

**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, August 18, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Attendance was taken at 3:16 p.m. A Quorum of members was present to conduct a meeting by the following results:

Present:	(4)	Mike Woiwode; Bill Sandke; Casey Tanaka; Richard Bailey
Absent:	(1)	Carrie Downey

Councilmember Downey was absent at roll call but joined the Council at the beginning of the closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

- CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**
AUTHORITY: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
CITY NEGOTIATORS: Blair King, City Manager; Leslie Suelter, Director of Administrative Services; Johanna Canlas, City Attorney
EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 127
- CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
AUTHORITY: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
NAME OF CASE: Brian Hardy v. City of Coronado
WCAB No. ADJ8919364

3. **CLOSED SESSION:** **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
AUTHORITY: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
NAME OF CASE: City of Coronado v. Michael Cohen, et al.
Sacramento Superior Court
Case No. 34-2013-80001694-CU-WM-GDS

4. **COMMUNICATIONS – ORAL:** None.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 3:18 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 3:33 pm. Mayor Tanaka announced that there was no reportable action.

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

1. **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilmembers/Agency Members Bailey, Downey, Sandke, 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 July 21, 2015.

MSUC (Woiwode/Downey) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council/the City Council Acting as the Successor Agency of July 21, 2015. The minutes were so approved. The reading of the minutes in their entirety was unanimously waived.

AYES: Bailey, Downey, Sandke, Woiwode, Tanaka
NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: None

4. **CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** The City Council approved, adopted and/or accepted as one item of business Consent Agenda Items 5a through 5p with the exception of Item 5o and the addition of Item 11c.

Councilmember Sandke proposed the addition of Item 11c.

Councilmember Downey commented on Item 5o. She would like to see the ownership from Clayton's do a better job of caring for the area.

Councilmember Woiwode requested the removal of Item 5o.

MSUC (Downey/Sandke) moved that the City Council approve the Consent Calendar Items 5a through 5p with the exception of Item 5o and the addition of Item 11c - Consideration of Appointment of One New Member to the Library Board of Trustees (Rita Alipour).

AYES: Bailey, Downey, Sandke, Woiwode, Tanaka
NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None
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/Agency Treasurer, are all Correct and Just, and Conform to the Approved Budgets for FY 2014-2015 and FY 2015-2016. The City Council approved payment of City warrant Nos. 10108066 thru 10108603 and City of Coronado Acting as the Successor Agency to the Community Development Agency of the City of Coronado warrant Nos. 90005579-90005582. 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 Year Ending June 30, 2015. The City Council examined the quarterly Reports on Investments and ordered them filed.

5d. Approval of a Request from the San Diego Fleet Week Foundation to Close the 1000 Block of Isabella Avenue from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015, to Display Cars that will be Participating in the Coronado Speed Festival. The City Council approved the closure of the 1000 block of Isabella Avenue from 3 to 7 p.m. so that cars, which will participate in the Coronado Speed Festival, may be on public display.

5e. Acceptance of the Alley and Sewer Main Replacement Project and Direction to the City Clerk to File a Notice of Completion. The City Council accepted the Alley and Sewer Main Replacement project and directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion.

5f. Accept the Coronado Cays Main Pump Station Emergency Generator Project and Direct the City Clerk to File a Notice of Completion. The City Council accepted the Coronado Cays Main Pump Station Emergency Generator project and directed the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion.

5g. Approve the Conversion of a Professional Services Agreement from URS/Cash & Associates to Anchor OEA to Provide Design, Permit and Preconstruction Services for the Dock C and Boat Launch Ramp Facility (BLRF) Reconstruction Project in the Amount of \$418,273. The City Council approved the Professional Services Agreement with Anchor OEA in the amount of \$418,273.

5h. Approval of a Third Amendment to Renew the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) San Diego Regional Stormwater Memorandum of Understanding for Sharing Costs and Joint Administration By and Between the Stormwater Copermittees, and Authorization for the City Manager to Sign the Memorandum of Understanding. The City Council approved the MOU by and between the Copermittees and authorized the City Manager to sign the MOU.

5i. Award of a Construction Contract to Atlas Development Corporation in the Amount of \$108,619 for the Central Beach Restroom Repair Project. The City Council awarded a construction contract to Atlas Development Corporation in the amount of \$108,619 for the renovation of the Central Beach Restroom.

5j. Authorization to Advertise the Following Service Contracts for Bid: Generator Maintenance for Facilities and Wastewater Operations; Bus Shelter Maintenance; Facility Electrical and Street Lighting Repairs; Cays Tennis Center Lights Maintenance; Mechanical and Structural Support for Storm Drain and Sewer Repairs; Sewer and Storm Pipeline Video Inspection; and Uniform Service. The City Council authorized staff to advertise the identified contracts for bid.

5k. Authorization to Distribute Request for Developer Qualifications for the Rehabilitation and Operation of Thirty-Five Affordable Housing Units. The City Council authorized the distribution of a Request for Qualifications to affordable housing developers.

