



**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE**

**October 4, 2006 – 6:00 p.m.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
300 FOREST AVENUE, PACIFIC GROVE, CA**

Mayor Daniel Cort called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present included Cort, Council Member Lisa Bennett, Council Member Daniel Davis, Council Member Susan Goldbeck, Council Member Scott Miller, Council Member Susan Nilmeier and Council Member Ron Schenk.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Cort presented the YWCA with a proclamation declaring the month of October, 2006, “Domestic Violence Awareness Month.”

Mayor Cort presented the Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Advisory Committee with a proclamation declaring the month of October, 2006, “Americans with Disabilities: Ready for the Global Workforce” Employment Awareness Month.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Schenk, seconded by Bennett, Council unanimously **approved the agenda.**

COUNCIL AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Council Member Goldbeck invited all to attend the Butterfly Parade on Saturday at 10:00 a.m.; thanked all who participated in Butterfly Clean-Up Day; and thanked all who participated in the Hand Maden’s quilting bee which raised money for the fight against breast cancer.
- Council Member Miller asked those who send him correspondence to provide a way for him to respond to their comments; noted the forward progress of the Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Advisory Committee; and finally, in light of “Domestic Violence Awareness Month,” noted the prevalence of domestic violence and encouraged everyone to look out for their neighbors and report any suspected violence to the authorities.
- City Manager Colangelo notified Council that an update on the Harvey Rose Accountancy Corporation’s Phase II work would be provided both at the October 5th meeting of the *ad hoc* Budget and Finance Subcommittee and the October 18th meeting of the City Council.
- Golf Course Director Mike Leach introduced Joe Riekema, the new Golf Professional at the municipal golf course.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- John Fischer encouraged the public to vote ‘no’ on Proposition 90.
- Robin Tokmakian asked to know the status of the hiring of a new Library Director and the status of the library building improvement fund; requested that the City ask the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) to solicit input from the community on thy types of programs they would like; and asked that copies of campaign financial disclosure documents be placed at the library if they are not posted on the City’s website.
- Mary Powell of the Pacific Grove Museum Association announced a new series called “Sundays at the Museum” beginning Sunday, October 22nd. The topic of the first session will be “tea.”
- Alan Cohen announced that the Chamber of Commerce is hosting fundraisers for the following causes: 1. furniture for the Pacific Grove Middle School Teacher’s Lounge (to be provided at a very low cost by Mum’s Furniture); 2. clean up and maintenance of the Monarch Sanctuary in conjunction with the Friends of the Monarchs; 3. a field assessment of the lights on Candy Cane Lane. Questions on any of these fundraising efforts may be directed to the Chamber at 3737-3300.
- Georgia Grothe expressed her displeasure at the departure of the new City Arborist and indicated that, in an effort to restore the forest, she would provide 10 Monterey Pine trees for each of the Council Members or members of the community to plant. Interested persons may contact Grothe at ggrothe1@yahoo.com. Grothe further asked that reports to Council be delivered only by the City Manager rather than members of the staff.
- Donna McGhee noted that the Pacific Grove Press thrown in her driveway contained 2 offensive cartoons depicting members of the City Council. Megigi expressed displeasure that two Council Members had seen the cartoons prior to publication asking that Council conduct themselves in a responsible and respectful way toward the citizens.
- Daniel Miller, publisher of the Pacific Grove Press indicated that no Council Members had seen the cartoons before they were published; that the cartoons were commentaries on activities occurring in Pacific Grove; and that he was solely responsible for the content of the newspaper.
- Snick Farkas presented the Colossus of Gold.
- David Dilworth indicated that a salad can be sanitized by spraying it first with vinegar and then with peroxide
- Museum Director Paul Finnegan invited all to attend a tri-lingual presentation currently underway at the Museum. Finnegan further publicly thanked donors who gave an unsolicited contribution of \$10,000 to the Museum Association.
- Roger Pasquire indicated that a business had financed a newspaper, and a Council Member had supported it, in an effort to circumvent the newly passed Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance. Pasquire further expressed concern over Mayor Cort’s comment of considering a property transfer tax to balance the City’s budget.
- City Council Candidate Sally Aberg indicated that she was the one who stated that a property transfer tax would be an interesting option to explore; noting that “heat” for the comment had been misdirected to Mayor Cort and Council Member Goldbeck. Aberg asked those with questions to contact her at 373-0116 or forthecolors@redshift.com.

