acting Mayor Vreeland stated that he would like to hold over Item #10 until they had a full Council.

Councilmember Lancelle agreed with the suggestion.

Acting Mayor Vreeland asked if that would be a problem for the Planning Commission.

City Clerk O'Connell stated that they would have only one more meeting without a full Commission.

Acting Mayor Vreeland again stated that all five members needed to make that decision. He announced to the public that they would hold those over until there was a full Council, adding that they could talk about it if there were people in the audience who wished to make comments.

#### CONSIDERATION

### 8. Review the Strategic Plan Update Goals and Objectives as of February 2007.

Human Resources Director Ritzma presented the staff report.

Councilmember Digre corrected the report to clarify that the free local shuttle was only for one year.

Acting Mayor Vreeland stated that he would like to put what the funding was, itemizing the specific amounts and the specific funding source for several items.

Acting Mayor Vreeland opened public comments.

Kathy Meeh, 1276 Alicante Drive, stated that there were some things she didn't understand. She was disturbed about the amount of land they were giving away to the GGNRA, asking whether this land could be useful in the future with the increasing density in the Bay Area. She thought the vision of the Strategic Plan was wonderful, economically and ecologically vibrant, physically sound and community focused, but she questioned how they get there and thought they might need to consider a City Planner.

Jeff Simons, 231 Beaumont Blvd., stated that he liked what Ms. Meeh said. He had a few comments to help facilitate the plan. He thought the goals were great, but thought some should be worked on concurrently or put higher up on the list. He thought, instead of stating revision of the General Plan as necessary, it should be mandatory. He agreed that considering a City Planner was a good idea, mentioning the various needs by the different groups in the City which he felt meant revising the General Plan.

Acting Mayor Vreeland closed public comments.

Councilmember Hinton stated that, when he was chairman of Open Space, they agreed they shouldn't build on public lands and unimproved private property, adding that they should properly identify unimproved private property.

Councilmember Digre sympathized with the concern about a piecemeal type of thing, and she had recommended a temporary moratorium in the past. She asked H.R. Director Ritzma where the correction on the highway widening wording was located.

H.R. Director Ritzma stated that it was on the green sheet, correction side.

Councilmember Hinton stated that 12 years ago he proposed that they revise the General Plan and was told it was very expensive. They also considered doing it in-house but the only thing they could do was the housing element. He reiterated that the Council was interested in working on the General Plan.

Councilmember Digre asked staff if they could get a copy of the Compton Study because it explains from an expert the monetary value of open space.

Acting Mayor Vreeland asked if the goals, listed 1 through 10, were rated in priority.

H.R. Director Ritzma stated that they were not.

Acting Mayor Vreeland agreed with the speaker and suggested that they be listed without numbers because they were all equally important. He thanked the audience for acknowledging the effort which was driven by Councilmember Lancelle. He thought it was a fine document, and they were trying to use it as a road map to help in the budget process. He assumed it was on the City's new website.

H.R. Director Ritzma stated that the current document was there, and the revisions would be put on it as well.

Acting Mayor Vreeland suggested that, as they go through the budget process, they have this on the front page of the website.

H.R. Director Ritzma stated that it had its own button.

Acting Mayor Vreeland stated that they should highlight that, because they took the time to develop the goals and were now using the goals to drive their budget decision. He thanked Councilmember Lancelle, as well as H.R. Director Ritzma.

H.R. Ritzma stated that, while it was an update, she would like a motion from the Council for approval to make the corrections.

Councilmember Lancelle thanked Acting Mayor Vreeland for his words, adding that it was really the whole community that came out, and she thanked the Council as well.

Councilmember Lancelle moved to approve the additions and corrections to the Strategic Plan; seconded by Councilmember Digre.

Councilmember Digre asked if they had done some accomplishments regarding history and library.

H.R. Director Ritzma stated that they were continuing to meet with the Library Foundation and moving forward on that.

Councilmember Digre asked that they look at history as well, because that has been very active this year.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmembers: Digre, Lancelle, Hinton, and Vreeland.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

### 9. Update for the City of Pacifica's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

PB&R Director Brumm-Merrill presented the staff report, also mentioning that Kathleen Manning would be speaking on some of the events coming up.

Kathleen Manning then proceeded to follow up with the various events scheduled thus far.

Councilmember Digre asked if there was a 50<sup>th</sup> celebration at Bay Meadows with seniors on the March 18.

PB&R Director Brumm-Merrill stated that she didn't have it on her list but it could be happening.

Ms. Manning stated that she would find out about it.

PB&R Director Brumm-Merrill stated that staff was turning almost any event into a 50<sup>th</sup> celebration.

Councilmember Digre asked if some of the throws were still available.

Ms. Manning stated that they were still available.

There were no public comments.

Councilmember Lancelle extended her appreciation to the Historical Society for all their great work. She hoped there was room for everyone at the anniversary event in November. She encouraged interested people to contribute in any way.

Ms. Manning asked the public to let them know of anyone who should have been invited on Saturday. They had already sent out about 300 invitations but she was sure they missed a lot of important people.

Councilmember Digre thanked them, stating it was a very important thing. She then encouraged them to find a way to have more than the 200 limit for the dinner with a possible tent.

