

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
of the City of Hermosa Beach, California, held on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at the
hour of 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Janice Brittain

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bobko, Keegan, Reviczky, Tucker, Mayor Edgerton
Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Coming forward to address the Council at this time were:

Christine Hollander – Hermosa Beach, expressed appreciation for the paving of her street; said nothing had been done to it since she moved there in 1989;

Unidentified Woman – Hermosa Beach, said children constantly fall into the Palm Drive potholes, some of which are large enough to fit around her four-year old son; provided photos to illustrate the problem;

Justin (no last name given) – Hermosa Beach, presented photos; said the condition of Palm Drive was so bad that bikes could not be ridden on it; said some sections of the street had been repaired but not on the north side between Second and Fourth Streets;

Catherine Schnovel – Hermosa Beach, said in addition to the cracks in the street, there was no signage indicating one-way street or speed limits on Palm Drive; said her daughter cannot hear cars approaching due to a hearing loss; said she wrote to the Public Works Director about the problems but nothing had been corrected yet;

Anne Sullivan – Hermosa Beach, said she had a petition signed by 22 of the 24 residents on Eighteenth Court, between Beach Drive and Hermosa Avenue, expressing health/safety concerns because of water drainage problems, street cracks and holes, asphalt chunks tossed around by the street sweeper, and a powder-like asphalt in the air; asked the Council to give priority to the deteriorating condition of this street;

David Augenstein – Hermosa Beach, said Palm Drive neighboring between Second and Fourth Streets was in extremely bad condition; asked the Council to prioritize repairs on this section of Palm Drive;

Chad and Jade Felty – Hermosa Beach, said Cypress Street was badly in need of repair; said they had been advised by the City in February that their street had a high priority, and it has been discouraging to see many other streets being repaired before theirs; including some like Valley/Ardmore which did not seem that bad;

Norm Heske – Hermosa Beach, agreed with the previous speaker about Cypress Street; said also that Loma Drive, adjacent to their street, had been paved and the utilities undergrounded; asked about the process and expressed a willingness to pay for undergrounding; and

Casey Heske – Hermosa Beach, representing 16 other residents who were not present, spoke of a recent neighborhood block meeting where everyone had the same concerns.

City Manager Burrell and Public Works Director Morgan commented on the street repair program in progress and the methods to maintain and repair streets.

1. PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW

- a. OVERVIEW OF BUDGET CHANGES
- b. OVERVIEW OF REVENUE CHANGES
- c. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

City Manager Burrell presented an overview of the proposed budget.

Finance Director Copeland presented a PowerPoint presentation, providing information on revenues and appropriations, sales tax, and transfers in and out of the General Fund.

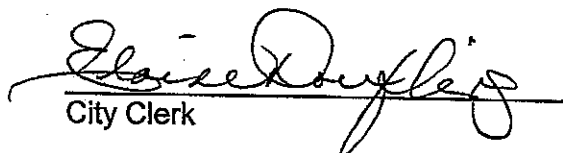
The Council then reviewed budget expenditures and discussed the following:

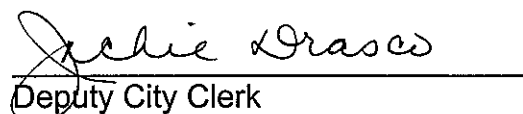
- The possibility of purchasing new or used equipment to move items stranded on the beach – for use in the event of a natural or manmade disaster;
- The possibility of diverting some of the money earmarked for slurry seal to street repairs;
- The possibility of installing solar collectors on City buildings and attempting to take advantage of benefits now available only to residential installations;
- The possibility of putting a 2% increase of the transient occupancy tax (TOT) on the ballot to let voters decide if it would be a means of providing more street repairs.

Staff said that the suggestions would be investigated and the subject of increasing the TOT would be agendized at the June 12 Council meeting.

City Treasurer John Workman commented on City funds and investments and how the current financial climate affected the City.

ADJOURNMENT - The Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach adjourned on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at the hour of 9:31 p.m. to the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 12, 2007, at 7:10 p.m.


City Clerk


Deputy City Clerk