5l. Authorization to Advertise the Coronado Cays Fire Station ADA Parking Space Project for Bid. The City Council authorized staff to advertise the Coronado Cays Fire Station ADA Parking Space project for bid.

5m. Authorization to Advertise the Glorietta Bay Pump Station Wet Well Structural Repairs Project for Bid. The City Council authorized staff to advertise the Glorietta Bay Pump Station Wet Well Structural Repairs project for bid.

5n. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Amendment to an Agreement with the County of San Diego for the Receipt and Appropriation of Additional Regional Realignment Response Group Funds in the Amount of \$15,000 Provided by the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and the Reallocation of \$13,000 to the National City Police Department to Further the Goals of the Grant. The City Council approved A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONADO APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO FOR THE RECEIPT AND APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL REGIONAL REALIGNMENT GROUP GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 PROVIDED BY THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PARTNERSHIP (CCP) AND THE REALLOCATION OF \$13,000 TO

THE NATIONAL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO FURTHER THE GOALS OF THE GRANT. The Resolution was read by title, the reading in its entirety unanimously waived and adopted by the City Council as RESOLUTION NO. 8764.

5o. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Amended Commercial Use Permit for Clayton's Coffee Shop and Mexican Take-Out for use of Public Sidewalk for Outdoor Dining on a Year-To-Year Basis Subject to Adherence to the Terms and Conditions of the Permit. Councilmember Woiwode asked Assistant City Manager Tom Ritter to amplify on a comment in the staff report that says that the ownership is sometimes slow to respond.

Mr. Ritter explained that when Clayton's received the approval, the installation of the improvements took longer than anticipated. Additionally, when the City spoke with them about completing the insurance requirements, Clayton's did not get back to the City quickly. Mr. Ritter also spoke with them about the sign for not blocking the sidewalk and getting that up took some time as well. He observed, though, that the area is more organized and cleaner than it has been.

The Mayor invited the public to comment.

Rita Sarich, Coronado MainStreet, thinks the situation at Clayton's is much better than it was. However, she hopes that the Council and staff will consider that there is a need to clean up sidewalk spills in a more timely manner. That should be monitored better. She has noticed, on more than one occasion, restaurant staff taking inside trash from the restaurant and placing it in the City trash cans. Staff should remind the restaurant that it is responsible for putting its trash in its own dumpster. It is incredibly important for the downtown businesses, especially the take-out businesses, to monitor the City trash cans and if they are overflowing, they have a responsibility to empty those trash cans.

Councilmember Downey doesn't know that we make that part of our permits but asked Mr. Ritter if staff can consider including that in the future if it isn't included.

Mr. Ritter responded that he heard a few of these comments at the last MainStreet meeting and he included them in the renewed amended permit. Staff does speak with these types of businesses when these situations arise.

MSUC (Woiwode/Downey) moved that the City Council approve Alternative 2, to limit the term to one-year increments for review and approval by the City Council.

Mr. Woiwode continued by pointing out that this is the most congested part of town. This is a prototype. There are these types of problems in other locations and we need a fully responsive owner. The means for ensuring that attentiveness is this permit.

Mayor Tanaka commented that it has been his experience that Clayton's is fairly well run. He thinks the motion is a good one but did want to point out that he thinks Clayton's is doing a great job.

AYES: Bailey, Downey, Sandke, Woiwode, Tanaka
NAYS: None
ABSTAINING: None
ABSENT: None

5p. Request for Authorization to Execute Change Order #1 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$130,000 for Construction of the Street, Curb and Gutter FY 2013/14 Project. The City Council authorized staff to execute Change Order #1 in an amount not to exceed \$130,000 to cover the cost of additional work required to bring the pavement thickness to the minimum structural section recommended.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. **Peter Jensen** asked the Council to put on its next agenda to reconsider its adoption of a Class II bike lane on Olive Avenue. He thinks it is not a safe street. The procedural reasons for his request stem from the fact that only one person on Olive Avenue received notification that there was going to be an agenda item to discuss this issue. The Council is not served well by this as it needs to hear from the people who would be most impacted from such a decision. Additionally, the lane was changed from a Class III to a Class II which requires a more significant mitigation of the aesthetics. These decisions were made without the input of the residents on Olive Avenue.
- b. **Cathy Brown** spoke on behalf of the Coronado Concerts in the Park and thanked the City for all of its assistance with the 45th anniversary concert along with the 45th season. She pointed out that there was not a single incident that required any police assistance or intervention that day.
- c. **Jinx Hack Ring** is a member of the Board of Directors of the Special Olympics of Southern California. She thanked the City for its participation in two Special Olympics events. There was the torch run and the City was part of a host program for international athletes. The entire community came together to show these athletes with intellectual disabilities what a wonderful place Coronado is. Chief Jon Froomin was instrumental in making this happen in Coronado.
- d. **Deni Herron** pointed out that the last time she spoke before the Council she talked about the unintended consequences of good actions. She mentioned that the EDCO truck and other trucks cannot get around the Pomona roundabout. We have a painted road that is 14” narrower than it should be and the consequence of that is that trucks and buses travelling down the road have a very small space between them and oncoming traffic or bikes. The Bicycle Committee has taken it upon itself to enlarge the fire lane from the Hotel Del and send it down the beach. Unintended consequences have problems. The minority has had its say. The majority has had to go into the newspaper to have its say. We want to be part of it.
- e. **Kelly Sarber** spoke on behalf of her mother, Phyllis Sarber. Her mother has lived in Coronado for 60 years and this is the first time she has been this displeased with the City. The natural aspect of the beach is the most important aspect of the City that needs to be protected. People are willing to share this asset with the tourists but there comes a time when saturation is realized and the quality of life for the residents is compromised. Ms. Sarber is an environmental project developer and a CEQA expert. She has done an analysis of some of these bike paths and the CEQA analyses that have gone with those. The City would probably be in a very ironic position if it were to proceed with the bike path and go

