

MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting
2212 Beach Boulevard
Pacifica, CA 94044

April 12, 2010

Mayor Digre called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., stating that all councilmembers were present. City Attorney Quick announced the business to be discussed:

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiator. Discussion concerns price and terms of payment. Agency negotiator attending session: Stephen Rhodes. Negotiating parties: City of Pacifica and 330 Esplanade, LLC and Aimco Esplanade Avenue Apartments, LLC Property: APN 009-131-030.

Mayor Digre convened to Closed Session.

Mayor Digre reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers: Lancelle, Vreeland, Nihart and Digre.
Excused: Councilmembers: DeJarnatt.

Staff Present: Steve Rhodes, City Manager; Cecilia Quick, City Attorney; Ann Ritzma, Administrative Services Director; Michael Crabtree, Planning Director; Van Ocampo, Deputy Director Public Works/City Engineer; Dave Rogers, Assoc. Civil Engineer; Mike Perez, PB&R Director; Jim Tasa, Police Captain; Kathy O'Connell, City Clerk.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart led the Salute to the Flag.

Commission Liaison: Planning Commissioners Evans and Nathanson.
Chamber Liaison: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Lancelle moved approval of the Consent Calendar, as amended, as follows: Approval of disbursements dated 03/16/10 to 03/29/10 in the amount of \$491,798.36, regular and quick checks numbered 81879 and 8301 to 8467, as set forth in Item #1; Approval of Minutes of regular City Council meeting of March 22, 2010, as set forth in Item #2; Termination of the 2009 – 2010 Latchkey Contracts with California State Department of Education, as set forth in Item #3; Amendment of the 2009 – 2010 Childcare (CCTR) Contract with California State Department of Education, as set forth in Item #4; Adoption of Resolution Approving Contract with California State Department of Education for Purpose of Instruction Materials, Up to the Amount of \$1,023 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The Funds for this Grant are to be Used for School-Aged Children in a Title V Program, as set forth in Item #5; Amendment of the 2009 – 2010 California State Preschool Program Contracts with California State Department of Education, as set forth in Item #6; Authorization of San Mateo County Child Care Partnership and the California State Department of Education Increase in the Childcare General Contract by \$214,392 for the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year, as set forth in Item #7; Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of Pacifica Approving the License Agreement with the Pacifica Historical Society for Usage of the Storage Shed Located on the City Hall Property, 170 Santa Maria Avenue, as set forth in Item #8; Accept June 30, 2009 Financial Statement and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, as set

forth in Item #9; Adoption of Resolution by City Council of the City of Pacifica Approving the Plan for the Use of Proposition 1B (Prop 1B) Local Streets and Roads Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account Funds to Fund the City of Pacifica 2010 Various Federal-Aid Streets Pavement Rehabilitation Project, as set forth in Item #10; Adoption of Notice of Completion for the San Pedro Terrace Trail Project, as set forth in Item #11; Ratification of Proclamation Confirming Existence of a Local Emergency and Resolution Proclaiming Termination of a Local Emergency, as set forth in Item #12; seconded by Mayor pro Tem Nihart.

Councilmember Vreeland stated that he would be abstaining from the minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion carried: 4-0.

City Clerk O'Connell mentioned that they needed to change the order of agenda before they continue.

Mayor Digre stated that there was a change in the order of agenda; specifically that Item #16 would be moved to become the first item under the Public Hearing followed by the present Item #13. Item #16 would now become Item #13 and Item #13 would become Item #14. Under consideration, present Item #14 would become Item #15 and present Item #15 would become Item #16, with Item #17 remaining the same.

City Attorney Quick asked the City Clerk to confirm that the Ordinance was noticed in the newspaper as a Public Hearing.

City Clerk O'Connell confirmed that it was noticed as a Public Hearing.

Mayor Digre asked if this required a motion.

City Attorney Quick responded affirmatively.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart moved to change the order of the agenda as read; seconded by Councilmember Lancelle.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mayor Digre read the proclamation paying tribute to the brown pelican and acknowledging the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day on April 24.

Lynn Adams expressed pleasure in seeing the proclamation for the brown pelican which was just taken off the endangered species list, mentioning some of the features of the brown pelican, and then asked Ron Maykel to share more information.

Ron Maykel then shared more features of the brown pelican.

Lynn Adams invited everyone to bring friends and family to Pacifica to take part in cleaning up the streets and beaches. She hoped that everyone takes action on Earth Day even if they don't join their group to help the brown pelican, as well as the fish on which they feed. She thanked the City for partnering with them on this project.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart thanked Lynn Adams and the Beach Coalition for the work they do in protecting our beaches and town. She stated that Congresswoman Jackie Speier would be joining us at 1:00 for the celebration. She stated that everyone was welcome to join them at that time.

