

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF MONTEREY**  
**MONDAY, June 18, 2007**  
**6:00 – 8:00 P.M.**  
**Monterey Conference Center, Ferrante Room**  
**MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

City of Monterey Mayor Della Sala called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., outlining the procedure for the meeting.

**Council Members**

**Present:** Carmel Councilmembers Cunningham, Hazdovac, Rose, Talmage, Mayor McCloud  
Monterey Councilmembers Downey, Haferman, Selfridge, Sollecito, Mayor Della Sala  
Pacific Grove Councilmembers Bennett, Cohen, Davis, Miller, Nilmeier, Stilwell, Mayor Cort

**Absent:** None

**City Staff:**

**Present:** Carmel City Administrator, City Attorney, City Clerk  
Monterey City Manager, Assistant City Attorney, City Clerk, Assistant City Manager, Fire Chief  
Pacific Grove City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, Fire Chief

1. Report and Discussion on Fire Department Consolidation Feasibility Study for the Cities of Carmel, Monterey, and Pacific Grove (Fire)

Pacific Grove Fire Chief Miller introduced the staff report, giving a brief history of the shared services agreements between the cities. Dwane Milnes, Citygate Associates, presented the results of the Fire Department Consolidation Feasibility Analysis. Stewart Gary, Citygate Associates, presented additional details of the report.

Mr. Gary and Mr. Milnes answered the City Councils' questions with regard to advantages and difficulties of consolidation.

Mayor Della Sala opened the floor for public comments. Charles Carter, Monterey, said that Monterey would be the biggest loser in a consolidation situation. John Fischer, Pacific Grove, raised questions regarding specialized equipment and risks. Char Carter, Monterey, questioned bringing three bureaucracies together and said that she does not believe in regional government.

August Beecham, Carmel Fire Department, agreed with the findings in the report and encouraged the Councils to continue the study. David Potter, Monterey Fire Division Chief, spoke in support of continuing to study the consolidation, noting the increasing number of calls and saying that each of the departments could do a better job by working together. Having no further requests to speak, Mayor Della Sala closed public comment on the item.

Monterey City Manager Meurer clarified that fire-fighting efforts are already a regional team effort without the benefits of a consolidated headquarters. He said that it is important to manage the risks. On question, Mr. Milnes explained the side fund obligations for each city. Mayor Della Sala clarified that no reduction in the number of fire stations is anticipated in a merged department. Pacific Grove Councilmember Bennett clarified that she anticipates that Pacific Grove paid volunteers would continue to serve.

Carmel Mayor McCloud thanked the City of Monterey for arranging the meeting. She noted that major metropolitan areas such as San Jose have only one fire department. Monterey Mayor Della Sala summarized the information that was presented, saying that this is an opportunity for a sustainable model for the future, and that it would be adaptable to changes.

Pacific Grove Mayor Cort thanked the Councils for coming together to collaborate. He said that he was proud to see Pacific Grove's fire truck on Alvarado during the recent fire.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Councils, Mayor Della Sala adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

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Bonnie L. Gawf, City Clerk

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Chuck Della Sala, Mayor