through the CEQA or Negative Dec analysis. The City probably would end up with a legal challenge to that CEQA document and would be in a position where the City would legally have to defend itself with taxpayer dollars against a good piece of the citizenry that are opposing this particular process. She always likes to know what the answer is at the end of her development challenge. She can say that this is going to be a pretty significant fight if the City continues to pursue trying to put a concrete beach path on this particular asset. People want to do what they can to maintain our quality of life. We really treasure the natural beauty. That is why we are here. That is what is very unique to our island. We are all willing to share it with the masses of people pouring onto our island but we don't need to do any more to attract people here. We need to make sure that we are cautious about what we are doing with our natural asset. At the end of the day we don't want to be known as a place like Venice Beach or Manhattan Beach where really it has detracted from that quality of life. People would love for the City Council to reconsider this.

- f. **Adam Acosta** is the chief negotiator for AFSCME Local 127. He shared a few comments. They think that their proposal is very much in line with what the surrounding beach cities are doing. Their members take great pride in what they do. They are very committed to making sure that what they are proposing to the City is also reflective of the commitment that their members have. A lot of their members have worked in Coronado for a couple of decades. They look forward to continuing to work with the City. He would like to see this MOU come to an end in the next month or two. He wanted to highlight the fact that they are looking forward to continuing to work with the City on this for the benefit of their members as well as the City, its residents and taxpayers.
- g. **Candace Tyler** spoke about the beach path project. We are a community first and a tourist destination second. We would really like our City powers to listen to our voices.
- h. **Helen Anderson** feels very strongly about the position the City has taken on the beach path. She urged the Council to reconsider. This decision has put the cart before the horse. Coronado is a peaceful village that has always welcomed visitors. We cannot allow them to dictate the use of taxpayer money.
- i. **Nate Shike** spoke in support of a bike or multi-use path along the beach area. The current situation is unsafe for bike and pedestrian traffic. Something definitely needs to be done. It is a very good idea to proceed with any sort of study to determine if it is good to move forward or not. Then we can make a better decision. A lot of people are just worried that it will be a race track for cyclists which it most certainly wouldn't be. Some people are worried that people will be driving into Coronado with their bikes on their cars specifically to ride along this bike path. He doesn't see any of that happening. This is more of a safety issue for the area. There have been other ideas and any idea is good as long as it works.
- j. **Carla Fargo** asked the \$64,000 question. She hasn't been able to find in writing what actually is the Ocean Boulevard shared use path. She needs to know that to be able to speak to this issue. Now we have a \$100,000 approval for a feasibility study and EIR. Everybody would really appreciate specifically what it is that we are talking about. She did receive a very informative write up from Councilmember Downey. She thinks everyone could benefit from a very clear understanding of exactly what we will be studying. That way people could have a more informed opinion.
- k. **Trisha Trowbridge** emailed the City Council and wanted to put her comments on the record. As a former member of the Bicycle Committee, she feels the indication of how many people are here and are concerned and want to know more is a very viable indication of voting to reconsider the multi-use beach plan. There have also been letters online and in the paper, the residents that responded to the online survey and the results of the survey

itself, and the formation of the Save Our Beach Coronado Action Group all suggest that the Council should vote to reconsider before going forward and spending \$100,000.

At 4:40 p.m., the Mayor interrupted Oral Communications to take the time certain Item, 11d - Appropriate \$5,775,000 for Construction of the Senior Activity Center from General Fund Resources and/or Frances G. Harpst Funds, Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Gafcon Inc. for Construction Management Services in the Amount of \$90,000, and Authorize the Project to be Bid.

At 4:53 p.m., the Mayor continued with Oral Communications.