Lynn Adams agreed, adding that there would be some performers and booths, etc.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart stated that it would be taking place in the south parking lot at Linda Mar Beach.

Lynn Adams stated that she was correct. She then thanked the Earth Day advisory committee and the Beach Coalition who have worked so hard since January.

Mayor Digre introduced the Open Space Committee to present their annual Open Space Preservation Award.

Noel Blincoe stated that he was proud to present Mary Petrilli who was an outstanding, well-deserving candidate and has given so much value to Pacifica.

Mayor Digre read the proclamation honoring Mary Petrilli as the recipient of the Open Space Preservation Award.

Mary Petrilli, with her family, accepted the award.

Noel Blincoe read a letter from Dave Sands supporting her candidacy and describing one example of her efforts. He then introduced George Dujarian from the Park Service.

George Dujarian, Park Service Ranger, mentioned some of her contributions to the Park Service and thanked her for all she has done for the Service and her community.

Mary Petrilli thanked the Open Space Committee for their fine work and the Park Service for her training, as well as various individuals and the Golden Gate National Park Conservancy. She especially thanked Clark Natwick for asking her to help restore the beach. She thanked all volunteers who placed service to others as a priority in their lives.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

13. Adoption of an Ordinance Designating the Dollaradio Station, 100 Palmetto Avenue (APN 009-401-060) as an Historic Landmark.

Planning Director Crabtree presented the staff report.

Planning Commissioner Nathanson stated that the Commission had approved this designation unanimously, feeling that it was the right thing to do. She thanked the Council for bringing it forward.

Mayor Digre opened the Public Hearing.

Joan Levin, Pacifica, stated that she came to express her gratitude to Mayor Digre.

Mayor Digre stated that it was a total City Council endeavor.

Ms. Levin stated that the stitch piers went in and they now have wind which causes the sand to get everywhere. She stated that there was a tremendous amount of work to be done at the Dollaradio Station, adding that she hoped she could get it done because it certainly deserved it. She stated that she will need everyone's help to make it work because it has been difficult to do it alone. She again thanked them for designating the Dollaradio as a landmark.

Mayor Digre closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Lancelle was grateful for Ms. Levin for her patience and perseverance in the preservation of an extraordinary site. She mentioned that she learned about the history when attending a meeting there. She felt it was a beautiful architectural masterpiece, in addition to its historic significance. She hoped that something could be done now to preserve it in perpetuity for the public. She added that she had visted the site several years ago with the Historical Society and saw how beautiful it was. ~~not known about it until she had driven through that area of Palmette.~~

Councilmember Lancelle moved that the attached ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Pacifica Designating the Dollaradio Station as a Historic Landmark," be read by title only and that further reading be waived; seconded by Councilmember Vreeland.

Councilmember Vreeland thanked Ms. Levin, mentioning that, when he was at her home years ago, he saw the beautiful property and historical nature of it. He also thanked the Historical Society for their involvement to help build support and interest in looking for ways to develop solutions. He also thanked the Council.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart stated that she had wanted to make the same comments. She also thanked Joan Levin for opening up the Dollaradio. She had a unique opportunity to have Ms. Levin personally take them on a tour of the house to learn the amazing history. She hoped that this would bring more attention. She appreciated the Planning Commission's unanimous support and thanked Councilmember Lancelle for initially bringing this forward.

Mayor Digre asked if the four pages of the history was part of the staff report on the website.

Planning Director Crabtree stated that the staff report was on the website but he didn't think the attachments were posted.

Mayor Digre stated that the reason she was asking was because it was an awesome story. She then stated that there was a radiosquirrels.net, which was the Maritime Radio Historical Society.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart referred to Ms. Levin's comments about the stitch piers, and she wanted to clarify that there had been a tremendous amount of erosion and she could not believe how much of the cliff they had lost in the past two years. She commended Ms. Levin for her efforts.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

Councilmember Lancelle moved introduction of the ordinance; seconded by Mayor pro Tem Nihart.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

14. Public Hearing to Consider User Fees and Changes to Administrative Policy #2.

Admin. Services Director Ritzma presented the staff report.

Councilmember Lancelle asked if the bold faced fees were the only ones increased.

Admin. Services Dir. Ritzma explained that the ones in bold were either a new fee or, if a strike next to it, it was an increase, and they were the only fees changed.

