

## **City Council Meeting, Jan. 22, 2018**

This was a long meeting, over just before midnight.

First we had a **Closed Session** from 6:15 to 7:00 PM for the new City Manager's performance evaluation. Closed session topics typically involve labor or personnel, legal proceedings, or real estate negotiations. Because of the sensitive nature of the topics, participants are prohibited from talking about the discussions in closed sessions.

The open session began with a **Special Presentation** by Jessica Epstein. She represented Get Us Moving, an effort of SAMTRANS to determine what a proposed half-cent sales tax should be spent on. They encouraged all of us to fill out a survey of various transportation options and mail it in. The proposed sales tax will likely be on the November 2018 ballot, and will require a yes from 2/3 of the voters.

The **Consent Calendar** was next. The items on the consent calendar are thought to need no discussion and are all approved together, unless anyone has an objection or comment. Tonight, one member of the public and the council had questions concerning several items.

**1. Approval of Disbursements for 12/16/17 through 12/31/17.** Checks issued.

**2. Approval of Minutes for Jan. 8, 2018.**

**3. Approval of a Consultant Agreement with Wilsey Ham concerning creek habitat restoration in connection with the Highway 1 San Pedro Creek Bridge Replacement Project.**

This is a Mitigation Monitoring Cooperative Agreement between Caltrans and the City of Pacifica funded by the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) in the amount of \$157,511.

**4. Approval of Purchase Agreement with Tesco Controls Inc. for communication control panels in connection with the ATAD Modification Project Phase 2.**

ATAD (Autothermal Thermophilic Aerobic Digestion) is the process used for the treatment of sludge at our Calera Creek Waste Water Plant. Tesco contracted for the original control system in the 1990's. Use of a different contractor would require redesign of the system, so the Wastewater Department recommended a sole-source purchase from Tesco in the amount of \$68,390 (\$59,469 +15% contingency).

## **5. Approval of Contract Change Order No. 1 to the 500 Esplanade Coastal Protection Rock Revetment Repair Project**

This is to repair damage from the 2016 El Nino. The contractor could not obtain rock from the preferred supplier because of high demand, and the rock substituted was more cube-shaped and more dense. Also, deeper excavation at the base of the bluff was necessary, requiring more rock.

The new construction contract cost is \$1.842 million, up 56% from the original cost. Construction management, design services, and contingencies bring the total cost for the project to \$2.091 million.

Of the \$665,000 additional funds requested, 75% will be reimbursed by the California Office of Emergency Service (CalOES), and 17% by the City's insurance. The City will contribute 8% (\$53,000) from Excess ERAF funds.

## **6. Part-Time Salary Schedule Update 01-23-2018**

Recruitment and retention of part-time positions have become increasingly difficult in the last few years. The City Manager recommended additional changes to the salary schedule, beyond the changes made to bring it into compliance with the state minimum wage late last year.

## **7. Second Amendment to Consultant Services Agreement for On-Call Planning and Related Services Between the City of Pacifica and consulting firm M-Group.**

The Planning Department contracts with M-Group to supplement staff. This increases the contract amount by \$150,000, not to exceed \$300,000 total. The contract is also extended to Dec. 31, 2018. The cost of the expanded contract will be reimbursed by project applicants.

## **8. Contract Change Order No. 2 (Project Close-out Change Order) to the Construction Contract Between the City of Pacifica and C2R Engineering, Inc.**

This includes several projects, on Lockhaven Dr. and Juanita Ave., and the largest of them near the Linda Mar pump station. On Dec. 11, 2017, Council approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$131,938.65 because of a conflict between a sanitary sewer line and a storm drainage line.

Change Order No. 2 includes demolition of an existing buried sewer manhole and 24 inch sewer piping system, as well as repair of gaps along a 60 inch reinforced concrete storm drain pipe.

The original contract price was \$483,000, the first change order was \$132,000, and the second change order was \$61,000, for a grand total of \$675,000. The Wastewater Department is seeking additional budget authority of \$38,000 to cover these costs.

### **9. FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for Self Contained Breathing Apparatus**

This is an appropriation of matching funds for the grant and an amendment of the budget. Pacifica's share of the matching funds required for the grant to the North County Fire Authority is \$22,000.

Council voted 5-0 to approve the **Consent Calendar**.

Following Oral Communications, for member of the public to comment on items not on the agenda, Council Communications, and Staff Communications, we came to **Items for Consideration**.

### **10. Pacifica Libraries Opportunities Report; Provide council direction regarding next steps in planning for new Pacifica library facilities.**

Council received a presentation and accept the Library Advisory Committee's January 2018 Pacifica Libraries Opportunities Summary Report by a 5-0 vote.

In addition, council directed the City Manager to evaluate the feasibility of 1 new large library in Sharp Park plus a small branch (Sanchez Library), by another 5-0 vote. This will involve discussions with the county library JPA (Joint Powers Authority).

For discussion of the Library Report's Site Options, Mayor pro tem Sue Vaterlaus recused herself because she managed a property within 500 feet of the Beach Blvd. site.

Four sites were ranked by desirability in the report, with the highest rank going to a rebuild on the current location on the Sharp Park library. All could support 28,000- 36,000 sq. ft. designs. There was general agreement on council that we could eliminate the 4th ranked site, the corporation yard currently used by Public Works.

I advocated for an additional site, a city parking lot on Francisco next to the Thai restaurant, but didn't get any support from other council members. This site could only support about a 22,000 sq. ft. library based on the amount of underground parking associated with it.

The second ranked site at Beach Blvd. (the old wastewater treatment site), on the corner of Palmetto and Montecito, is also proposed to be sold for a hotel development. Council voted 4-0 to eliminate this site from consideration.

Finally, the council voted 4-0 to select the site of the present Sharp Park library for the new library, and to proceed with the conceptual design and funding feasibility. There is about \$370,000 left in the library planning budget, probably sufficient for this, funded by a grant from the county.

**11. Position Statements on Airport Aircraft Noise over Pacifica; direct the City Manager to develop letters for the Mayor advocating the City's positions.**

In recent years, aircraft noise impacting the health and quality of life of Pacifica residents has worsened due to implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) by the FAA. Councilmember Sue Digre has been working to reverse NextGen through the SFO Roundtable, a group of council members from affected cities, with no results thus far. The FAA is slow to act!

Council discussed the position statements and agreed by a vote of 5-0 to support them.

We also discussed other solutions, including a possible lawsuit. Council voted 5-0 to have the city attorney do a preliminary investigation into a possible basis for a lawsuit, in consultation with attorneys from other cities suffering from NextGen.

And with that, we adjourned the meeting.