CONSENT AGENDA

John Fisher removed item 2A to the Regular Agenda. On motion of Davis, seconded by Schenk, Council unanimously **approved the consent agenda as follows:**

1A. Approved the Minutes of the September 20, 2006 Regular Meeting.

2B. Received the Highlights of the September 15, 2006 Monterey Regional Waste Management District Board Meeting.

2C. Appointed Administrative Services Director Charlene Wiseman Representative and Director of Management and Budget Jim Becklenberg Alternate Representative to the Public Agency Risk Sharing Authority (PARSAC) Board.

3A-G. Received meeting reports from the following Boards, Commissions and Committees:

Architectural Review Board Site Review	September 26, 2006
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Golf Course Advisory Committee	August 9, 2006
Library Board and August Director's Report	August 8, 2006
Planning Commission Site Review	September 19, 2006
Planning Commission	September 21, 2006
Recreation Board	August 18, 2006

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

2A. Mayor Cort introduced John Fischer who asked that updates on the sewer repairs be provided to the public. City Manager Colangelo noted that Council had directed staff to provide updates twice a year, once in the spring and once at the end of the fall. Public Works Director Leiker answered questions from Council. On motion of Davis, seconded by Bennett, Council unanimously **authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposals for Sewer System Unit Spot Repair.**

REGULAR AGENDA

4A. Council Member Miller asked staff to provide and update on the Housing Committee's progress with illegal housing units.

Traffic Commission – George Shayne: provided a written report on the activities of the Traffic Commission.

5A. Mayor Cort introduced Community Development Director Biggs who introduced Planning Commission Vice Chair Eric Miller and Commissioner Linda Bailey who gave a presentation on the Planning Commission's posting and noticing recommendations, and answered questions from the Council. Daniel Miller, David Dilworth, John Fischer and Georgia Grothe spoke to the issue. On motion of Bennett, seconded by Miller, Council unanimously **approved Resolution No. 6-023 adopting the recommendations of the Planning Commission on procedures for**

mailing legal notices, publishing and posting legal notices, story poles and netting, and projects requiring story poles and netting; as Council Policy with the following changes: 1. the language in Section I(1) be amended to require mailing to occupants as well as property owners; and 2. language be added to specify the minimum ribbon width in Section III(5).

6A. Mayor Cort introduced City Manager Colangelo who reviewed a request for membership from Keep California Beautiful, Inc. and answered questions from Council. There were no comments from the public. On motion of Schenk, seconded by Bennett, Council unanimously **approved participation in the Keep California Beautiful, Inc. Proud Community Program.**

6B. Council Member Nilmeier and City Attorney Laredo excused themselves due to conflict of interest and left the room. Mayor Cort introduced Commander Uretsky who reviewed a proposal to create a 1 hour parking zone on Gibson Avenue. There were no comments from the public. On motion of Miller, seconded by Davis, Council unanimously **introduced an Ordinance creating a new parking restriction on Gibson Avenue by adding Subsection (F) to Section 16.56.060 of the Pacific Grove Municipal Code to allow the creation of a 1 hour parking zone on Gibson Avenue; and approved it for publication,** with Council Member Nilmeier abstaining.

7A. Mayor Cort introduced Council Member Goldbeck who reviewed her request for a code enforcement report. There were no comments from the public. On motion of Bennett, seconded by Miller, Council unanimously **directed staff to return with a report on the code enforcement situation in Pacific Grove.**

7B. Mayor Cort asked Council to approve his recommended appointment to the *ad hoc* Budget and Finance Subcommittee. David Dilworth spoke to the issue. On motion of Davis, seconded by Nilmeier, Council **appointed Jerry Norton to the ad hoc Budget and Finance Subcommittee;** with Council Member Schenk dissenting.

8A. Council gave the following reports:

- Council Member Miller asked that Council select an alternate representative to the AMBAG board. Council Member Davis was appointed Alternate to the AMBAG board.
- MRWPCA – Mayor Cort: the Agency has dealing with and held a press conference related to the e-coli found in locally grown spinach
- MST – Council Member Schenk: MST has approved bus arrivals every 60 minutes in Pacific Grove rather than every 90 minutes and will be using smaller busses in residential areas
- TAMC – Council Member Schenk: widening of the Highway 68 connection to the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula will commence in the Spring of 2007
- Mayor Cort indicated that citizen and attorney Anthony Davi had been selected to serve on the *ad hoc* Charter Review Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean-Marie McLaren
Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR:

ATTEST BY ASSISTANT CITY CLERK:
