

**MINUTES OF A  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF CORONADO/  
THE CITY OF CORONADO ACTING AS THE SUCCESSOR  
AGENCY TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
OF THE CITY OF CORONADO  
Coronado City Hall  
1825 Strand Way  
Coronado, CA 92118  
Tuesday, November 18, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL            3:15 p.m.**

**Present:**        Bailey, Denny, Ovrom, Tanaka, Woiwode  
**Absent:**         None

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION**

- 1.        CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
**AUTHORITY:**        Government Code Section 54956.9(a), (d)(1)  
**NAME OF CASE:**    *Arthur Young v. City of Coronado*  
                              San Diego Superior Court, Case No. 37-2014-00037469-CU-EI-CTL

Councilmember Ovrom recused himself from the closed session as he lives within 500' of the property under discussion.

- 2.        COMMUNICATIONS - ORAL: None.**

**The City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 3:17 p.m.**

**The City Council reconvened at 3:23 p.m.**

**Mayor Tanaka announced there was no reportable action.**

**Mayor Tanaka called the regular meeting to order at 4 p.m.**

**1. ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members/Agency Members Bailey, Denny, Ovrom,  
Woiwode and Mayor Tanaka

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** City Manager/Agency Executive Director Blair King  
City Attorney/Agency Counsel Johanna Canlas  
City Clerk/Agency Secretary Mary Clifford

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Floyd Ross provided the invocation and Mayor Tanaka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council/the City Council Acting as the Successor Agency of November 4, 2014.

**MSUC (Ovrom/Bailey) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council/the City Council Acting as the Successor Agency of November 4, 2014, as submitted. The minutes were so approved. The reading of the minutes in their entirety was unanimously waived.**

**AYES: Bailey, Denny, Ovrom, Woiwode, Tanaka**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

**4. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**4a. Proclamation: Sybil Stockdale Day.** Mayor Tanaka presented the proclamation to Sybil Stockdale.

**4b. Proclamation of Recreation Department Thanksgiving Poster Coloring Contest Winners.** Stacy Berman, Recreation Programs Supervisor, was present to assist in presenting the awards with Mayor Tanaka and the City Council. There were 196 entries and three age groups: K-1, Grades 2-3 and Grades 4-5. Second and Third Place winners will receive a pie purchased through Mama's Kitchen's Pie in the Sky Event. First Place winners will receive a turkey to cook this Thanksgiving.

**1st Grade Entries**

- **Barbara Denny** Presents 3rd place winner's award to **Mishka Chorvatova**
- **Mike Woiwode** Presents 2nd place winner's award to **Sydney Taylor**
- **Al Ovrom** Presents 1st place winner's award to **Ben Reese**

## 2nd and 3rd Grade Entries

- **Richard Bailey** Presents 3rd place winner's award to Megan Grossman
- **Barbara Denny** Presents 2nd place winner's award to Grace Miller
- **Mike Woiwode** Presents 1st place winner's award to Nicolas Ryan

## 4th and 5th Grade Entries

- **Al Ovrom** Presents 3rd place winner's award to Chloe Berk
- **Richard Bailey** Presents 2nd place winner's award to Marbella Ryan
- **Mayor Tanaka** Presents 1st place winner's award to Kahlia Canada

Mayor Tanaka congratulated all the winners and thanked everyone who entered the contest. All 196 entries are on display at the Community Center.

4c. **Proclamation: Linda Rahn Day.** Mayor Tanaka presented the proclamation to retiring Director of Recreation Services Linda Rahn.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** The City Council approved, adopted and/or accepted as one item of business Consent Agenda Items 5a through 5f and the addition of Item 13a.

Councilmember Ovrom suggested the addition of Item 13a.

Councilmember Denny will abstain on Item 5b. She is abstaining because she is uncomfortable voting yeay or nay on this action. Unfortunately, when it was brought to City Council's attention that we weren't following the City law, the ordinance that said that the audit committee needs to review the bills before the checks are paid, instead of keeping or reinstituting that very important internal financial control, the City Council decided to redo the ordinance and remove that internal financial control and so this action that we take here today is really just a mere rubber stamping and it doesn't have any force or affect or meaning and so she doesn't feel comfortable voting yes. She doesn't feel comfortable voting no. She will be abstaining from voting on 5b. With regard to 5d, she will also be voting no. Based on what she read in the staff report that is on page 91, she is not satisfied that this can't be used to, for example, put a light on B at Third and Fourth or any other area on Third and Fourth and so that has great interest in the community and needs more transparency should this issue come up again. She does not favor as-needed contracts as she does not think the taxpayer gets the best result for their money. She thinks it is a mistake to do this in terms of an as-needed contract.

**MSC** (Bailey/Woiwode) moved that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar Items 5a through 5g with the addition of Item 13a – Consideration of Request from Councilmember Ovrom that the City Council Consider Tentative Approval to Participate in the Restoration and Display of Historic Coronado Trolley #2.

**AYES:** Bailey, Denny, Ovrom, Woiwode, Tanaka  
**NAYS:** Denny, on 5d  
**ABSTAIN:** Denny, on 5b  
**ABSENT:** None

**5a. Approval of Reading by Title and Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinances on this Agenda.** The City Council waived the reading of the full text and approved the reading of the title only.

**5b. Review and Approve that the Warrants, as Certified by the City Treasurer, are all Correct and Just, and Conform to the Approved Budgets for FY 2013-2014.** The City Council approved payment of City warrant Nos. 10103897 thru 10104147. The City Council approved the warrants as certified by the City/Agency Treasurer.

**5c. Filing of the Treasurer's Reports on Investments for the City and the Successor Agency to the Community Development Agency for the City of Coronado for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2014.** The City Council examined the quarterly Reports on Investments and ordered them filed.

**5d. Authorization to Advertise an As-Needed Contract for Street Services which Includes Regulatory Sign Replacement, Traffic Control, and Curb and Pavement Marking Services.** The City Council authorized staff to advertise the as-needed street services contract for bid.

**5e. Accept the Main Fire Station Dorm Remodel Project and Direct the City Clerk to File a Notice of Completion.** The City Council accepted the Main Fire Station Dorm Remodel project and directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion.

**5f. Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a Four-Year Agreement with Taser International to Acquire Camera Equipment and Digital Evidence Storage for an Annual Amount Not to Exceed \$25,000.** The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Taser International.

**5g. Acceptance of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant Pedestrian Ramp Improvement Project and Direction to the City Clerk to File a Notice of Completion.** The City Council accepted the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliant Pedestrian Ramp Improvement project (CDBG FY 13-14) and directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion.

**6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

**a. Fern Nelson** is concerned about traffic and is extremely concerned with the rapidity that the traffic solutions have been proposed and which are moving forward. It seems that the solutions are extremely expansive. At this point, we have a proposal from the consultant which is much more inclusive. It has six traffic lights which were not on any of the previous proposals from the consultants so she suggests that this is an entirely new suggestion and that it be treated as an initial suggestion as opposed to the final conclusions from these consultants. The rapidity is of concern. The scope of the matter is of concern. She is also somewhat concerned about the confirmation of the data that has been collected from the consultants. Only one person from the consultants has presented. No one from the senior consultants in this matter have been seen and no one in the public has seen any of the main data that has been collected. The people have not seen the data that has two carriers in port as opposed to three. They have not

seen the data that includes the new naval station that is going to be built in Imperial Beach. At the most recent open house, there was one scenario that may be a true scenario but it does not include the scope of Coronado. Also, the spirit of Coronado and our neighborhoods seem to be possibly being violated by the additional six traffic lights, essentially doubling the number of traffic lights that we currently have. She suggests that we do have an open, honest discussion with a panel that is moderated and includes the TOC and the consultants so that the community can have true and honest dialogue about that. She also would suggest that we have our Police enforce our existing laws, including speed. She also suggested that a second consultant group look over this whole matter. This traffic issue will pertain to the community forever and ever and to base our judgments on one consultant group with one person who has been visible to the public, amassing data which may or may not be valid, is extreme.

**b. Gene Kemp** spoke about golf. He understands better now why the National Golf Foundation wasn't brought back to survey our maintenance part of the equation at the Golf Course so he did his own survey. He checked with some of the golfers, some of the employees, the pro shop staff and the bottom line is that you can save over \$100,000 in salary and benefits by not replacing the director's job. That job can be done by hiring a very good greens' keeper maintenance guy and let the professional run the golf course. There is precedent for that. The good news is the greens are great. Some of the other areas he found in his tour were that the fairways are the worst he has seen them in 45 years and there is no really good excuse to let them go that bad. It is so bad that one of the world ranked professionals was invited to play our course, has played it before, and had to be disinvited because of the embarrassment. Selling tee times not in keeping with the golf course resolution is problematic. They have even left off the guidelines that say you are not supposed to do that until after ten o'clock. That resolution was established over the years with a lot of dedicated people to make sure that we had enough times for the public versus tournaments and people that buy times. They have had, this year, a couple of tournaments that were run with out of control children who were noisy. It was a circus. He has never seen, in over 60 years of playing golf at different golf courses, a situation like that where you have a circus going on while people are playing golf. There are transparency problems and some hard feelings. What the City needs to do is come up with a long-term plan and the long-term plan will include not doing more whining about water but to get on with what you need to do in the way of funding.

**c. Susan Keith** spoke against the negative declaration that the Council is being asked to consider this afternoon. All of the parks in Coronado have been designated historic resources by the Coronado City Council. The negative declaration that the Council is about to issue concerns one of the most visible of our public parks, right on Orange Avenue. The enlargement of the Senior Center, in her personal opinion, is taking away public space, historic resource space, trees, grass, open air and putting in a building. She doesn't think that in all good consciousness you can adopt a negative dec for this project if you are taking away that much from our City as far as the open space is concerned. She thinks a full EIR should be done so that the City knows where it stands on the issues.

**d. Betsy Andersen** is concerned about the golf course and the appearance of it. She guesses it is because of lack of water and she knows we were doing some irrigation renovation and Roger Miller indicated that we weren't watering during that. In her opinion, we should keep it watered, keep it green, keep it respectful. She is wondering if the Council can see its way clear to maybe help financially. Mr. Miller explained that the only way we run the golf course

is using the money that has been made. She is wondering if the Council could see its way clear to make sure this course gets watered and tended to properly. It is a big concern. She golfed at Balboa the other day and she understands that they are going to renovate that course completely and bulldoze the clubhouse and restaurant. If they do it in the fashion that we think they would, it could be a challenge for us if we don't keep our course up. She doesn't know what to do about the water situation but she thinks that if we are going to have the crown jewel, as we call it, we need to tend to it and make sure it is watered. She would like to express the desire Mr. Kemp did. She doesn't know that we need anyone to replace Mr. Miller's position. We could use Ron Yarbrough and the Pro Shop. They would be more than capable of seeing to it that the course is maintained properly.

**e. Marilyn Field** commented on the Senior Center. She has been following this project for several years and yet, because she was busy this summer, she missed the July meeting where the preliminary work was done on the negative declaration. The agenda packet for this Council meeting came as a shock to her. It was really the first time she realized how extensive and large this facility was going to be and how many trees would be taken down. She does not believe she is the only one who has not really understood what was involved. When she tried to talk to people about this, there are so many people who know that we are going to be renovating or rebuilding the Senior Center but they have no idea what this means for the block in which the Library sits. She is very concerned about the loss of the trees. She is very concerned about the loss of the open space. Once it is gone, we can never reclaim it. So many things have happened to that block which used to be a park block. Now it is almost entirely built over. There are alternatives and it makes her so sad to think that we would give up the open space and the trees without really looking at what alternatives there are. She feels the Council has not really had a chance or has just not moved to explore a lot of options. She does understand the impatience of the seniors. She is sure that everyone would like this to be done. It is not only the senior community that has to be thought about here. It is the general community. It is posterity. It is our precious remaining open space. She looked at the General Plan and the requirements of the General Plan to preserve open space. She looked at our Local Coastal Plan and the LCP designates this particular area as open space. She felt the way the neg dec went through that and just kind of breezed through that and didn't really give that a fair look. This is so important. Once it is gone, it can't be retrieved. She urged the Council to slow it down, take another look at this and look at the alternatives to see if there is a satisfactory solution for the seniors and the lawn bowlers that would also permit us to retain this precious open space and the trees.

**f. Barbara DeMichelle** spoke regarding the recommendations from the consultants for the calming on Third and Fourth Streets. She lives on B Avenue and sees traffic that enters her section of the City often. She also sees that it is a major cut through for all of the kids that go to school. She thinks that putting a light encourages traffic to come through on B Avenue, turning it into a junior Orange Avenue at key times of the day when children are transiting there. This is a big mistake. She watched this beautiful celebration here today of the turkey coloring contest winners. What a statement of our village atmosphere! All of the Councilmembers have been elected because of a commitment to maintain that. Putting in six traffic lights in our village is a huge detriment to that village atmosphere. She knows there are other ways to calm traffic besides putting in traffic lights. She thinks we need to fully explore those before we spend millions of dollars on traffic lights.

**g. Marilyn Rees** commented that the dog issue is an issue for people inside the room that don't have dogs with them and outside. They flooded the Council with information. Centennial Park should be open for the dogs on leashes to be everywhere. She picks up after her dog and knows everyone is concerned about that and it should happen. They would appreciate a positive vote for this important issue from all the dog owners.

**h. Julie Russell** spoke about the recent open house that was held by the City Engineering Department. It was a public forum for some input. As a person who has a Bachelor of Science and an MBA, she is very data driven. She believes this is a way to take a very emotional subject such as traffic that everyone has a unique perspective and bias towards to make it a little bit more fact based and a little bit more scientific and a little bit more accurate for all. Therefore, when she sat there and heard from the consultants on their report, she thought it was a very glib report. As a person who tries to think very carefully about these issues, she found it very confusing. They even sent out a survey and that survey didn't even have any definitions. What are some of these definitions? How did the whole report of the solutions coincide with each other? How is it an intricate solution? Many questions popped into her head. Prior to that, several of us in the neighborhood had looked into this. Some even showed up with stickers where we were a united group. The stickers asked for more information and whether or not traffic lights are the answer. They feel very rushed. Those sitting on the TOC said that they were going to take this review in either November, December or January. This is a very busy time of year for everybody. It is very hard to put the time in to participate in the community. As a democracy, she really enjoys and wants to take advantage of the fact that we are allowed to communicate our voice. She would like the Council to make sure that we have enough opportunity to digest this report, to completely understand it, to maybe select some of the members of our community who could help us understand it in an intelligent way so that we can communicate very effectively with the people who are our elected officials or appointed people on the Council. She would like this to be a fact-based driven type of analysis so there could be a nice solution and, in the end that we are coming up with a plan that makes sense. Maybe it means doing nothing and maybe it means doing everything. She doesn't know at this point but she would like to have the opportunity to exercise her democratic opportunities to communicate with the Council and the TOC and have her fellow neighbors do that in this manner. She enjoys the village atmosphere and does not want to live in an urban community with multiple traffic lights. If that was the case, she would buy something down in Little Italy.