- i. Wayne Strickland** thanked the City for cleaning up Sting Ray Point. It needs quite a bit of attention due to the large number of tourists who visit it. He had a very good time at the City's 125th anniversary celebration with the symphony. There was a problem with a walkway on Eighth Street where it was broken up and the City responded and took care of it. He is also in support of not having a bike path on the beach. There is an opportunity for everyone to ride and walk on the beach on the bicycle path that is already there. At every low tide you can ride your bike on the beach. There is nothing prohibiting that.
- m. Robbins Crehore Kelly** requested that the bike striping on Olive Avenue and the entire Bike Master Plan be readdressed. Time should be taken for the public to be able to provide input into the Bike Master Plan and the City should hold off on striping Olive until this can be done. D Avenue was just slurry sealed and the bike striping did not go on it so precedent has been set for slurry sealing and no bike striping. She would appreciate it if this could be addressed.
- n. Bob Lindsay** commented that we can all agree on congestion in our City. There is a lot of it and we don't like it. Is there any doubt that the congestion will continue to increase in the future? Fortunately, the beach has grown significantly over the last 60 years that he has been in Coronado. The City has made improvements to service offered at the beach as well but it hasn't done much with regard to access or congestion at Central Beach. During the summer, traffic is jammed and traffic violations are common with little enforcement. The sidewalk is not very wide considering lamp posts, trash bins and the users. There is enough space around the entrance to Central Beach that could alleviate some of the congestion. The time is now to plan for a more crowded future.

At the conclusion of Oral Communications, the Mayor combined items 13a and 13b Consideration of Request from Councilmember Downey to Reconsider the Approval of the Appropriation of \$100,000 to Study a Beach Bike Path or Agendize City Council Discussion to Reconsider the Approval to Study a Beach Bike Path and Consideration of Request from Councilmember Bailey to Reconsider the Approval of the Appropriation of \$100,000 to Study a Beach Bike Path or Agendize City Council Discussion to Reconsider the Approval to Study a Beach Bike Path and took them out of order.

The Mayor called a recess at 5:38 p.m.; the Council reconvened at 5:52 p.m.

Upon reconvening, the Mayor took **Item 12, City Attorney**, out of order.

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

7a. **Update on Council Directed Actions and Citizen Inquiries.** There was no report.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

8a. **Public Hearing: Appeal of the Result of the Historic Resource Commission Public Hearing of July 1, 2015, that the Property Addressed as 733 Tolita Avenue was Not Designated as a Historic Resource in Accordance with Chapter 84.20 of the Coronado Municipal Code (NOI 2015-011 Coronado 905 LLC).**

Mayor Tanaka commented that he had two emails with Linda Ferguson and he went by the house.

Councilmember Downey went by the house.

Councilmember Bailey went by the house and met with Linda Ferguson.

Councilmember Sandke visited the property.

Councilmember Woiwode had a communication from Linda Ferguson and met with Pat Howard.

Tricia Olsen, Associate Planner, provided the presentation.

Mayor Tanaka reminded the public of the process that will be used in hearing this item.

Mayor Tanaka opened the public hearing.

Mark Bernhardson, appellant and owner of the property at 739 Tolita, noted that, while the staff has recommended that the criteria are not met, two of the commissioners as well as the third commissioner who will testify under public comment, believe that it does as do the neighbors. Guidance and use of criteria is a most appropriate and legally defensible route for deciding historic designation. Given the criteria, it is appropriate to apply, regardless of whether the designation is requested by the property owner or, alternatively, a review for such designation required prior to demolition. The difference in the incentive of the applicant in the two rather disparate circumstances are quite wide. Where required, rather than requested, the incentive is to achieve their goal of no historic designation and, therefore, little, if any, motivation to research. This puts those who are more interested in the preservation of the property but have no direct financial interest in the outcome at a disadvantage. From the staff perspective, in making a decision, or from the Council perspective, in making a decision, the criteria must be uniformly applied regardless of a homeowner's desired outcome to obtain either. If a designation was previously granted when a homeowner requested it, in the interest of legal consistency and fairness, the property in question today needs to be also designated in a similar manner. He is most understanding and appreciative of the Council's fiduciary responsibilities and protection of the City's resources in a myriad of ways, including those due to decisions that may result in lawsuits. As Council members, you are most familiar in the general case that a property owner's rights are governed by the City's zoning and related codes. While the property owner may have interest in use of the property beyond what is allowed, they may not, without going through the appropriate process subject to ultimately a Council majority decision, go beyond those restrictions. In the case

of a prudent purchaser of property who has a desire to achieve a result on a property that is beyond what is allowed by the City code, appropriate due diligence and after appropriate due diligence is done to determine the parameters of development under the codes, a prudent purchaser would make a purchase contingent on obtaining that necessary approval and, if not approved, the purchase does not proceed. Otherwise they may offer to pay for the property what is valued at, in a market price within the bounds of the code. In either case, there would be no demonstrable monetary damages to the property owner. Failure to do appropriate due diligence by the purchaser or their representative clearly does not constitute a basis for damages against the City. The applicable code requirements in this case is a determination on a home as to its historic designation or not. Before the process is finalized, the property owner gains no rights beyond what is presently allowed under the code. As such, they are not allowed to demolish until completion of the process and a determination that it will not be historically designated following exhaustion of the appeals process. This is an important decision, not only to the neighborhood, but also in maintaining, as part of the community, a house historic in its design, made so by Mr. Chapin, through his incorporation of a combination of styles and, therefore, important for preserving the character that makes Coronado stand out among communities nationwide. It is a rare jewel in the crown called Coronado.

