

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTEREY
WEDNESDAY, July 29, 2009
4:00 – 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, FEW MEMORIAL HALL
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Della Sala called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Council Members

Present: Councilmembers Downey, Haferman, Selfridge, Sollecito, Mayor Della Sala
Absent: None

City Staff:

Present: City Manager, City Attorney, Information Resources Director/City Clerk, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Assistant Director of Plans & Public Works, Assistant Finance Director, Chief of Planning Engineering and Environmental Compliance, Public Facilities Director, Recreation and Community Services Director, Human Resources Director, Library Director, Senior Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Della Sala noted that item 2.5 was added as an addendum to the agenda before the agenda posting deadline. City Manager Meurer noted that someone from the public asked to have items 1 and 2 removed from the Consent agenda for discussion.

CONSENT ITEMS

On a motion by Councilmember Sollecito, seconded by Councilmember Downey, and carried by the following vote, the City Council adopted Resolution 09-120 C.S. authorizing an agreement with Sand City for Fire Protective Services and removed items 1 and 2 from the Consent agenda for discussion:

AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Downey, Haferman, Selfridge, Sollecito, Della Sala
NOES: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Resolutions

1. Adopting Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the General Employees of Monterey (GEM) (Human Resources 507-01)

Action: Removed from Consent; Discussed; Adopted Resolution 09-118 C.S.

Human Resources Director McCarthy presented the staff report. Mayor Della Sala opened public comment on this item. Barbara Bass Evans stated Council in their discussion asked and received answers to her concerns. Mrs. Evans asked the Council to schedule items such as this on the regular agenda in the future. Seeing no further requests to speak Mayor Della Sala closed comment on this item.

On a motion by Councilmember Sollecito, seconded by Councilmember Downey, and carried by the following vote, the City Council adopted Resolution 09-118 C.S. approving amendments to the MOU with GEM:

AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Downey, Haferman, Selfridge, Sollecito, Della Sala
NOES: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

2. Amending Compensation for Executive Management, Granting 46 Hours of Leave in Lieu of the Rescinded 3% COLA (Human Resources 507-01)

Action: Removed from Consent; Discussed; Adopted Resolution 09-119 C.S.

Human Resources Director McCarthy presented the staff report. Mayor Della Sala opened public comment on this item. Mrs. Evans asked the Council to schedule items such as this on the regular agenda in the future. Seeing no further requests to speak Mayor Della Sala closed comment on this item.

On a motion by Councilmember Sollecito, seconded by Mayor Della Sala, and carried by the following vote, the City Council adopted Resolution 09-119 C.S. granting 46 hours of leave to Executive Management in lieu of the rescinded 3.0% COLA:

AYES:	5	COUNCILMEMBERS: Downey, Haferman, Selfridge, Sollecito, Della Sala
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS: None

- 2.5 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Fire Protection Services with the City of Sand City (Fire 601-05)

Action: Adopted Resolution 09-120 C.S.

*****End of Consent Agenda*****

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Della Sala opened public comment on items not on the agenda and seeing no requests to speak closed public comment.

STUDY SESSION

3. City Council Priorities and Strategic Initiative Update - Setting Priorities for Next Fiscal Year (City Manager 406-03)

Action: Received Reports; Discussed

City Manager Meurer introduced this item, describing Council's priorities and initiatives as touch stones that help staff and board and commission members develop and complete work programs. Mr. Meurer noted that some priorities and initiatives may need to be added, modified, or removed, stressing changes would be agendized for a future Council agenda. Department Directors provided Council with detailed updates on priorities and initiatives within each department's areas of responsibility.

Mayor Della Sala opened public comment. Barbara Bass Evans asked Council to make Finance and outcome-based budgeting their number 1 priority. Seeing no further requests to speak Mayor Della Sala closed public comment.

Councilmember Sollecito stated televising Planning Commission meetings was a great idea and that many residents watch them. Councilmember Selfridge discussed strengthening the Library endowment fund and starting one for the Sports Center. Councilmember Selfridge expressed interest in creation of a work experience program next summer for graduating high school seniors. Councilmember Haferman asked that the budget for FY10/11 be the City's number one priority, asking for work to begin right away.

Mayor Della Sala recommended the City become a global public policy center, stressing that Monterey has all of the necessary assets locally to make it happen. Mayor Della Sala suggested Council consider convening a meeting of local leaders to discuss the idea. Mayor Della Sala suggested Council consider hiring an independent consultant to see how the Monterey Conference Center could expand its space and review other operational aspects with the aim of

improving and increasing operations. City Manager Meurer stated staff will agendize discussions as noted for future Council meetings.

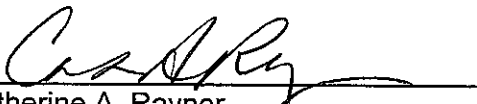
Councilmember Downey discussed a national survey on fishing, stating it supports Council's policies on fishing and that she thought the public would be surprised that 85% of the fish consumed in the U.S. comes from foreign sources.

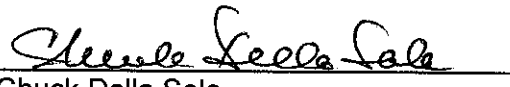
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Della Sala adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,


Catherine A. Raynor
Senior Assistant City Clerk


Chuck Della Sala
Mayor