Councilmember Lancelle referred to page 15, and asked confirmation that those in bold were not new fees.

Admin. Services Dir. Ritzma stated that they were not new as there was no strikeout by those. They were existing and there was no change.

Councilmember Lancelle asked confirmation that the only times there was a change was when there was a strikeout.

Admin. Services Dir. Ritzma confirmed there was only a change when there was a strikeout.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart stated that she basically had the same question, adding that it looked like the majority of the fees, except for Park, Beach and Recreation, were staying the same.

Admin. Services Dir. Ritzma responded affirmatively.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart stated that the one outside of PB&R which was increasing was actually a new block party fee.

Admin. Services Dir. Ritzma stated that it was a fee that they had been charging but it was brought to their attention by their auditing firm that it should be added to the master fee schedule. She mentioned putting in the pro-rated business license fee.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart acknowledged that she had seen that.

Mayor Digre opened the Public Hearing.

Therese Dyer, 1408 Crespi Drive, asked when the proposed fees were going up and whether they affected any current development.

Admin. Services Dir. Ritzma explained that they would not be going back to change the numbers for those who were in the process and have already paid for their permitting fees. These fees would be for anything new coming forward.

Ms. Dyer asked if it was also about the proposed increases that they wanted to put on the ballot, stating that they kept changing it. She asked what agenda item it would be so she can speak on that. She asked if it was still #14.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart stated that it would be the Financing City Services item.

Mayor Digre stated that this was the new #14, and it would be the next one, #15, which was Financing City Services.

Admin. Services Dir. Ritzma stated that this item was noticed in the newspaper twice prior to this meeting, and all the backup documentation had been available with the City Clerk for the last 3-1/2 weeks in case anyone wanted to see how the fees were calculated and the changes.

Mayor Digre closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart asked for clarification that the fees being increased were related to fees with the Park, Beach and Recreation activities, with the one additional fee being the block party fee and there was also a pro-rated business license fee. She asked if the Admin. Services Director would like to address that.

Admin. Services Dir. Ritzma stated that, after May 1, they pro-rate. She stated that it was on the back of the business license form and part of their documentation but it was not included in this.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart asked if it was based on part of a year which would benefit people who came in later in the year.

Admin. Services Dir. Ritzma agreed, adding that the City wanted to encourage businesses and they didn't want to penalize those who decide later in the year.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart asked confirmation that there were no current increases in fees related to development.

Admin. Services Dir. Ritzma responded affirmatively.

Councilmember Vreeland referred to page 13, Item K, stating that he understood the current practice was that they requested \$1200 from those who want to have a study session. He asked the City Manager if he knew the answer.

City Manager Rhodes stated that he did not.

Councilmember Vreeland stated that he had been told by individuals that the City requested \$1200 up front and they would get a refund if they didn't spend that money. He stated that he was concerned about charging the \$1200 at all. He felt these were people who were talking about investing in their properties and they were trying to get an early read from the Planning Commission, and there wasn't a lot of staff report work done. He stated that they didn't have that many so it wasn't a huge revenue source. He thought it was more of a deterring effect for people

who were trying to get a sense of the process. He questioned whether the City needed to charge that entry fee in the initial public input process.

Councilmember Lancelle stated that she wasn't sure where the \$1200 amount he was referencing came from because she thought it said it was \$150 an hour.

City Manager Rhodes clarified that this was for Planning Commission study sessions, and the deposit was \$1200. He stated that, based on experience, they expect that to be the cost and, if not, the difference was refunded.

Councilmember Vreeland stated that, if they want to get input from their neighbors about a house or whether they want to do something, it takes \$1200 to get that input. He felt that they should think about that.

Councilmember Lancelle stated that, in the absence of the Planning Director to present the justification for that, she didn't know how to proceed.

Admin. Services Dir. Ritzma stated that, in the three years she had been doing the master fee schedule, she remembered a long and lengthy discussion by the Council on this issue, and she would be happy to come back to them later with the information of how it was put together.

Councilmember Lancelle stated that they could look at it, then asked if she was suggesting that they approve this for now.

Admin. Services Dir. Ritzma stated that she would be happy to give them the information in their box to look at the decision making process when this fee was put in place.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart stated that, in addition, projects that were 100% commercial and received final building inspection approval were entitled to a refund.

City Manager Rhodes stated that you always get the portion back that was not used, and this was saying that you get the entire amount back if you successfully complete the process and build the building.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart stated that others would get just a part of it back.