Pat Howard, appellant, is an adjacent neighbor to the 733 Tolita address. Staff's rebuttal is a classic case of misdirection. His whole appeal is based on the different, not unique but abnormal, matter before the HRC. This is an application by an applicant with an agent who is their architect with a demolition in hand to make it non-historic. That is all his appeal is about. In that matter and a matter like this, neighbors should not be recused. It is a neighborhood issue when there is an issue about what is going to go up there and what gets down. There are five adjacent neighbors to this property, all of whom have something at stake. They are closer than 500 ft. This is a particular thing about the relationship with the Historic commissioners. This is a developer's dream. The developer, who is a commissioner, who is a real estate agent, who is too close to the applicant, should recuse himself. The only time this commissioner recused himself that he could find in the record was when his daughter was the agent of an applicant. The voting rules say that 2-2 equals a failure to make it historic when we were told in the first meeting and in the conversations between the two meetings that it takes three to win. The first time the 2-2 vote resulted in a continuance. The second time the 2-2 vote resulted in maintaining its status as non-historic. That should have been communicated. If those are the rules, why did we have the second meeting? The criteria are supposed to be exactly the same when a homeowner is requesting designation or when a homeowner is requesting to demolish. That is simply not the case. This is notable. It is the only one done by a builder who built 100 homes in Coronado. It is the only one of its type. It is not generalized as a Tudor or Bungalow but rather is Storybook. It is notable because the builder built 100 homes here and it is also notable because he lived in this one. It is the only one he lived in. It is also the last one of its type. He is dead and he never did another. The chairman of the HRC has a real financial interest in the outcome of this item. For appearances sake, he should have recused himself.

Councilmember Sandke asked Mr. Howard a question. He asked about the minutes from the HRC meeting where Mr. Howard said that the City Council considers the HRC a joke. Mr. Howard stood by his comment but acknowledged that he has no facts to back it up. Mr. Sandke wanted to make it clear that he does not take that position. Mr. Howard explained that the City Council, perhaps not the sitting one, routinely overrides the HRC recommendations. It is described as

routine. Mr. Sandke wanted to assure the public and the HRC members that he takes their work very seriously.

Dorothy Howard spoke on behalf of the property owner. She doesn't have a lot to add to staff's analysis. She believes that this property does not meet any of the criteria. Two HRC commissioners agreed with her. Whether it is fair or right, the City Council policy is that it takes three affirmative votes to designate a property. It does not meet the criteria. This is not a willy-nilly process. There is a set of criteria and the evidence is not there to support its historic designation. She feels that the HRC finding was accurate. This house is old but it does not meet the criteria and therefore should not be designated. She hopes the Council will affirm that finding.

Mr. Sandke drove by the property and noticed a zero lot line setback. The side door is almost 6" from the property line. Was there any consideration given to the historic alteration process and the fact that they might have been able to keep some of that setback? There may have been some opportunities to improve the property without tearing it down.

Ms. Howard responded that there is consideration of that and, in fact, the decision to tear it down has not been made. Her client, who purchased the property, asked her to take it through HRC so that he would know what options were available to him. There is really no discussion exactly of what he wants to do with that property. He purchased it for his ex-wife and son to live in as he lives elsewhere in Coronado. It could be that, because of that non-conforming element, there could be a strong argument for simply remodeling the house which would have triggered the same historic review. The reality is that if you want to do anything other than leave it exactly as it is it will have to go through HRC. It is not a foregone conclusion that it is going to be demolished.

Mayor Tanaka asked how long Ms. Howard has been an architect in Coronado. Ms. Howard responded that her first project in Coronado was in 1986. Mayor Tanaka asked how many projects she has at this time. Ms. Howard responded that she is currently working on four in various stages of constructions and three on the board.

Mayor Tanaka asked Ms. Howard if the home in question is older than 75 years to which she responded yes. He then asked if it wasn't 75 years old or older, if she could go in and get a demolition permit and not need a historic review to which she also responded yes.