**i. Bill McGrath** spoke to Item 11, allowing leashed dogs, particularly in Centennial Park. There are two major projects, the Landing and the Point, which face on Centennial Park. They are both historic projects composed of a total of 172 units. A great many of the people that live in both of those complexes are dog people. He and his wife are not. He has watched the park for years and seen the enjoyment that people have had there. He also recognizes that allowing dogs creates a certain maintenance problem and a maintenance expense but he would remind the Council that under the agreement which allowed the creation of the Landing and the Point, the Landing and the Point pay for the maintenance of Centennial Park and as part of that, he believes it is proper that it should be available for the use of the residents of the Landing and the Point.

**j. Jack Bartroff** commented about the Third and Fourth Street calming study. He thought that was an interesting adjective to use calming in that study. He complimented the City Council and the other City agencies that have shown to him and the public that they have

always acted to protect families and residents. There are protective signs to govern where children can be and where cars can be and when they can't be there. This shows that we have a City administration that is very conscientious about that factor. Where he is concerned is with the street light that has been proposed for the junction of B Avenue with Third and Fourth Streets. It is actually two lights. It concerns him and he wonders why it receives a lot of attention because the City has shown that they are very concerned about protecting the residential areas. For example, he was riding his bike on Glorietta and he sees that right at the junction of Glorietta as you pass the tennis courts heading towards the golf course there are two streets there that are limited in terms of when cars can actually enter that residential area. This is certainly not due to an over amount of traffic on Glorietta but he thinks it shows that the City is concerned about the traffic in that area. Another one that you see is right at Glorietta Boulevard, right across from the Glorietta Bay Inn. There is an afternoon series of hours when cars can't turn right there as they approach the City because they don't want cars coming in and then turning off onto Adella and other streets and trying to find a quick way to get over to Third and Fourth Streets. Those are really good examples. Even Third Street – those signs have gone up on Third Street that do not allow cars to turn left to cross over to Fourth. Why was that done? In his mind, it was done to keep people from crossing over Fourth and then entering that whole residential area which is all on the east side of Orange Avenue.

**k. Carolyn Rogerson** commented that this regards an ongoing situation that came up in October. She referred to the November 4 City Council meeting. The Mayor and Council were questioned about the use of the City of Coronado seal and the title "Office of the Mayor of the City of Coronado" on a private citizens' group event regarding climate change. At a previous meeting, City Council had voted not to endorse or co-sponsor the same event. The Mayor said that he would co-sponsor the event personally. She attended that meeting because she is interested in climate change. She was very surprised that the discussion on climate change was not a discussion but rather a lecture by a very interesting Admiral Hering on November 12 and at the end of the presentation by Admiral Hering, Mayor Tanaka announced that there would not be a formal question and answer session. The Mayor then handed a framed plaque to Marshall Saunders, one of the founders of the climate change group, and announced that Marshall Saunders would be presenting Admiral Hering a plaque to thank the Admiral on behalf of the City. She has questions about the royal 'I' that Mayor Tanaka used when he said that he would personally co-sponsor and then presents a plaque on behalf of the City. She questions also, again, the use of the City seal. On May 30, 2013, a statement was issued by the City regarding the appropriate use of the Seal of the City of Coronado and a quote from that statement reads, "...be suspicious of any use of a City logo and seal on any commercial or private promotion that does not have official endorsement." It seems to her that at a previous meeting, the City Council voted not to endorse this meeting. There was nothing untoward about the meeting but it was partisan to some people and bipartisan to others. As she understands it, it was announced that the Admiral was paid for his appearance and she just questions the use of the City seal and then presenting the Admiral with a plaque that the Mayor said was to thank him on behalf of the City when he was told that was not the way the Council wanted this handled. In the future, she thinks that perhaps a more judicious use of the Seal of the City would help not create confusion as to whether or not the City is endorsing a point of view that some people consider to be a political football.

Mayor Tanaka wanted to clarify a couple of things. He had the great pleasure of working with Admiral Hering when he was the Navy Mayor of San Diego. As Coronado's Mayor, it gave him

great pleasure to help create awareness for a talk that he was giving to our citizens though it cost our residents zero dollars to attend. The plaque was not a plaque. If you look carefully, it was a painting. Marshall Saunders is the person who paid for the painting and apparently is a painfully shy man. Mayor Tanaka was asked if he would introduce Marshall Saunders and give him an opportunity to present this painting to Admiral Hering. The painting was paid for by Marshall Saunders. He didn't want to speak a word and Mayor Tanaka was asked, as mayor, if he would be willing to introduce him so he could give Admiral Hering the painting that he purchased himself. He did use the wording, "...on behalf of the City..." because there were about 100 people there and he thought it was great that Admiral Hering gave his time. He spoke for roughly two hours or maybe a little over. He was expected to speak for one hour. That is why Mayor Tanaka unilaterally cut off question and answer. He also did tell the public that Admiral Hering would stay after for questions, which he did. He feels it was a successful discussion.

**At this point in the meeting, Mayor Tanaka took Item 10a Report from the San Diego County South Area Cities' Representative to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority out of order.**

7. **CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

7a. **Update on Council Directed Actions and Citizen Inquiries.** No report.

**At this point in the meeting, Mayor Tanaka took Item 11b Introduction of "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Coronado, California, Amending Sections 32.04.020, 32.04.060(C) and 32.04.100 of Chapter 32.04 and Amending Section 32.08.020 of Chapter 32.08 of Title 32 of the Coronado Municipal Code Regarding Allowing Leashed Dogs at City Parks" out of order.**

The City Council recessed at 5:26 pm.

The City Council reconvened at 5:33 pm.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

8a. **Public Hearing: Adoption of a Resolution to Certify a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact for the Senior Activity Center Addressed as 1019 Seventh Street; Adoption of a Resolution to Approve the Project, Historic Alteration Permit, and Project Design; and Approval of the Architect's Contract to Complete the Construction Documents.** City Manager Blair King introduced the item. Ann McCaull, Senior Planner, provided the staff report, along with Bill Cecil, Capital Projects Manager, and Bob Coffee, Architect.

Councilmember Denny stated that it is no secret that she didn't vote, it was a four to one vote to go forward with a negative dec, at our last meeting. She wanted to get some facts on the record before the public speaks. The fact that we are pursuing a negative declaration means that we are not looking for the EIR report. She is analyzing this as a land use attorney. It is beyond belief that staff or City Council or anyone could say that this massive project would not negatively impact the environment. The reason why this is significant is because it can easily be overturned in court and negative declarations can only be pursued by an agency or a city government for very specific reasons. Councilmember Denny read "An agency may not adopt a negative declaration and must

instead prepare an EIR if it can be fairly argued, on the basis of substantial evidence, that the project may have a significant environmental impact.” That is based on a case out of the City of Los Angeles. In this case, since the use will be increased with the increased footage, we will have increased need for parking for this particular project, a reduced parking availability for the surrounding neighborhoods and the Library, increased traffic to the building, and decreased air quality with the increased traffic to the neighborhood, and the removal of the trees. Those are such significant environmental impacts that it is shocking that this body could go forward with a negative declaration.