City Manager Rhodes reiterated that it was a deposit made and the actual amount was charged against it, giving an example of \$900 being the actual cost with \$300 returned. He then stated that, in a commercial building, if it was built with final approval, they would get the entire amount paid back.

Councilmember Vreeland stated that, since the Planning Director was not present, they could all suppose what they would like, but there were issues about which he had concerns, and he felt it had a detrimental impact and he would like to table any decision on item K on page 13 until they have a discussion. He asked if they had a concern about that.

City Manager Rhodes stated that his suggestion was that they mention that, for clarity, it was not being approved as a part of the list.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart stated that, in the process of doing that, she thought there would be a number of them that get looked at in the future and she felt what they were doing was good and

she thought, with the caveat of looking at all of it in the next year, that would be an important piece of this. She was willing to let things stand as is until they have data to illustrate any points or problems.

Mayor Digre stated that she had a lengthy conversation with the City Manager about several things that she questioned whether they could be changed to be incentives but she had no problems with this particular sidebar. She asked that the answer delineate between commercial and residential, because she thought the commercial was a type of incentive in its own way.

City Manager Rhodes agreed with that last comment, adding that they would make this an agenda item for a future meeting.

Councilmember Vreeland moved to approve the resolution next in order entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pacifica Amending Administrative Policy 2 to Approve and Increase City Fees and Charges," minus Section 7K, which would be stayed for now and agendized for future discussion; seconded by Councilmember Lancelle.

City Attorney Quick asked for clarification that his motion included continuing Section K. She was asking because, in order to bring it back, staff would have to renotece it twice. To avoid that, they could request that it be continued as opposed to being tabled which would require staff to renotece it.

Councilmember Vreeland asked if it was easier for staff to continue the action but not charge the fee for now.

City Attorney Quick stated that she understood that they were approving everything except K and, for K, they would like to currently suspend the collection and continue K for further discussion.

Councilmember Vreeland stated that she was correct, and if that made it easier from a noticing standpoint, he was fine with that and that would be part of his motion; seconded by Mayor pro Tem Nihart this time given the addendum as played out.

Mayor Digre stated that she would like to see it come back but not take a whole year as in the mega home situation.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilmember Lancelle stated that she didn't have much to report, but did attend the CCAG retreat with Mayor Digre at which there was a brainstorming session about the direction of government. She felt it was very fruitful, adding that she would get a full report back to the Council. She stated that one recommendation was to have a highlighted report that they can give to fellow councilmembers at the end of the meetings.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart stated that she had participated in the California Women Lead which was excellent with many women leaders in the county. She stated that Supervisor Carol Groom had

organized it. She then invited people to attend the Economic Development Committee meeting the following evening. She stated that she hoped it was okay with the Council for her to apply for the CCAG legislative committee.

Councilmember Vreeland stated that he had enjoyed going to CCAG and was glad they were taking an active role. He stated that he went to the Transportation Authority meeting at which time they dealt with public transportation which was broken because of the state raids, etc. He felt a big thing was that, because of the economic pressures regarding Caltrain between Silicon Valley and San Francisco, they were looking at a 40-50% reduction in Caltrain service. He thought it was amazing that a part of the country that was so advanced in technology could not figure this out. He thought about the number of cars that would be added to the freeways with the added economic and environmental impact. He also thanked the Executive Director and others on their help with the Calera Creek project.

Mayor Digre stated that she joined staff and commissioners at the volunteer dinner put on by the seniors and PB&R. She was happy to hear that Segway took advantage of the subsidized employment to hire an employee for a full year. She also mentioned the opportunity to get free advice for a small business. She attended the Airport meeting and had volunteered for two subcommittees. She attended the CCAG retreat, mentioning that Senator Yee was there and gave some very good pointers. She mentioned that all cities in the county were being asked to put in their comments regarding public transportation, including bicycle trails. She stated that there would be a health mobile in town for members of the military or veterans and there would also be a bus from veteran hospitals bringing individuals to fish on the pier. She mentioned the fundraiser at Luigi's on Thursday to help with packages being sent to the military from Pacifica.

Councilmember Lancelle asked if it was any Thursday.

Mayor Digre stated that it was April 15. She reminded everyone of Earth Day on April 24. She also mentioned that Redwood City was having some historical activities. She stated that she met with Senator Boxer's representative regarding improving transportation in Pacifica, and she recommended that staff look into a government grant for shuttles. She discovered that the biggest issues in every city were the schools and hills and she was optimistic that the county and Pacifica will have improved transportation within the next few years. She encouraged anyone with questions about Recology to call them.