PB&R Director Brumm-Merrill stated that it was a separate committee because the Historical Society had their hands full.

Councilmember Hinton stated that they had checked and there was no place in town which can seat more than 200. He hoped by the 60<sup>th</sup> that they would have a hotel or other facility to accommodate more.

Councilmember Lancelle suggested they put a tent up in front of the Community Center, weather permitting.

Acting Mayor Vreeland asked that the committee consider calling the group purchasing Nick's because they expressed an interest in doing it there. He mentioned that the 30<sup>th</sup> or 40<sup>th</sup> was there in a tent. He thought it was worth doing outreach to them.

PB&R Director Brumm-Merrill stated that she would bring that suggestion back to the committee.

Acting Mayor Vreeland asked about the logo.

PB&R Director Brumm-Merrill stated that they created a logo for the 50<sup>th</sup>. She stated that it represented the City of Pacifica very well and Ms. Manning would talk about the process to get it.

Ms. Manning stated that the logo they chose had colors that were appropriate and was designed by a friend who gave permission for the City to use the logo.

Acting Mayor Vreeland stated that it was beautiful which was why he had commented on it, mentioning that it was just for the 50<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Manning stated that they could change the words for other things.

Acting Mayor Vreeland stated that the logo spurred him to present the request of looking at modifying that as they enter the next 50 years, with suggestions for contests with the schools. He asked if they talked about that.

Ms. Manning stated that they hadn't thought about it, but they had thought about posters on the history for the Fog Fest.

Acting Mayor Vreeland again thanked them for the Historical Society's help on this.

Councilmember Hinton stated that he didn't want people to think they were not interested in anything to get more people in to the dinner. Concerning the mention of the tent, he stated that people in the tent at the previous dinner didn't feel it was productive because it was cold and disjointed. The committee concluded that, for various reasons, they needed to stay where they were.

# 10. Appointment of Citizens to Fill Vacancies on the Planning Commission and the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission.

Acting Mayor Vreeland stated that, as mentioned before, they were postponing this item. He asked if there was anyone who wished to address this item, but there was no one.

### 11. Report on City and County of San Francisco Disposition of Sharp Park Golf Course, Pacifica.

Public Works Director Holmes presented the staff report.

Acting Mayor Vreeland opened public comments.

Bill Lepeltak, 258 Monterey Road, stated that he found out about this item this afternoon and he was dismayed that the golf course could possibly no longer exist as a golf course. He stated that he was the golf coach at Terra Nova, and mentioned that students from various schools were playing a match out at the golf course today. He stated that the golf course itself was not losing money, but there were other reasons why San Francisco was looking at ridding itself of the golf course. He mentioned that Harding Park was renovated at the expense of Lincoln Park and Sharp Park hoping to generate golf tournaments which didn't happen, and it was based on incorrect information. He felt the City needed to do whatever it could to preserve it as a golf course.

Acting Mayor Vreeland closed public comments.

Councilmember Hinton stated that his first reason for coming to Pacifica was to come to the golf course. He stated it was a premium golf course and it would be a shame to lose it. He mentioned that there were a number of reasons to keep it; specifically that it can't be used for anything but recreation, the flooding could be addressed, a golf course was a great economic engine for any community. He felt that losing the golf course would result in losing viable opportunities to generate revenue. He also felt golf courses were money making things.

Councilmember Lancelle agreed. She stated that the committee in San Francisco had some members interested in having it go back to habitat, and she had reassured them that Pacifica was sensitive to the environment and they could address the habitat issues with sensitivity and still have a golf course. She thought it was a key issue for that particular committee. She encouraged the Council to move forward with conversations or other tracks to explore this. She acknowledged that they had to be conscious of the costs but, if it was an opportunity presenting itself and the Council felt the same way, they should indicate their interest.

Acting Mayor Vreeland stated that he pushed to get this on the agenda tonight because stuff was happening very quickly in San Francisco, and he wanted to be sure staff had the direction of the Council to move forward with the preliminary discussions. He agreed with Councilmembers Hinton and Lancelle to direct staff to continue in dialog with San Francisco. He thought it would be a mistake to let it go back into natural use, because it was too important for the City for a recreational and public flooding standpoint, and it supported the economic development part of the Strategic Plan. He felt it was an amazing facility and they needed to work with the City of San Francisco to make sure that it continued to be an operating facility. He asked Public Works Director Holmes if he was hearing that from them.

Councilmember Digre stated that she was also present at the meeting and was impressed with them. She thought the energy was to move forward with something positive, and she was optimistic and looking forward to that.

Councilmember Hinton stated that he would direct staff to proceed to maintain the golf course in a viable condition. The City should at least be involved peripherally even with a private operator, but he felt the golf course needed to stay as a golf course.

Acting Mayor Vreeland adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m., in memory of Mon Jew, a veteran, patriot and wonderful man who will be missed.

Councilmember Hinton again mentioned that he grew up in China, played with the Flying Tiger pilots and lived for five years under the Communist regime, and that was why he was such a staunch patriot. He knew the alternative to democracy.

Transcribed by Barbara Medina, Public Meeting Stenographer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy O'Connell, City Clerk

APPROVED: As Amended

Mayor DeJarnatt Abstained,

4-0; 3/26/07

Jim Vreeland, Acting Mayor