Mayor Tanaka reminded Ms. Denny that the process he will use is for staff to finish making the report, Council to ask questions, and he asked that they be focused questions, and then he will receive testimony from the public. Council Chambers are full and he wants to give the public a chance to speak before Council has the opportunity to opine.

Ms. Denny asked if this decision was reviewed by the City Attorney because we can get in such legal trouble from going down this path.

City Attorney Johanna Canlas has reviewed this. Based on the information contained in the staff report and the documents attached, there is sufficient evidence that would support should the Council decide to move forward.

Ms. Denny would like to know what that evidence is.

Mayor Tanaka asked Ms. McCaull to finish her report.

Ms. McCaull continued with her report.

Ms. Denny would like to let the public know a little bit more about something called this volunteer parking program. She was concerned because we have...how many people will be allowed inside this space?...what is capacity?...with 160 or 170 folks and we are looking at six to eight parking spaces being provided with this project. Can Ms. McCaull tell about the volunteer parking program a little bit more and how that came about?

Ms. McCaull asked Ms. Rahn to respond to this question.

Linda Rahn, Director of Recreation Services, explained that Mariah VanZerr and she worked with the community and submitted an application to SANDAG for a senior mini transportation grant. She believes that Coronado is very well positioned to apply competitively for this. We have a high number of seniors. We don't have a whole lot of extra transportation here in the village. She thinks that we might get this money that could really help kick off a volunteer transportation program. The concept is that we would recruit volunteers to do door-to-door transportation for seniors. The City would recruit a number of volunteer drivers. The City would purchase a computerized program that would schedule both the drivers and the riders. There would be mileage reimbursement for the drivers. Essentially, drivers would go and pick up seniors who need rides to medical appointments, grocery shopping, other errands and particularly to go to the Senior Center for socialization, recreation. It would be door to door. The price tag would probably be \$2/trip for the rider. This could alleviate most people needing to drive to and park at the Senior Center altogether. If it is successful, it could then develop into getting more money to purchase a

van and then we have other drivers who are doing a whole group of individuals at once. We think this would be great for Coronado. We don't have a lot of mileage to cover and we could get five or six drivers who are out there and doing all the transportation needed for a day of activity at the Senior Center. The vision is beautiful.

Mr. Cecil continued with the staff report.

Ms. Denny spoke with regard to costs and wanted to flesh that out a little bit for the public. She referred to page 101 of the staff report. It looks like the price tag, and this is for purchase, the subtotal for construction is about \$4.5 million. Is that accurate? The response was in the affirmative. Ms. Denny asked if it is true that operating costs would be approximately, as estimated, annually \$280,000.

Mr. King responded that this was the topic that was presented to the Council in concept at the June 18, 2013, City Council meeting. It was reported that there would be a cost associated with the operation of this building. Staff had general costs at that time and is still refining what the work program would be. That work has not been completed. The work program includes ways that there could be cost recovery, not necessarily charging seniors, but a cost recovery from this facility that would involve some rental opportunities and some increased cost in operations. These costs will come from the larger building, power, water and then also some staffing. That could be in the range of between \$60,000 to \$80,000 net increase in General Fund expenditure for this project. However, staff is not ready to bring that forward but he does want to make the Council aware that there would be the expectation that there would be a net increase. In 2013, staff reported that it was still working on a business plan and it wanted to give the Council what would be the high side.

Ms. Denny asked Mr. King if his answer is that it would not cost \$276,000 to run this new building.

Mr. King anticipates that the net outlay will be less.

Ms. Denny asked if it would be less by half or \$10,000.

Mr. King responded that the plan staff sees at this point in time could range between \$60,000 to \$80,000 in terms of additional outlay required by the General Fund.

### **Mayor Tanaka opened the public hearing.**

Francette Roeder would like to ask all of those present in favor of the Council voting favorably on the three items to be considered towards the building of a new Senior Activity Center to please stand and be counted.

The City Clerk counted those in favor and reported a count of 99. Mayor Tanaka provided the same opportunity for those opposed. The count was one. Mayor Tanaka reminded people that they have three minutes to speak.

Ms. Roeder continued by saying that for the past several years the citizens of Coronado have shown their desire for a new center not only by repeatedly filling the chambers but also attending the Senior Center's new Armchair Travel program where they average about 100 guests monthly. It is imperative that the Council adopt the resolution of a negative declaration and also the Historic

Alteration Permit. The expansion into the park will certainly have an impact on the environment but the key word is significant. Will the loss of 13 trees in our created urban forest of 8,700 really have a significant enough effect to defeat this long overdue project? She doesn't think most of the people present believe that. Thirteen out of 8,700 is not significant. The people elected the Council to represent them. The citizens of Coronado want and deserve an adult activity center. They implore the Council to vote yes on all three resolutions. Please make this center a reality. No more delays. No more studies. No more nays. Let's do something now.

Sandy Short understands that the HRC would not approve this project and she is not surprised. The look of this building is awful. It doesn't reflect Coronado's beauty. This beauty as it stands now is handsome. This building that they want to put up looks like a low impact building complex where they have a car dealership with garages going in. It does not reflect the beauty of Coronado. It doesn't belong here. She is very disappointed with the look of the building.

Billie Stagliano lives in the Senior Affordable Housing unit that the City of Coronado was able to develop with redevelopment funds. There are 29 of them that are able to live there. They appreciate that. UCSD, this past week, set up a think tank that is going to be going for two years. She quoted them, "Aging is not a disease to be cured but a process to be enhanced." This new Senior Center would enhance the life of all of the seniors in Coronado. The City Council members can no longer close their eyes and ears and hearts and conscience to the senior members. She considers that the seniors are a historic resource for the City of Coronado. They would like to have this pavilion in the park and with the landscaping that will be put in that will make it more usable for the children out of the Children's Library, for middle-aged people and for the seniors who won't be falling over the roots of the trees. One of the things that she noticed is when you drive over from San Diego you can see a forest of trees. There has been agreement in the new plan to replant a new tree for every tree that comes out of the current park. The size of the forest in Coronado is going to be exactly the same. If we take out nine trees, we will replant nine. There won't be a net loss of any trees in Coronado. She hopes the Council looks at the people present. There are 446 members there right now. With the increased size, they hope to double that and to double the activities and they certainly hope the Council will find it in its heart and conscience to give the seniors this new building.

Frank Osgood restated something he pointed out at one of the earlier meetings. A block and a half away sits Sacred Heart Church where he is a deacon. They have around 400 people there on weekends at each one of their services and somehow they all manage to park. They have 100 or more people there at service every day of the week and somehow they all manage to park and that is when school is in session. He really does not believe there will be a significant parking problem and he knows bureaucracies might not take that into account as approvals are sought from various agencies but it is a fact that he thinks we will be able to live just fine with the parking.