Councilmember Lancelle mentioned that the Pacifica School Volunteers were having a book sale on Saturday at the Starbucks in Fairmont and Linda Mar. She mentioned the CCAG Retreat again and the need for bottom up planning about how transportation dollars were spent and how they can become more creative and efficient at solving the problems.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart referred to the valor award winners by the Lion's, stating that the police and fire were honored this year. She felt it was an amazing evening with an address from Condoleezza Rice. She wanted to let the fire and police departments know that they were appreciated.

Mayor Digre stated that they would be having a proclamation day for them at the next meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Digre opened Oral Communications.

Heather Tanner, Pacifica, stated that she was a client of the Resource Center. She urged the Council to fund the Resource Center, adding that she understood the economic conditions facing the Council. She stated that the economic condition had impacted her family, mentioning that the previous year she was an attorney working full time with no concerns and now the positions in her field were not there. She felt the Resource Center helped her and she knew this economic situation was affecting Pacifica.

Avis Freedman, Pacifica, stated that she was a resident of Pacifica for 30 years and had been on the Advisory Board of the Resource Center for the past 2-1/2 years helping raise money. She stated that the people in need had doubled since last year, mentioning the food supplied through various sources and the individuals in Pacifica who contribute money on a regular basis.

Clorinda Campagna, 1 Gypsy Hill Road, stated that she was a board member of the Historical Society and thanked Pacifica residents who contributed to disaster funds, the resource center and other fundraising events. She was present to mention the partnering together campaign and thanked all volunteers, past and present. She also mentioned that they would be having some fundraisers at some of the eateries in Pacifica, which are listed in the *Tribune*. She stated that they would have a celebration in July which will be the 100th anniversary of the Little Brown Church building.

Therese Dyer, Pacifica, reminded them of the next Charter meeting at Menlo Park. She stated that she and Bernie Sifry represented Pacifica, and several others along the coast had been there as well, although they weren't usually well represented on the coast. She felt a City Councilmember should attend and give support to the coastside.

Mayor Digre closed Oral Communications.

CONSIDERATION

15. Acceptance of Final Report of the Financing City Services Task Force.

City Manager Rhodes presented the staff report, along with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Task Force.

Chair Pete Shoemaker reported on the process of looking at the line by line item of the City's budget, adding that they were impressed with how much they got out of the money and concluded that the City was as efficiently run as any city in the Bay Area and was an example of how to get a lot out of the money. They then came up with a plan to deal with the big financial problems of demographics and the country, specifically recommendations for reduction of salary and benefits and various taxes. He stated that, if that did not reduce the budget over time, Plan B would be a mandated percent reduction in the City budgets, explaining that the City Manager and Admin. Services Director made a list of cities and the percentage on how they draw on the budget, adjusted for whatever revenue they put back in. He stated that, given that percentage, based on the money, cuts were mandated by percentage for the different departments, which they thought was fair and reasonable. This allowed the department to make the cuts as they saw fit rather than someone from the outside mandating the cuts in order to keep the present services as much as possible. He stated that, if that didn't work, they would go to the least desirable option, mandated cuts. He reiterated that they were impressed with how well the City was run.

Vice Chair Mary Ellen Carroll, reiterated that their over-arching intent was to preserve services for the community as much as possible while saving jobs, which was why they chose to look at

the labor agreements and look at increasing revenue. She stated that they did review the budgets in detail, but they didn't feel it was appropriate to make detailed recommendations, such as cutting specific programs or positions. She thanked both the City Manager and Admin. Services Director for spending time with the committee to come up with these recommendations.

City Manager Rhodes pointed out that their report was on the City's webpage. He stated that the recommendations will move the City away from the structural deficit and, by year 4 or 2013/2014 fiscal year, the deficit should be eliminated and the City should begin building a reserve. He stated that the implementation will begin in the 2010-2011 budget process, gauging it against the Financial Plan to see if it takes them where the Financial Plan was directing them. He felt that it was moving in a positive direction at this point, although it was based on a lot of ifs and a lot of things happening. He stated that it was a five-year financial plan, taking four years to get to the desired point. He mentioned that there were charts with the report showing that, by year 4, the revenues finally begin to exceed expenditures. At this point, expenditures were greater than revenues, and was known as the structural deficit. Presently, the City has been covering those revenues with the reserves which were getting smaller. He stated that the gap was about \$3 million a year now, and the report was recommending breaking that and having the revenues exceed expenditures to begin building reserves. He stated that, once the Council accepted the report, the final document would be shared with the community, unions and employees via meetings to get their input and allow them to recognize items which will require voter approval. He stated that the task force will meet annually over the next five years to analyze the progress and assess whether additional recommendations are needed to resolve the structural deficit. They would be meeting in January after the mid year budget and bargaining rounds and, if they weren't making the necessary progress, they would begin discussing the next steps needed to move them towards that. He reiterated that the options give guidance but the hope is to preserve services and use option 1, otherwise they would move on to the next options to keep the City headed in the direction of elimination of the structural deficit. He mentioned again that the report was available on line and at City Hall, and staff was always available to answer anyone's questions.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart commented on the membership of the committee, stating that Pacifica was fortunate to have talented groups of people who cut across the political spectrum, as well as an incredible knowledge base, including Chair Pete Shoemaker, but she specifically pointed out that Vice Chair Mary Ellen Carroll did this for a living in San Francisco. She thanked every member of the committee for their participation.

Mayor Digre stated that she attended the majority of the meetings and she felt there was a very frank and honest discussion.

Mayor Digre opened public comments.

Therese Dyer, Pacifica, thanked the Financing City Task Force for their report on reducing the City's deficit; however, she felt they left out some very important issues, specifically the sale of the sewer plant and other City property. She stated that there were no sunset clauses in what they proposed and they didn't say how much it would cost to put the things on the ballot. She pointed out that no one likes to reduce salaries and benefits, but with the present unemployment in the country, she felt everyone needs to tighten their belts. She stated that neighboring cities were combining their emergency services, and she felt we needed to look more closely at these situations. She felt the City had three albatross' around its neck, the Council chambers, the sewer, a \$9 police station, mentioning that Half Moon Bay was much bigger than Pacifica and they had a "rinky-dink" police department. She suggested that we consider merging services with them. She then mentioned a fee of \$91,000 for an assistant tree trimmer and \$82,000 for a tree

trimmer, questioning the fact that the assistant was making more. She felt we can tighten our belts a little bit more and look at things more thoroughly.

Mayor Digre closed public comments.

Councilmember Vreeland echoed Mayor pro Tem Nihart's comments. He felt it was great that they stuck with this and were willing to meet every year to look at it. He felt this was thrilling and gave the City another level of transparency in educating the public. There was a perception that this was not a well run city with waste and issues, yet a group of ten community members met 16 times to come up with the report. He hoped that they will gain thick skins as the Council had over the years because there will be people who will be trying to punch holes in the report. He felt they were holding on to baggage and perceptions not based on reality or fact. He felt that now it was up to the Council, employees and unions to come together and act on the recommendations. He didn't know how this would play out, but he felt this was the most solid foundation that he has ever seen to go ahead, because all the hard work and analysis was done. He made the observation that, if there are no funds to finance a railroad from Silicon Valley to San Francisco, government in general is broke, not just Pacifica. He felt we have the opportunity to come together as a community to fix ourselves and he will be eternally grateful. He felt this was a good foundation, and he thanked the committee for their work and commitment for the next few years. He also thanked the members of the Council who rolled up their sleeves and got into this.

Councilmember Lancelle felt Councilmember Vreeland did an excellent job of stating what was taking place and the benefit that the City had received as a result of the City Manager and the committee, and Mayor pro Tem Nihart. She was grateful for all the hard work and she also wished thick skins for the committee because she thought there would be certain individuals in the Community who would not look at this as thoughtfully as they did or look at it as a political opportunity to express negativity. She added that they always welcome constructive criticism, if someone sees things that need to be changed or have suggestions to improve things. She thanked the committee for all the work and she encouraged the community to look at the report and, if they have questions, contact staff to get them answered and avoid thinking negatively about the committee. She looked forward to using it as a guide during the budget process. She also thanked the City Manager for his leadership and direction.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart also thanked the City Manager for having the foresight and ability to address this in a longitudinal way and move us forward in a way for which she was appreciative. She stated that the committee knew that it was likely that elements of the plan will not happen, being a work in process. However, she had already seen things out there about the report that were misrepresentations and knew it would happen again. She reiterated what Councilmember Lancelle said, specifically that it was just the beginning. If we approve the report, there will be a series of educational sessions as everyone shares a little of the problem and ensure that all of the staff understands where the City actually stands. They also want to present it to the community and will have meetings. She wants everyone to be informed, mentioning that they had Plans B and C as backup, but she hoped they never get to the point of laying people off because even now we didn't have the staff to do some of the things we would like to do. She felt the City had an amazingly committed staff but this plan also existed with an Economic Development Plan. She stated that they were always looking for ways to combine services, and all department heads were doing just that. She referred to Ms. Dyer's suggestion of combining services with Half Moon Bay, stating that it had already been discussed but the 18 miles were the problem. She stated that Pacifica was looking at doing just those kinds of things to provide as much as possible to the community with as little cost as possible. She hoped everyone gets involved and asks questions

so that we move forward in a positive way. She was supportive of the plan and hoped the Council would approve it.

