



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

**April 19, 2006 – 6:00 p.m.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
300 FOREST AVENUE, PACIFIC GROVE, CA**

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

PRESENTATIONS

Monterey-Salinas Transit General Manager Carl Sedoryk gave a stakeholders update on the achievements, performance, challenges and the future of MST.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

- Council Member Goldbeck complimented City Staff, the Chamber of Commerce and all those involved in Good Old Days. She additionally expressed concern over the reduction of trees in the City, suggesting that the adoption of a Heritage Tree Program be referred to the Beautification and Natural Resources Committee for review.
- Mayor Pro Tempore Cort congratulated Council Member Miller on running the Boston Marathon and further encouraged all with interest in items on the agenda to attend the Council meetings in addition to e-mailing comments.
- Council Member Bennett commented on the wonderful event that was the Golf Course Clubhouse opening.
- Mayor Costello commended all on a successful Good Old Days.
- Museum Director Finnegan announced Family Fun Day, May 6th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Museum of Natural History. Students Mackenzie Miller, Richard Alves, Emily Muller-Foster and Michaela McCloud read poems they had written about the California poppy.
- City Attorney David Laredo announced Brown Act meetings to be held Monday, April 25th at 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 26th at 3:00 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Tony Inzana submitted a formal letter of complaint regarding the Peninsula Christian Center's unauthorized removal of a tree hedge between Pine and Laurel Streets.

- Ms. Mercer, owner of a vacation home on Asilomar, suggested a tree removal plan in which new trees would be planted prior to the removal of dead or dangerous trees.
- Larry Ellis, Museum Board Member, countered information that the Museum of Natural History is expensive to run noting that their operating budget is 2% of the General Fund Budget and is furthermore run with only two staff members. He also noted that the Museum is a tourist attraction and pays for itself through tourist dollars which would be evidenced by an upcoming dollar cost survey.
- David Dilworth, speaking on behalf of HOPE, gave a presentation on the dangers of pesticides, including Round-Up.
- Snick Farkas presented the Colossus of Gold.
- Lee Willoughby observed 6 bat stars at the tidepools and commented on the positive impact of the City's "no collecting" policy however; when she visited the tidepools at Point Pinos, no bat stars were present possibly due to the use of pesticides.

Council Member Nilmeier asked Golf Course Superintendent Leach where and how much longer Round-Up would be used to eliminate the ice plant around the Point Pinos Lighthouse Reserve. Leach indicated that there are three phases of spraying to be completed over three years around the Reserve.

Council Member Miller asked Public Works Director Leiker about the process to register and follow-up on a formal complaint regarding violations of the City's tree removal policy. Leiker indicated that there is a process and that each complaint is addressed upon receipt. Council Member Bennett asked for a follow-up report at the next Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Miller removed item 2B to the Regular Agenda. Council Member Bennett removed item 1A to the Regular Agenda. On motion of Cort, seconded by Schenk, Council unanimously **approved the Consent Agenda as follows:**

2A. Passed and adopted Ordinance No. 06-005 amending Pacific Grove Municipal Code Section 16.56.010 and 16.52.020, and deleting Sections 16.52.110, 16.52.120 and 16.52.125 which establish speed limits on certain City streets.

2C. Approved a Revocable License and Encroachment Permit for a sign projection in to the public right-of-way at 125 Ocean View Boulevard (American Tin Cannery).

3A. Authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposals for storm drain system improvements on David Avenue.

4A.B.C.D.E.F. Received reports of meetings from the following Boards, Commissions and Committees:

Architectural Review Board Site Review
Architectural Review Board

April 11, 2006
April 11, 2006

Library Board and Director's Report
Recreation Board
Planning Commission Site Review
Planning Commission

March 14, 2006
March 14, 2006
April 4, 2006
April 4, 2006

On motion of Goldbeck, seconded by Nilmeier, Council unanimously voted to **address item 2B before item 5A.**

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

2B. Mayor Costello introduced Golf Course Superintendent Leach who reviewed proposed Ordinances which would facilitate the City's operation and management of the Golf Course Clubhouse and answered questions from Council. Council Member Miller asked that staff provide a comparison of the proposed salary ranges with salary ranges at other municipal golf courses before the Ordinances are passed to print. Council Member Bennett asked staff to provide the City's PERS costs related to the proposed new employees. John Fischer, Gene Cooney, Bruce Obbink, Lee Yarborough and David Dilworth spoke to the issue. On motion of Bennett, seconded by Nilmeier, Council **referred the item to staff, the Golf Course Advisory Committee and the *ad hoc* Finance and Budget Subcommittee for further study of the City's operation and management of the Golf Course Clubhouse and potential alternatives,** with Miller dissenting.

REGULAR AGENDA

5A. Mayor Costello introduced Fire Chief Miller who reviewed a staff report prepared by City Manager Colangelo and further indicated that Deborah Lindsay of Sustainable Monterey County had to leave but invited all to attend one of the two showings of "The End of Suburbia." There were no comments from the public. On motion of Bennett, seconded by Schenk, Council unanimously **approved sponsorship of Sustainable Monterey County Meetings.**

5B. Mayor Costello introduced Golf Course Superintendent Leach who reviewed his staff report as well as the history of the Point Pinos Land Transfer and answered questions of Council. Bruce Obbink, David Dilworth, John Fischer and Daniel Davis spoke to the issue. On motion of Schenk, seconded by Bennett, Council unanimously **accepted the Land Use Covenant and Quit Claim Deed to receive the Point Pinos Land Transfer and directed the City Manager to respond to the United States Coast Guard.**

At 8:35 p.m. Council took a six minute break and reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

8:41 p.m. Mayor Costello excused himself due to health reasons.

6A. Mayor Pro Tempore Cort reviewed the Chamber of Commerce's proposed appointment to the Economic Advisory Committee. David Dilworth spoke to the issue. On motion of Goldbeck, seconded by Bennett, Council unanimously **approved the Chamber of Commerce appointment to the Economic Advisory Committee.**

6B. Mayor Pro Tempore Cort introduced Council Member Goldbeck who read her agenda report on the establishment of a State Marine Reserve as part of the ongoing Marine Life Protection Act process. Daniel Davis, participant in the MLPA Stakeholder’s process, answered questions from Council. Lee Willoughby, John Fischer, David Dilworth and Davis spoke to the issue. On motion of Bennett, seconded by Goldbeck, Council unanimously **approved an amended letter to the California Fish and Game Commission requesting the establishment of a State Marine Reserve including the entire Pacific Grove Marine Garden Fish Refuge as part of the ongoing establishment of marine protected areas as part of the ongoing Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) process.**

6E. Council gave the following reports:

- There were no meeting reports

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

1A. Mayor Pro Tempore Cort introduced Council Member Bennett who amended the minutes on item 6C to reflect an official objection to the confusing and incorrect information received as a part of the appointment process. There were no public comments. On motion of Goldbeck, seconded by Miller, Council unanimously **received the minutes of the April 5, 2006 regular meeting.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean-Marie McLaren
Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED BY MAYOR: _____

ATTEST BY ASSISTANT CITY CLERK: _____