Harold Meyers lives about a block away from this area and he walks by the Library and Senior Center every day as he walks his dog a couple of times. That area of the park in front of the Senior Center is not used by anyone other than occasionally a couple of homeless people sitting on the cold, dirty, hard concrete bench in the front part of the park. In his opinion, the current Senior Center is an eyesore in the park. We need the new Senior Center, not only for the seniors but also to clean up that area. He would ask one thing and that is that the City Council consider the Planning Commission's statement of increasing the requirements for the parking. He feels that diagonal parking anywhere around this block would be extremely dangerous because of the proximity of

the number of schools. He believes that the Police Chief also opposed this as did the TOC. Also, in the morning, he sees all of those bicycles and if you have ever been involved in diagonal parking when you back up there is no way you can see a bicycle. Please adopt the little triangular section that would have seven additional parking spaces and forget about diagonal parking on the other streets.

Carvill Veech has three comments and they all relate to the environment. She would like to make sure that there are some bicycle racks because a lot of us need a little exercise and a lot of us might bike over there. Sometimes people will take those little carts and perhaps there could be cart parking. The other thing she wanted to ask is how the energy is going to be provided to the building. Is this going to be solar to mitigate the cost of running this building or is it going to all be just billed SDG&E? The sidewalk that came from Orange Avenue crosses the roots of some trees which she is sure is part of the reason that 13 trees need to be taken out. She looked at the diagrams and if they are correct, some of those trees aren't really worth much but some of the really good ones are towards the front of the park and she thinks the reason they have to be taken out is because that sidewalk has to be dug out and the trees will die. Her concern is that there be a green screen of sorts, a filtered screen, so that the people on the front patio won't be looking at Orange Avenue traffic. Those two little trees that were on the diagram are insufficient. She hopes something better might filter the vision to stop the eye. If you put seven more parking spots in that diagram, then seven more high schoolers are going to drive their cars to school.

Carrie Downey owns a home on D that has diagonal parking. She raised three girls who went to school with diagonal parking. All three of them were hit on their bikes by people backing out of diagonal parking. She agrees with the earlier speaker. She knows there is discussion of making the rest of the diagonal parking on D to possibly make it backing in rather than fronting so people aren't backing out of those to make it safer. She asked that the City not confuse the teenage drivers and have some streets going one way. She has five drivers under the age of 20. You do not want five of her children trying to back out on one street and front in on the other. Since the Council has the chance to fix it tonight and it won't delay anything, she asked that the Council just approve the plan that gives seven spots on the triangular lot and then take the other one back for study. If you are going to open up the diagonal parking all along, there is a need to make it consistent and make it all back in rather than front in, that would be the time to look at diagonal parking on the block across from the High School.

Bob Grobe pointed out that the new building will not only be used for seniors. The area there is being used and maybe with the new building we will be able to take bigger advantage of getting some youth in. He introduced Angel and Natalia Gomez. He wanted people to know that this new building will be used very well to get some new blood in. It is not only for seniors. In addition, he really seconds all the things that have been said for it to go on. He is not really in favor of the diagonal parking either.

Glen Ayres commented that for him this is all very new. The merger, emotionally or any other way, of the lawn bowlers and the Senior Center is absolutely amazing. It is a club that is not a club. The lawn bowlers have fun with the seniors and the seniors get a giggle out of the lawn bowlers. Most of all we are a wonderful stature of this community for guests. Everyone is rooting for this organization to work.

Javier Gomez has lived in Coronado his whole life and to have a Senior Center where he will be able to spend time will tremendously help the City of Coronado. This is good for his kids and for kids at Sacred Heart. He is proud to show them how to bowl. It would be a great pleasure to show them something even more beautiful that someday they will also appreciate.

Linda Sorrels thinks it is time that we built this building. We heard the whys and why nots and about loss of trees; however, the area that everyone is concerned about is really not used but used as a shortcut to get to the Library. Why not beautify it with a new building in a new area? She also wishes the Council would take into consideration that we are about to celebrate 125 years of Coronado and the Coronado Senior Center is a part of that history and they want to continue the part of that history. She believes the new building shouldn't cost over \$200,000 because Coronado Senior Association has been running this building with \$74,000 a year. If you are building a new building that is cost efficient, it shouldn't cost any more than that. She urged the Council to consider the same operations that exist at the present time. The Coronado Senior Association should run this building as it has been doing and it has been providing all the activities for the seniors in this town. The appropriate name of this building should also be the Coronado Senior Center and the Lawn Bowling Club. This is history. Do not take it away but build the building.

Berrie Grobe seconds everything positive that has been said. She pointed out to Ms. Denny that the Lawn Bowlers do not need a transportation program. Most of them walk and ride their bikes to the bowling green and will continue to do so. A few people don't because they want to clean their bowls and they are eight pounds to carry back and forth but if we have the facility then they will probably walk and ride their bikes. With the Lawn Bowling Club, it can never get bigger in terms of parking than it is today or was in 1935. We are a one green lawn bowling club and only 64 people can bowl at one time, which they could in 1935 and they can today and they will be able to in the future. It will never be a larger parking problem. There is an environmental impact here. It is a very beautiful, wonderful environmental impact. We will finally create an attractive and inviting park land for people to come to because that is not what it is today. We need to use a little bit of space, lose a couple of trees, but it will have a positive impact on the environment of Coronado.

Heidi Wilson hasn't heard addressed the present condition of the facility that is there. It is not that we have an adequate facility and we just want something new. What is there is something that is really substandard and she believes it is detrimental to the long-term health of our community. She has been to events there where you could hardly walk because they had to push walkers and wheel chairs to the side. If there was a fire in that kind of situation, it would be devastating and she really does not think any of us would want that on our conscience and certainly not the City Council. She is working on the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration for next year and as part of that they have been looking back on the history of this City. One of the things they have looked at is when things happened and why they happened in projects. Just looking back from 2005 until now, the City Council has spent \$77.5 million on new facilities. That is a lot of money and you look at it and ask why the City Council would do that. The answer is that it was needed. Coronado is known as the Crown City. Right now that Senior Center, not so bad on the outside, but on the inside it is like an ugly pimple on the beautiful face of Coronado. This Council, time and again, has stepped up and done the right thing for the City. She saw it, a few years ago, do the right thing for the pets in Coronado. Today the pets have a better facility than the seniors do. She has every confidence that this Council is going to be the one that puts a crown jewel back on our crown for our new Senior Center.

Shannon Player is in opposition to the current plan. She is not opposed to a new Senior Center but just this plan. The removal of 13 trees will forever change the character of the block. The loss of the trees cannot be mitigated. The trees are mature, providing a backdrop and screening to the current Senior Center. Once the trees are removed, you will not be able to bring back the shade, the habitat for the birds, the character of the park or the production of oxygen that they are releasing. You cannot replace the years of growth even if you planted two trees for every one that is removed. The value of the trees is immeasurable. The quiet open space they provide, the ambience of the outdoor space is open to everyone in the community. The trees are a scenic resource by themselves. How can you possibly say there is no negative impact? The block, by far, is the most scenic block of Orange Avenue. The new project would definitely impact the scenic nature of the block and degrade the visual surroundings. This would be a significant negative impact for the block and to say otherwise is not true. Spreckels Park has been declared a historic resource to protect it from further development. This building will take away open space and will alter the space significantly. The original building is possibly a historic building. The HRC voted unanimously to reject this project. The project was brought to the Street Tree Committee but we were told that it had no say in this project. They were asked to look at where trees could be put to mitigate the loss of the trees. Attempting to sidestep the CEQA process does not allow for alternatives to be considered. There are alternatives. Please take the time to require to do the full CEQA and get more public input. Do not make a hasty decision that will forever change the character of our precious open space. Do not give this project a negative declaration today.

Natalia Gomez pointed out that before she started lawn bowling she did not know what this building was for. She believes that with this new design and building, since lawn bowling is for kids and a lot of people, and since it is so closely associated with the Senior Center, it would create an opportunity to bring many kids to interact with who she calls 'the wise ones' and it creates a really good opportunity.

**Mayor Tanaka closed the public hearing.**

Mayor Tanaka referred to the chronology slide from the staff report. It said that we started this process in August of 2011. One of the struggles in City government in Coronado or anywhere is getting the word out about what you are working on, giving the public a chance to comment and then taking those comments in and thinking about whether or not the project is what it should be or if there is a need to keep working on it. He wants to be really clear that this project, since August of 2011, has come to the Coronado City Council many times and the Council has, each step of the way, refined the project and continued to give guidance. For anyone who would say we have been hasty, he would say he doesn't see how 2011 to 2014 is hasty. We have had many public hearings. This is not the first full Council Chamber we have had on this issue of a Senior Center, what it should look like and whether or not to move forward. He thinks it is pretty clear that the City of Coronado has given the public three years to weigh in on this project and to have its voice heard. Tonight, it is clear that there are more people in favor than not but he wants to do the "not side" the courtesy of saying that there are people that think this is the wrong plan or the wrong time or the wrong priority. He doesn't want to pretend that this is a unanimous sort of policy decision. By the same token, he thinks it is very clear what this Council has been doing over the course of three years. The question before the Council is whether or not all of those years of direction have reached an appropriate culminating point. Is this time for a negative dec? Is this

time to move forward with the project? Is the architect that we are working with the one to bring to the next level where we start to turn plans into project? He has said it every time since August 2011 so he is not going to surprise anyone when he says it is time to move forward. He is not going to surprise anyone when he says that the staff and what it has put together is correct and it is appropriate.

He did write some comments down and one of the main comments that sticks with him is certainly he doesn't think anyone here is excited about the loss of 13 trees. He has heard some people discount them and say they are really not that pretty and has heard some people say that is the whole reason we should go on a different course. He does think that the finished product will justify the removal of the trees in question. He does not like the removal and wishes it was easier to create a win/win situation. To those people who are troubled by the loss of those 13 trees, all he can say is that he is sorry. In the end, he thinks that this project warrants it. In the end, he genuinely believes that this project will justify itself.

He thanked the architect, Mr. Coffee, for showing us more visions of what he is thinking and how it is going to play out in the physical structure. The number one thing that the architect pointed out today that he wanted to reiterate is that the center of the structure is what a majority of this Council voted to proceed on. The fact that the space in question is the heart and soul of what you can do with the Senior Center and that it connects the Lawn Bowling Green to the area that we love on Orange Avenue is the purpose behind the architecture. He heard one person say that they didn't like it and he understands and he respects their opinion but he does not agree. He really thinks that the architect did what the Council asked them to do and he doesn't think it was just done in an adequate or utilitarian way but for Mayor Tanaka's purposes he really think the architect hit a homerun. What he saw with the outdoor patio that is facing the lawn bowling green is exactly what he would hope for in terms of an amenity for our seniors. He really hopes that this is a place that people say it is pretty, it is well kept, and that they like spending time here. The success or failure of the building will come down to whether or not it is a nice space, whether or not it is thoughtfully laid out, and whether it has ample space for various types of programs. It would be erroneous to think that all seniors want the same thing.

One other point he wanted to make is that the room we are in is too small. 99% of the time it is not. Most of the time City employees outnumber the public at these meetings. Today, it is clear that the room probably should have been a little bit bigger. Once in a while you have a really packed City Council meeting and he apologized to the 20 left who are standing and there are probably another 20 who didn't stay. If we don't do the Senior Center right and if we take the easy way out and start lopping things off, you will screw up the Senior Center. He has heard it is too big. One point he wanted to reemphasize is that the existing Senior Center is inadequate by current building code standards. If you just said to fix what we said, you would gain a few thousand square feet. It would go from 3,000 to 6,000 something just to bring it up to code. Something else he wanted to point out about the existing Senior Center is that its layout is stupid. It is not an efficient way to move people around. You don't have normal corridors. That existing building has to go. Something needs to replace it. Remodeling this is not an option. It has to go. If you tried to take the minimal approach and just keep what we have, you would still see a significant square footage increase. For his money, if you are going to invest public dollars he thinks most people would agree to do it right. To those people who think it is too big, he is sorry they feel that way. Perhaps they are right but he would certainly rather err on the side of saying that this has been properly planned, this has been properly designed. We spent three years reaching out to

people. We brought the best professionals we could find to help us and he does not think it is too big.

Lastly, he wanted to talk about the Nautilus Room just down the way. How many weddings have we had in there? How often have we had different meetings, different gatherings and that is what it was intended for. He gives Tom Smisek all the credit in the world because when it was just an idea, it was called a great room. That was the idea, that the City of Coronado did not have an adequate great room for its big meetings, its big events. He pointed out what he thinks is obvious. This Senior Center is so well planned that one of the ways it can save money to the seniors and the City is that people are going to want to have events there. He thanked Mr. Bailey because he figured that out before Mayor Tanaka did. Mr. Bailey pointed out that there is a rental opportunity there. Mayor Tanaka balked initially because he wanted to make sure that the seniors have the priority over the space but he also wants the seniors to have a viable facility and frankly it is being planned to be so beautiful that other people might want to have events there. They might even want to have a wedding or two there. We already have a flourishing Lawn Bowling Club. He thinks that is an example of some of the other successes this facility will have. It has been done right so that other events can be held there, say at 7 p.m. that would pay rent for the opportunity to use that room.

With respect to negative declarations, there are a couple things he wanted to point out. The overwhelming success of the Lawn Bowling Society has been an indication that a negative declaration is appropriate. He thanked Mr. Osgood for pointing out about Sacred Heart. That is one of the most vibrant churches in town and like anything that is vibrant in Coronado, patterns emerge where people find a way to attend it. He doesn't think he is being naive when he says we will work through whatever parking happens but it is a Senior Center before and it will be a Senior Center after and a negative dec is the way to go. Between changing that triangle area and making it more efficient and getting seven more parking spaces, the program that has been pitched about getting seniors door to door, we will make it work. To the extent that you need to walk or take a bike, walk or take a bike. He is very comfortable supporting what the staff has put together and he hopes three members of the Council will move forward on this.

Councilmember Ovrom thinks Mayor Tanaka put it succinctly. There is a need. Nobody questions the need. Nobody questions the fact that it is a disaster and it is still there. That is not an issue. The other thing that is going on is that the Council has already decided, unless someone decides differently now, on this floor plan. Given those two things, it seems logical to adopt the negative declaration and the resolution to approve all of these things and the contract for the construction documentation. There were a number of people who said this was too big and to do it in two stories. He sees it. That is what we get. He doesn't think that is where this Council is going. He thinks it is time to get on.

Councilmember Bailey had his reservations about the size of this project when it was first brought to the Council about a year ago. That conversation was had and it is time to move forward. Looking at the three recommendations from staff, all the information, all the comments that have been provided, he is still convinced, as he was last time that a negative declaration is appropriate. He is satisfied with the project as it has been proposed. He thinks Mr. Coffee has been a tremendous asset to this entire project to get it to this point. He would be very happy to move forward with all three of the recommendations.