Mayor Digre was appreciative that the residents had been able to scrutinize everyone and was proud that they were found to be very cautious without excesses. She was appreciative of present staff and previous staff. She did believe that it was an extremely trying time and she was glad that they were scrutinized and appreciated everyone's comments.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart moved to accept the Financing City Services Task Force Final Report and direct staff to begin implementation of the recommendations; seconded by Councilmember Lancelle.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

16. Vallemar Elementary School Crosswalk Update.

Associate Civil Engineer Dave Rogers presented the staff report.

Councilmember Vreeland asked about the updated information regarding \$800 found for the in-road crosswalk signs.

Associate Civil Engineer Rogers stated that it was correct, and they were already installed and that would leave proposed improvements totalling \$1,300.

Councilmember Vreeland asked when the striping was finished.

Mr. Rogers stated that it happened about a week after the March 8 Council meeting.

Councilmember Vreeland acknowledged the progress regarding bigger things and stated he wanted to ask those quick questions.

Mayor Digre opened public comments.

Eileen Manning-Villar, Vallemar, stated that she was a member of the Pacifica School District Board of Trustees but was speaking on her own behalf. She thanked the City for the progress that has been made so far on the intersection. She also thanked staff for getting to the job quickly, mentioning the work done following the last Council's meeting. She thanked Council for supporting this effort. She urged them to approve the appropriation of the Gas Tax Fund to support the immediate measures and also urged staff and Council to continue with the overall process which includes applications for grants to get flashing lights or a permanent speed meter. She asked that they let the Vallemar community know what they can do to keep the process going such as letters of support for the grant.

Mary Ellen Carroll, 207 Reichling, reiterated what Ms. Manning-Villar said, adding that it was very much needed. She stated that she had two children under 11 and she felt they took their lives in their hands to cross the street to get to the playground. She stated that, during the morning and afternoon dropoffs/pickups, it was a miracle there hasn't been more injuries. She thanked the Council and staff for putting the signs up. She stated that she had watched people

drive over the previous signs and knock them out. She thought that the additional lights would be helpful. She stated that, at her job at City Hall in San Francisco, they had all those things and it made a big difference.

Sheila Merlo, Vallemar, stated that she was Vice President of the PTO and had two children at the school. She thanked staff for a quick turnaround with their request for painting and crosswalk signs. She was happy that they took some of her suggestions. She hoped the City would support extra striping and temporary stop signs and approve that. She also reiterated the fact of the trees blocking the signs, and she wondered if they could be cut back. She was present to support and hear the Council say “yes” firsthand. She also asked the City to let them know if there was anything else they can do. She asked that they consider her suggestion to do some signage to keep the traffic and speed down in Vallemar to ensure that the residents are safe.

Doreen Murphy, Driftwood Circle, stated she was a Vallemar school parent and Vallemar School’s PTO President. She again thanked City staff and Council for quickly responding to their concerns and prioritizing the safety of the Vallemar students and their crossing guard. She appreciated how quickly this went, mentioning the teachers commenting on the results and thanking them. She mentioned seeing an increased police presence. She was looking forward to the grant application and hoping they can go to phase 2.

Mayor Digre closed public comments.

Councilmember Vreeland mentioned talking to the parents about the plans, and he felt the process really worked. He referred to the short term fixes and the long term plan. He echoed the parents in thanking staff for all their hard work. He felt it was important because, even in the small things such as the striping, it let the residents know that the City was listening. He again thanked staff who stepped up. He stated that they would push hard on the grants and, if there was an opportunity for the parents to help, they would let them know.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart thanked everyone for responding so quickly, acknowledging that sometimes there was a lot of City and not a lot of staff. She also appreciated the community and parents for coming forward and making this issue a priority. She stated that they have a stronger grant application when they involve the school district such as the last time, and she wanted to make sure that process of working together continues. She thanked Van Ocampo for that. She commented that most of the CCAG money has gone to the South County. She thought sometimes a squeaky wheel was a good thing. She stated that she would like to know when this grant application goes in because the City would follow with letters to make sure their voices are heard by CCAG also.

Councilmember Lancelle thanked the parents for staying so late, and also thanked the Police Department and Public Works Department for being prompt and responsive. She hoped something could be done about the possible bridge across the creek when the grant was put together.

Public Works Director Ocampo stated that he had mentioned previously that they were including that. He stated that CCAG had not asked for a call for projects as stated in the report. He added that they would be working closely with the school because it made the grant stronger if it was multi-jurisdictional.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart thanked the City Manager for making sure everyone knows from where the funds were allocated which was a request made at the last budget cycle.

City Manager Rhodes suggested that, since they took out the \$800, they could add in the \$1400.

Councilmember Vreeland suggested that, if they took out the \$800 and put in the \$1400 for the dots, he would make a motion in the new amount.

City Manager Rhodes stated that it would be \$2700.

Councilmember Vreeland stated that it was going to be \$3500 if he added the \$1400. That was the reason he had questioned whether they had already paid the \$800. He would like to make the motion to include the installation of the centerline dots from Highway 1 to Ramona as part of this with a new approved budget amount of \$2700.

Councilmember Vreeland moved to approve budget authority in the amount of \$2700 from the Gas Tax Fund to install removable stop signs, in-road crosswalk signs, reflective sign post covers and installation of centerline dots from Highway 1 to Ramona Avenue; seconded by Mayor pro Tem Nihart.

Councilmember Lancelle stated that the in-road crosswalk signs have already been put in and they should be removed from the motion.

Councilmember Vreeland stated that it was Items 1, 3 and 4 which included installation of removable magnetic stop signs, installation of reflective sign covers and existing crosswalk signs and installation of centerline dots from Highway 1 to Ramona Avenue, and he asked if the second accepted that.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart accepted that change.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

17. Development of a Request for Proposals for a Library Needs Assessment for Pacifica.

City Manager Rhodes presented the staff report.

Mayor Digre opened public comments.

Eric Ruchames, Pacifica, was representing the Library Foundation as president. He thanked the City Manager for his leadership, as well as Annmarie Despaine, county library director and Tom Ball, manager of the Pacifica Libraries. He knew the Council supported the libraries. He reported that the Pacifica libraries were the two oldest facilities that had not been modernized and we needed to take the small steps to start that process and this was a first step to have a modern library for a modernized Pacifica. They were just starting the process to figure out what the community wanted and needed, and then they can figure out where they go and how they pay for it. The Foundation was eager to work with the City on this. He stated that they had some financial resources to put toward this.

Caroline Barba, Pacifica, was representing Friends of the Library as president and echoed what Mr. Ruchames said. She was advocating for the Council's approval of the funds. She felt this was an important step in determining the delivery of library services in the future. She felt the information gathered would be critical for any future planning.

Mayor Digre closed public comments.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart clarified that, while they were allocating money if the motion went forward, it was money that was completely separate from the General Fund money. She stated that it was a capital fund, sitting and waiting for other things, and it cannot be easily pull out and use for other purposes. She felt the important issue was balancing the General Fund budget, but at the same time they had to get ready for when grants became available. She had witnessed us miss important grant opportunities in the past and she didn't want to miss them again. She felt they needed an official solid needs assessment because it would be an essential piece of any application. Because of that fact and that the money did not come out of the General Fund, she was ready to make a motion.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart moved to authorize staff to work with the County Library, Friends of the Library and Pacifica Library Foundation to develop and issue a request for proposals for a Library Needs Assessment; seconded by Councilmember Vreeland.

Councilmember Vreeland added that, much as with the City's Financial Services Task Force, they came together to address a problem that sometimes takes more than the City's involvement and he thanked them. He reiterated that this was not a General Fund item but from Fund 22.

Councilmember Lancelle thanked all the members of the Pacifica Library Foundation, including Susan Getchell-Wallace. She appreciated everyone's work, adding that it was an important move for the City to take a few steps forward in that direction.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart thanked both the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation for their efforts and their work. She saw this as a project where, if they actually capitalize on what they were doing, they can move forward as a community. She loved the slogan, a great community deserves a great library.

Mayor Digre appreciated their consistency in being there all the time. She felt that a free library was not a luxury but an essential.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Lancelle, Vreeland, Nihart and Digre.
Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

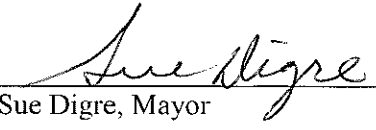
Mayor Digre adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m., stating that it was too late to go back to Closed Session.

Transcribed by Barbara Medina, Public Meeting Stenographer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy O'Connell, City Clerk

APPROVED: As Amended; 5-0; 4/26/10


Sue Digre, Mayor