

Minutes from MidCoast Community Council meeting of Sept. 13, 2000

Meeting convened at 7:32 PM.

Present were Councilmembers Sara Bassler, Joe Gore, Chuck Kozak, Ric Lohman, Paul Perkovic and April Vargas. Councilmember Laura Stein was absent.

Public Comment:

- John Plock, representing Save Our Bay presented the Council with pictures and a description of the sewer overflows in the Miramar Beach area in the winter of 1998. He mentioned that the Sewer Authority MidCoast meeting of September 25 will be about the 5 yr. capital improvements program, and how much that was needed. He advocated bigger pumps at the Portola pumping station and the activation of the Montara storage facilities.
- Councilmember Perkovic, who is also a board member on the Montara Sanitary District, explained improvements already underway and what steps might be taken in the future.
- Chris Mickelson of Princeton talked about his trip to Eureka to the Coastal Commission hearing on the appeal against the approval of his project in Princeton, and said the Commission had found no substantive issue with the appeal. He advocated for more office development in Princeton.
- Councilmember Perkovic reported that the Commission staff had stated that issues involving local special districts were not a subject for Coastal Commission review.
- Councilmember Joe Gore gave a report from the Sheriff's office on the successful child safety seat inspection event on September 9 at Pillar Point Harbor.
- Councilmember Kozak reminded everyone that the next Saturday (9/16) was Coastal Cleanup day, and gave information on events scheduled.
- Councilmember Perkovic reported that the Annual Breakfast held by the San Mateo Council of Cities would be on Saturday, October 14, and costs \$23. He also mentioned that an appeal to the Coastal Commission has been filed on the Moss Beach Highlands project.
- Councilmember Bassler announced that as of October 1, 2000, she would be moving to Half Moon Bay, and would be resigning her seat on the Council. Chair April Vargas and the other Councilmembers thanked her for her work on the Council and wished her well.

Minutes: Minutes of the August 9 and August 23 meetings were approved, 6-0. Councilmembers Perkovic moved, Lohman second.

Treasurer's Report: Councilmember and Treasurer Perkovic reported that the bank balance had not changed (\$491.93.)

Parks & Recreation Committee: Chair Paul Perkovic reported in the last P&R meeting of September 11, including a trip to the Montara Sanitary District property south of the Lighthouse to inspect possible access for a section of the Coastal Trail. The meeting

also had discussions about the alignment of the Marine Sanctuaries and a report on San Vicente Creek.

Planning & Zoning Committee: Chair Chuck Kozak reported on the last P&Z meeting of September 6, and mentioned that the committee would be making a recommendation to the County on expanding the notification procedures for tree removal.

Public Works: Public Works liaison Joe Gore reported that new 15 minute parking signs had been installed at the El Granada Post Office, but there was still a need for new stripes on the street. He also reported the County's approval of the paving project in El Granada and that the proposed stoplight at Coronado and Highway 1 was being appealed to the Coastal Commission.

Board of Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Rich Gordon gave some detail on the decision the day before on the after-the-fact tree removal permit for 202 11th St., explaining how the stop work order would operate and how it would come back to the Board after one year.

Consent Agenda:

1. Review and recommendation of Midcoast Park Lands budget for Quarry Park. Adopted 6-0, moved and seconded by Councilmembers Lohman and Kozak.

Regular Agenda:

1. Informational presentation by San Mateo County Board of Supervisors President Richard Gordon to explain the compensation schedule and benefits for the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Gordon explained that he was not there as an advocate or opponent to the Measure on the November 2000 ballot to increase the Board's salary, but was there to provide information and answer questions. Comments, issues and questions included:

- what current compensation is and what benefits the Supervisors receive
- what the retirement benefits are
- how compensation is different from budgeting process for other County programs
- how the county sets salaries and negotiates with unions
- the different departments and unions that are involved
- how the Supervisors' compensation is set in the County Charter
- how non-union employees are compensated
- what the work load of a member of the Board of Supervisors is
- other compensation a Board member may receive from commissions and such
- how compensation compares to other counties in the Bay Area
- how the ballot measure will tie Supervisors' salaries to 80% of that of State judges in the County, and how the judges salaries will be raised in 2001
- what other public officials earn
- what the total budget of the County is and how the Supervisors are responsible for that
- how the allocation of County monetary resources is related to Coastal issues
- where the money for Supervisors' compensation comes from and how it competes with other budget items

No action was taken by the Council on this agenda item.

2. Information, discussion, and possible action regarding well issues in the MidCoast and information regarding water quality in San Vicente Creek, the new well ordinance, and well monitoring procedures.

Dean Petersen, the Director of the San Mateo County Department of Environmental Health, attended the meeting for this item. He gave a brief report on the monitoring and clean-up efforts on San Vicente Creek, and outlined how his department will be taking a more active role in dealing with contamination of creeks in the County.

Mr. Petersen then presented the new proposed County well ordinance, and addressed a series of questions and issues that had been compiled by the MCC Planning & Zoning Committee.

No action was taken by the Council on this agenda item.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed transfer of all water utility assets and indebtedness from Citizens Water Resources to California-American Water Company.

Rob Rosco of Citizens attended the meeting - the representative of California-American Water Company (CalAm) was unable to attend.

Mr. Rosco outlined the process and schedule for the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to review and decide on the transfer of the utility assets, with final action by the PUC tentatively scheduled for April of 2001. He described the background and experience of CalAm, and what was proposed in the way of rates and service for the Montara-Moss Beach area. Other topics and issues addressed included:

- whether the PUC might deny the application
- what the alternatives are and if there were any other potential buyers
- the possible transfer of water rights to the Montara Sanitary District
- how CalAm may be able to offer a savings because of its large size and the economy of scale involved in operations and equipment purchasing
- what the projected savings might be

No action was taken by the Council on this agenda item.

4. Continuing discussion and possible action regarding the ongoing Local Coastal Program review.

Councilmember Kozak reported that the next public meeting on the LCP Review will be some time in October, and the Council's letter on priorities will be sent to County Planner George Bergman.

Councilmember Perkovic made the motion that the Council write a letter to the California Coastal Commission, with a copy to the Board of Supervisors, supported further funding of this study. Councilmember Lohman seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Councilmembers Gore and Stein were absent.

Future Meetings:

The next regular meeting will be the candidates forum, Wednesday, September 27, 7 PM at the El Granada School, with candidates for the seats on the CUSD Board of Trustees, the Harbor Commission, and representatives for and against Measures A and B.

Tentatively scheduled for October 11: Walter Matone of the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) to talk about the County Congestion Management Plan, and a discussion of the Coastal Resource protection grant program and how the MidCoast might qualify and benefit.

Councilmember Perkovic made the motion to adjourn at 10:45. Passed 6-0.