Councilmember Denny agreed with Mr. Ovrom that there is no doubt that we need to improve the Senior Center. Since 2011, since this issue has come up, she has most definitely been on board with improving the Senior Center. Unfortunately, she can't support the project as in the staff recommendation so she won't be voting for it. She hasn't heard a motion but she assumes one will be forthcoming and she just wants to explain why. She thinks we do need a better Senior Center and she has had many happy memories there over the years at many various events. It is inadequate and unhealthy. Thank goodness for the late Dottie McSwain who brought this to our attention and brought this initially to our previous City Manager's attention. She thanked Francette Roeder and everyone else for bringing this issue forward.

She wanted to say that a negative declaration is most definitely incorrect, illegal, wrong. She can't figure out enough adjectives to say that based on the law, as it exists, she can say, as a land use attorney, this type of a project is not what a negative dec is intended for. This scale of a project needs an EIR. The reason it does need an EIR, as she alluded to earlier, increased traffic will be attracted to this beautiful space. That means decreased air quality, increased parking stress for the surrounding residents and so forth, and all of these issues can be mitigated or made better or solved with the input of surrounding neighbors and residents and even the Library should be having input as to the impact upon them and so all that can be solved in the EIR process and that is why you don't want a negative declaration because you want to think about all the changes to the environment. There is just no logic or sense that you can possibly take a project like this in today's world and say that it doesn't have negative impacts on the environment, beautiful as it is. Even if it had positive impacts on the environment, the law is very clear that it might still need an EIR and that a negative declaration would be wrong. She read earlier about the law about negative declaration but she is compelled to say that argument, speculation, inaccurate information, unsubstantiated opinion or social/economic impacts unrelated to physical changes to the environment do not constitute substantial evidence. That substantial evidence that is needed for a negative declaration. There is just absolutely, positively no doubt in her mind that this negative declaration is wrong and is against the law and it is disappointing to see an agency like this go down that path but it happens. In addition, mention was made about the trees. She wanted to also put that in. It is not just traffic, and parking, and air quality but the tree information given by Ms. Player is accurate. This is another reason why a negative declaration is improper. In addition, there are too many unknowns for the financials. While we have this large price tag of \$4.5 million for the construction and we are all gung ho about that, we don't know the operating costs. At first we were told they might be around \$276,000 and now they are \$80,000. We don't know. She was hoping that today there would be a business plan submitted because when you are doing public projects with taxpayer dollars you want the ultimate transparency and so you would want to give out that information and have it with you as you make the decision. So the unknowns, the financials, the operating costs – she is concerned about the lawn bowlers dues and the senior dues are not going to be able to pay for the \$80,000 to \$276,000 of operating costs for this beautiful project. That is why she is uncomfortable in supporting the project at this time. We definitely need an improved Senior Center. The plan has too many unknowns and it is not the right plan. There is no business plan supporting this project and it is not the right plan. We don't have the financial information that we need. And so, since it doesn't provide the transparency, it doesn't protect the taxpayer and therefore she can't support it.

Councilmember Woiwode is supportive of the motion that has been hinted at with one exception. He does not want to lock us into a parking plan at this point and he thinks we can fix this if we go back to the architect's slide where he talked about the increase in usable space as 2,000 sq. ft. If

we take that as the standard, that means the requirement is for four additional spaces. If the Council would settle on that and let us work more creatively on parking that would be good. Parking in that area is a preexisting problem that needs to be addressed now whether we build this project or not and let's not let this project drive the solution. Let's do a better job of it. That is his request for a motion.

**MSC (Ovrom/Woiwode) moved that the City Council adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO CERTIFYING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FOR THE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER ADDRESSED AS 1019 SEVENTH STREET AND LOCATED IN THE CU (CIVIC USE) AND OS (OPEN SPACE) ZONES. The Resolution was read by title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by City Council as RESOLUTION NO. 8708.**

Mr. Woiwode clarified that the motion includes the qualification of 2,000 sq. ft. usable space and four additional parking spaces.

**AYES: Bailey, Ovrom, Woiwode, Tanaka**  
**NAYS: Denny**  
**ABSTAINING: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

**MSC (Ovrom/Tanaka) moved that the City Council adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO APPROVING THE PROJECT, HISTORIC ALTERATION PERMIT, AND PROJECT DESIGN FOR THE PROPOSED SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER ADDRESSED AS 1019 SEVENTH STREET AND LOCATED IN THE CU (CIVIC USE) AND OS (OPEN SPACE) ZONES. The Resolution was read by title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by City Council as RESOLUTION NO. 8709.**

**AYES: Bailey, Ovrom, Woiwode, Tanaka**  
**NAYS: Denny**  
**ABSTAINING: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

**MSC (Ovrom/Bailey) moved that the City Council approve staff's recommendation to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the architect.**

**AYES: Bailey, Ovrom, Woiwode, Tanaka**  
**NAYS: Denny**  
**ABSTAINING: None**  
**ABSENT: None**

9. **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS:** None.

10. **COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

10a. **Report from San Diego County South Area Cities' Representative to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.** Representative Tom Smisek is making his last report before retiring at the end of January. He thanked everyone for getting him involved with the Airport Authority. He does not know who his successor is going to be as the mayors of the South Bay cities will appoint his successor.

The new Terminal 2 West has just a couple of items left. The punch list has helped reduce another \$8 million so the final number is well below what was anticipated. The north side construction continues. Pilings are up. They are starting to enclose the lower floors. This is for the rental car facility, which will be in full use by the first month of 2016. They are still looking for a restaurateur to put a restaurant on the top of it for everyone to enjoy. They had a briefing at their last meeting concerning solar panels so solar panels will be put on about half of the roof. The old Jim's Air, which is now the Landmark Aviation building, is complete and open. It has received a lot of complimentary remarks for those that have used it. It is really a nice facility for general aviation. Terminal 1 will be the next big project. That is going to be in the out years but they are going through the planning stages. The Airport Authority Advisory Committee is made up of about 25 members of various folks throughout the communities; they have looked at three different concepts on what Terminal 1 would look like. Now, there is a fourth option to be considered. They are still working on it and will present it to the Board in January. The financing of the whole thing is getting more play and that is something that we really need to have before something is chosen. Concerning the AICUZ, Mayor Smisek apologized for the Authority because there was a hearing that affected mainly the Cays and he didn't know about it. The plan had always been that we would wait until his successor was picked by the mayors and then they could go ahead and start it up and he or she would be right there from the very beginning. That is the current plan. He reiterated his thanks for the opportunity to serve on the Authority Board.

Councilmember Denny asked Mayor Smisek to tell a little bit more about the false start as it relates to the Cays.

Mayor Smisek explained that what actually happened was that they were talking mainly about Imperial Beach's AICUZ issues and there is overflight in different portions of it that affects the Cays because of their proximity. They actually got legislation that moved this whole thing out for a later time period mainly for the City of Coronado to continue to work with the Navy to get some changes made to this whole AICUZ issue. The Cays' folks weren't even notified, which was a mistake. The first mistake was that there was a meeting. That is all fixed now and that meeting was basically bundled up with the results thrown in the trash and they will start all over again.

Mayor Tanaka thanked Mayor Smisek for his service. The four South Bay mayors have a meeting scheduled for December 1 to talk about who they think would be a sound appointment. It was the consensus of the four mayors that there should be an element of rotation. Before Mayor Smisek, the representative was Jack Miller of Chula Vista. Chula Vista has had an appointee and the City of Coronado had a two-term appointee in Mayor Smisek. The next appointee will likely come from either Imperial Beach or National City.

**11. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**11a. Council Reports on Inter-Agency Committee and Board Assignments.**

Tabled.

**11b. Introduction of “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Coronado, California, Amending Sections 32.04.020, 32.04.060(C) and 32.04.100 of Chapter 32.04 and Amending Section 32.08.020 of Chapter 32.08 of Title 32 of the Coronado Municipal Code Regarding Allowing Leashed Dogs at City Parks.”** City Manager Blair King provided the presentation for this item.

**The Mayor invited public comment.**

Miles Harvey commented that he lives looking directly over Centennial Park. He has not noticed this particular problem in 25 years. During that time, he has had two dogs but does not have any right now. His dogs frequented Centennial Park without any problem. He thinks it was implied but the fact is the park is owned by the two HOAs. The City has a perpetual easement. In that, it is required that the HOAs maintain the park. In 1992, there was some question about what that really meant and how the division of expense between the City and the HOA was defined. At that time, he was president of the Landing HOA and he negotiated the present agreement with the City which was signed in 1992. This basically provided that the HOAs will cover the cost of maintenance and will actually maintain the park with the exception of certain major capital improvements and things over \$300. It has worked very, very well. It is his understanding that the Landing's present contribution to that is \$4,000/month. Believing that Coronado was a dog friendly community, a couple of months ago he was really surprised to see the two signs. He suggests that the Council adopt this ordinance. He has a personal idea. If you adopt this, it would also be a good idea to have two fairly low poles with poop bag dispensers on it and a sign that says, "Failure to pick up after your pet may result in a fine." Perhaps there could be one on each end of Centennial Park. Let's become a dog friendly community.

Morgan Miller has two dogs and walks them all over the City. He thinks we should become a dog friendly City. He likes Mr. King's idea of fixing the language so that it is clearer. He also thinks Mr. Harvey had a good idea about the dog bag dispensers and some enforcement signs. Most people do pick up after their pets but sometimes people don't. He tends to pick up dog poop if he sees it even if his dog didn't do it.

Mayor Tanaka thinks that what we have at Centennial Park is a fairly unique situation. Part of what is unique is that it doesn't seem that the City or the public was necessarily aware of what the rules really were. He appreciated Mr. Harvey's comments that, in general, people do not say we have a big dog problem at Centennial Park. He believes that the people who were walking their dogs on the turf even though, since 1988, you weren't supposed to, he has not anecdotally observed a problem or received phone calls or emails saying there is a problem. It sounds to him that the reason the people from the Point and the Landing are largely supportive of the idea of allowing dogs on leash in the grass areas is because there has not been a problem. The real problem was not understanding what the underlying rule was and that in 1988 dogs were prohibited from that park except for the sidewalks.

A term has been used a few times about 'dog friendly.' In Coronado there is a paradox about whether or not we are dog friendly. For anyone who is an attorney in the audience, they will understand that from a legal point of view we are not dog friendly. You cannot take your dog to Concerts in the Park. In many parks, dogs are flat out not permitted. The reason is simply that in California if your dog does something wrong, the owner is liable. If Coronado allows you to bring a dog to a park and the dog misbehaves, then Coronado owns some of the liability. Naturally, if you want to protect the public's tax dollars from a lawsuit, an easy way out is to say that dogs are not allowed. Mr. King mentioned the precedent and to what extent we want to open this discussion for other parks. He doesn't feel we do. The reason we are talking about Centennial Park is that a different history has evolved for that park. A problem does not exist for the people who have been using it, albeit somewhat illegally, and it is the Council's job to reflect and figure out if the rules we have in place make sense or not. It does make sense to him to allow dogs on the turf in Centennial Park because we have seen that it has not been a problem there. It does not make sense to him, as of this moment, to look for other parks to open up this sort of activity. Again, we have an anomaly at Centennial Park and part of the anomaly is that there are not a lot of sporting events there, there are not a lot of couples having picnics on the turf at Centennial Park. Most of what he has observed about Centennial Park are people who use the hardscape to move up and down to enjoy the view of the Bay. There certainly are people who use the turf but he thinks it is fair to say that when people bring their dogs on that turf they are pretty much by themselves. There aren't too many instances where those dogs come in conflict with other dogs, other people enjoying the park and he thinks this Council can safely make a little bit of an exception on Centennial Park and know that history is on our side that since 1988 it just doesn't seem like there has been a big problem for those people who have used the park in that way. The fact that we had to bring out those signs that were at least unsightly if not unfriendly and is a reminder that people did not know what the underlying ordinance was and they put the Police Department in a very difficult position that they don't get to pick and choose what they enforce and what they don't. He thinks it would be entirely appropriate for the Council to change the rule and allow dogs, on leash, in this particular park.

He has observed the phenomenon that every dog owner and their dog seemingly have a different idea of what their dog is capable of. He doesn't recommend it and he doesn't do it but he knows there are some people who have this belief that their dog doesn't need a leash or that their dog can do this or that. That is a danger. He thinks that one of the things the City will be watching if we change this rule is whether or not people stay within the parameters that the City has set. It is one thing to walk your dog on a leash because you can control it with a leash but it is quite another to let your dog off leash and any number of things can happen. He would comfortably predict that if we have a problem with people keeping their dogs on leash that we would go back to the 1988 standard and say it is not worth the liability. He would be happy to support the staff recommendation.

Councilmember Ovrom did not know about the ownership piece of this. It sounds like we will move in this direction.

Councilmember Denny pointed out that the 1992 easement negotiation was entered in good faith by both parties and the easement was to allow the City ingress and egress; the financial burden of \$48,000 a year to have the folks in the Landing pay for the maintenance of that park is surely significant. In good faith she is certain that the issue of dogs in the park was something that was

just assumed would continue. She thinks that is really where the focus is for her and she will be happy to support the idea of allowing the dogs in Centennial Park.

**MSUC (Woiwode/Bailey) moved that the City Council introduce AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 32.04.020, 32.04.060(C) AND 32.04.100 OF CHAPTER 32.04 AND AMENDING SECTION 32.08.020 OF CHAPTER 32.08 OF TITLE 32 OF THE CORONADO MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ALLOWING LEASHED DOGS AT CITY PARKS. The Ordinance was read by title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and placed by the City Council on FIRST READING.**

**AYES: Bailey, Denny, Ovrom, Woiwode, Tanaka  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINING: None  
ABSENT: None**

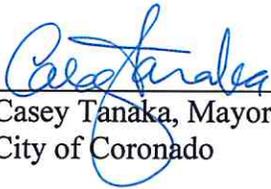
12. **CITY ATTORNEY:** No report.

13. **COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN:**

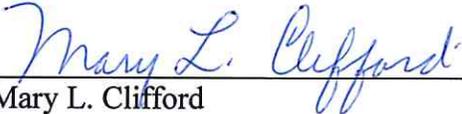
13a. **Consideration of Request from Councilmember Ovrom that the City Council Consider Tentative Approval to Participate in the Restoration and Display of Historic Coronado Trolley #2.** Under Consent, the request was approved.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Approved: December 2, 2014

  
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Casey Tanaka, Mayor  
City of Coronado

Attest:

  
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Mary L. Clifford  
City Clerk