Dave Gillingham, HRC chairperson, commented that this was an unusual situation for the HRC. He has not experienced a 2-2 vote previously. If the full panel had been there, he thinks it would have been a 3-2 vote in favor of making the property historic. He thinks that it is worth mentioning that when an Notice of Intent (NOI) comes to the HRC, the HRC doesn't really know what it is for. It could be a complete demolition or they could just want to change the front windows. Sometimes that information is shared with HRC and sometimes it is not. He thinks many people probably approach the HRC with a NOI to demolish simply because they do not want five of their favorite HRC commissioners helping them design their new house or helping them design the alterations to their house. They just want to do what they want to do. He commented that Mr. Bernhardson's letter was a great letter with some very good points. The fact is Mr. Gillingham thinks Mr. Bernhardson is probably right. The designation criteria are looked at through a different prism if it is a request for designation as opposed to an adversarial sort of process. If a homeowner comes in and says they want to designate their property, it is fair to say that the HRC would probably search for criteria that fit. Most of the time they would try to honor the wishes of the

property owner. Mr. Gillingham pointed out that in the discussion at HRC it was said that this property is partly Craftsman and partly Tudor. Criterion C is specific that it should not be designated as it is two different styles. When the vote was 2-2, it came up that it could be a storybook style. That is why there was the delay. They wanted to gather information to determine if it is the storybook style. Staff and the applicant went back and looked at the criteria for storybook style and two members still felt it did not meet that criterion. If it doesn't meet C, Criterion D is almost moot. In his opinion, it didn't meet Criteria C and D. Mr. Howard, having attended his first HRC meeting, doesn't think the HRC is doing anything right. He clearly thinks that Commissioners Wilson and Gillingham were in error. No matter how many members are recused, you still have to have three votes in favor of designation in order for a property to be designated. He invited Mr. Howard to better familiarize himself with what the HRC does. Maybe there are some procedural issues the Council could discuss. He doesn't see that as being an HRC issue. He thinks the Council should not overturn the decision and should not designate the property historic.

Mayor Tanaka invited rebuttal comments.

Mr. Bernhardson commented that the HRC's decision has been characterized as not meeting a 3-1 or a 3-2 vote. It is characterized that the decision was to leave it historic. Actually, it was a deadlock, 2-2, and if you look at the motion that was made, it was deadlocked on not to designate it. That is really the reason for the appeal. The Council is being asked to be the final arbiter on whether this house is historic or not.

Mayor Tanaka invited public comment.

Susan Keith spoke as a private citizen as her family has owned property in close proximity to this house for 68 years. She is in support of making this home historic. She believes it meets Criteria C and D. She thinks it is certainly more unusual to have the styles melded together into what is an absolute storybook cottage. Just because we don't have a lot in town and some of our commissioners have not heard about that architectural style does not mean that it is not historic. She believes it is historic under Criterion C because of the storybook cottage architectural style. She also believes that it meets Criterion D. The builder/contractor (we can't prove he is an architect), S D Chapin, has built many homes in Coronado that have been designated historic. The discussion comes down to whether this particular property is notable. She went to the dictionary and looked up the word notable. The dictionary defined notable as follows, "Noteworthy, notable, outstanding, important, significant, memorable, uncommon, unusual, special." All these words are the meaning of the word notable. The antonyms are unremarkable and insignificant. This house is notable, significant and unusual. The picture staff provided is a terrible picture of the house. She thinks it is an unfair presentation. On the roof, it has been implied that putting the new roof on the house makes it unhistoric. That is ridiculous. For 68 years that roof line has been the same. Ms. Keith believes the City Council should designate the property historic.

Marian Sciré owns a home that abuts the property in question. That house is adorable. It is part of the character of the neighborhood which is shrinking by the day. The monstrosities that are being built – we don't need to have another one. We need to maintain the character that we moved in for. To have the character of their neighborhood continually changed with big homes with people who don't even live here as opposed to these storybook homes is not right. She asked that the Council not allow it to be torn down.

Harry DeNardi doesn't have a comment about the issue before the Council at the moment. He does want to make a procedural statement. As a termed out HRC member, it is one of the only commissions in our City that allows three members to be present and a 2-1 vote to go forward with an agenda item. He doesn't think that makes any difference in this discussion but wants it on the record.

Laura Crenshaw finds it very ironic and probably very unusual that the Chair of the HRC spoke against this house being historic. What if it had been the other way around? What if the Chair had been in favor of this? Would the Council be getting a different appraisal? Ms. Howard mentioned that two people agreed that it wasn't historic, well two people agreed that it was. She would like the Council to take into consideration not only what it has heard about bike paths but also that the City of Coronado has a structural and a context concept of all of what we are and what we have been. The City has a duty to maintain some of the historicity in this City. Those of us who are dedicated to preserving what we have, this is just a small little pebble in there. You have a neighborhood that wants this house to stay. You have three Commissioners, not the Chair, who wanted this house made historic. She would think on it if she were the Council.

Mayor Tanaka closed the public comment period.

Mayor Tanaka reminded the public that what the HRC was asked to do with this particular property is exactly the same as what the City Council is being asked to do. There are five criteria. To designate a property historic, the HRC and/or the City Council has to say that two of the five criteria were met. Today isn't a referendum on whether or not you like the house. Today isn't a referendum on whether or not you want to see the house stay, be demolished, be remodeled, add a room, subtract a room. That is not what we are asked to do. It is about what the rules say and the City Council is only being asked if this particular house meets two or more criteria. Two commissioners felt it met C and D. Two commissioners said it met none of them. That is what this comes down to. The Council is being asked to substitute its judgement for that of the HRC due to the deadlock. It can also do that in any appeal.

For him, the only relevant point is whether or not Criteria C and D were met. Everyone who has been involved in this has said that A, B and E have not been met. So the only way for this house to be designated historic is if three or more Council members agree that Criteria C and D were met. He does not believe they have been met. Criterion C says it possesses distinctive characteristics of an architectural style. We have been told that style is storybook. We have seen other pictures of what storybook would look like. Does this house match those pictures and descriptions? He thinks it is clear that it doesn't. He heard a point made about the picture presented and that is a fair point. That is why all five Council members went by the house. One of the reasons there have been appeals is because there is subjectivity in here. He isn't being asked if he likes the house. He is being asked if it matches the definition of what storybook is and he does not feel that it does. Criterion D says that it is an example of the notable work of a builder, designer, architect, artisan or landscape professional. From what he has read about S. D. Chapin, he is a builder and not an architect. He often did the designing himself. Is it an example of the notable work? Just having the name on the property doesn't make it historic. He is not convinced that it represents the notable work of S. D. Chapin. There needs to be evidence and he hasn't heard any real evidence presented other than an opinion. He doesn't want to see this house demolished. That isn't what he is being asked nor is it what he took an oath to do. He doesn't know on what grounds he could determine this house historic. He reflected briefly on the comment made earlier that the

HRC is a joke. He wants to make it clear that he does not think the HRC is a joke. If he thought the HRC was a joke, then at the next meeting he would be looking to replace some or all of those commissioners. It is not a joke. They do exactly what the Council has asked them to do. The City Council's role in this process is to be like a court of appeals or the Supreme Court and the job of the HRC is to be a lower court and make the first determination. If the Council overturns the HRC five times in a year or five times in a month that does not mean they are a joke. The City Council has not, in the 13 years he has been on the Council, taken action to remove one or more HRC commissioners. Sometimes the Council upholds their decisions and sometimes the Council overturns them.

Councilmember Sandke does find the house to fit the storybook mold. At some point, people who were important to Coronado will need to be recognized. Mr. Chapin is clearly important to Coronado. Mr. Chapin's storybook home on Tolita does meet the criteria and he would be in favor of finding with the two commissioners who did find it historic.

Councilmember Woiwode sees a lot of latitude in what this thing called storybook is. The notion that it is whimsical seems to open an awful lot of field for consideration. That house is certainly whimsical. Given that it is the one that Chapin built that looks like that, he would say that it also is notable. He is supportive of finding it historic on the basis of Criteria C and D. The concern he has is that at least one of the people the Council has heard from conveys that somehow finding this house historic will somehow keep it from being modified. That is not the case and he hopes everyone understands that. It is going to become a large property whether it is done under a Historic Alteration Permit or through demolition. He would be sad if one of the reasons for this appeal was to try to keep any change from being made to the building because that part of it is simply not in the cards. With that said, dealing only with the historic aspects, which is what the Council's charge is, he could find for C and D.

Councilmember Downey addressed two things before she got to the application of the rules. The first is that she has been the biggest thorn in the side of the HRC but she never once questioned the folks on the HRC and their dedication to trying to apply what they see as our rules that the Council has changed on them at least three times. She wants to be on record as saying that everyone did what they thought they were supposed to be doing. One of the things that we put into the rules is that to designate a property (against the wishes of the homeowner) requires three affirmative votes. The reason that exists is that although several people in this room think it is a cute, whimsical house and that it should stay in Coronado, they do not live in it. She takes every one of these votes to make sure that everyone's rights are being considered. The property owner, in this case, has lots of options either way so we aren't supposed to be looking at those. We look at the rules that say, and Coronado is being sued over this, which she predicted, because if we don't have very clear, concise rules for designating something historic, we will be taking away property rights. The law says you don't get to do that unless you pay the property owner. So, our rules are there for a reason. By requiring three affirmative votes that means that three experts have determined the home to be historic by the set of criteria. That is why there are three, regardless of how many members are recused. They are making an educated, affirmative determination that this is a historic home.

She moved on to talk about who should be recused. This is an issue we have dealt with in this context and many others. That is why the staff report mentions what the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) says. New rules have come out and the City will be working with the City

Attorney on this. This is a small community and everyone knows each other. We all have some vested interest in the properties. That is different than having a financial interest in the properties. The reason we have that 500 ft., which was set by the FPPC, is because if you live within 500 ft., you may not want to apply the rules quite the same way if it didn't affect you financially. She respects Chair Gillingham and the other members enough that they recuse themselves when it is going to affect them. That determination is required by each commissioner, Council person or anyone else – they have to determine if there is a financial conflict. She doesn't want the public to think this is a willy-nilly process. She does not think this house meets either criteria and she is going to vote to uphold not designating this house.

Councilmember Bailey really appreciates the candor of the HRC Chair regarding whether or not we have been equally applying the criteria for voluntary designations versus involuntary designations. He has been accused, in the past, of having his threshold for what should be considered historic as too high. He would argue that he applies that equally to every single house that comes before the Council. Whether or not modifications may or can or should be made to this house is irrelevant. We cannot consider that. We are also not allowed to consider the impact on the neighborhood. He understands the neighbors' passions on this. He really does. He thinks that if we could have a vote on what the personal preference of each one of the Council members would be for whether or not we would prefer to see this house remain exactly as it is today, we would all vote yes. That is not what the Council is tasked with. He will continue to apply his threshold equally, just as he has done for all the previous appeals, and he thinks it would be a stretch to say that this house met Criterion D but he does not see how this house could meet Criterion C so he will be voting to uphold the HRC decision.

MSC (Downey/Bailey) moved that the City Council find this house not historic.

AYES:	Bailey, Downey, Tanaka
NAYS:	Sandke, Woiwode
ABSTAINING:	None
ABSENT:	None

9. **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS:** None.

10. **COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

11. **CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

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

Members of the City Council provided written reports to the City Clerk but added some remarks as follows:

Councilmember Downey commented on the 125th anniversary celebration with the symphony. She thanked the Coronado Woman's Club for stepping up to help with fundraising so that things could get booked.

Councilmember Sandke thinks the Chamber reimagined the 'Celebrate Coronado' awards in a fantastic manner. The food was wonderful. The awards were great.

Councilmember Woiwode spoke about the meeting for the ALCUP for Imperial Beach. It was interesting to sit through that because it brought home how complex an issue this is and, although he thinks the Airport Authority did a great job of explaining what it was and the impacts to the community around there were nil, it still caused a great deal of questioning from the audience. It was useful to see how one of these goes in a more benign environment than what we will have in Coronado. He attended the annual Officer of the Year recognition held by the Scottish Rite where Coronado's Officer Sherri Mannello was recognized. He also reported that there was a breakfast for the Chief of Naval Operations yesterday, hosted by SDMAC, where he had a chance to briefly speak with the CNO. Mr. Woiwode told him how much he appreciates how hard the Navy works on the relationship with Coronado. He commented that we have to work together and it was a very positive conversation.

11b. Consideration of Appointment to Fill One Vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mayor Tanaka described the process to be used for filling the vacancy.

Mayor Tanaka invited the candidates to address the Council and public. The City Clerk pointed out that three candidates were not able to attend the meeting. They are: Grace Lowenberg, Karen Netting and Akshay Sateesh. Mr. Sateesh sent in a two-minute video to be played.

Norman Funk introduced himself to the Council and the public. He is a very proactive recreational services participant. He is a small business owner in Coronado. His extensive background in business has showed him how to approach new ideas while doing his homework through research to become informed. His problem solving skills are defined by reasoning, listening, and coming up with solutions. He has a knowledge of fiscal responsibility. He is proud of the parks and recreation activities in Coronado. Our facilities are unequalled in standard. He would like to be an active participant on this very active committee.

Suzanne Popp is hoping to get this position because of her interest in creating a fair place for their dogs to do a little running. She looked at the Parks and Recreation Commission and some of the past agendas and is quite overwhelmed by what this committee does. She has been involved with the Sharp Coronado Hospital Foundation, the Schools Foundation, the Lambs' Players endowment and Rotary Club. She is also a Coronado small business owner and has had a dental practice in Coronado for 27 years.

The video from Akshay Sateesh was played. He thanked the Council for its consideration. He introduced himself to everyone and explained his interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The City Clerk read the names and recorded the votes for the first round of voting as follows:

Norman C. Funk	five votes
Grace C. Lowenberg	two votes
Karen Lee Netting	four votes
Suzanne Popp, D.D.S.	five votes
Akshay Sateesh	four votes

The City Clerk read the names and recorded the votes for the second round of voting as follows:

Norman C. Funk	four votes
Karen Lee Netting	two votes
Suzanne Popp, D.D.S.	five votes
Akshay Sateesh	two votes

MSUC (Tanaka/Downey) moved that the City Council appoint Suzanne Popp to serve out the remainder of the current term on the Parks and Recreation Commission to expire January 31, 2017.

AYES:	Bailey, Downey, Sandke, Woiwode, Tanaka
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINING:	None
ABSENT:	None

Mayor Tanaka encouraged the other applicants to consider applying again in the future.

11c. Consideration of Appointment of One New Member to the Library Board of Trustees. Under Consent, the City Council appointed Rita Alipour to the Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term to expire August 31, 2018.

11d. Appropriate \$5,775,000 for Construction of the Senior Activity Center from General Fund Resources and/or Frances G. Harpst Funds, Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Professional Services Contract with Gafcon Inc. for Construction Management Services in the Amount of \$90,000, and Authorize the Project to be Bid. Bill Cecil, Capital Projects Manager, gave the presentation.

The Mayor invited public comment.

Francette Roeder thanked everyone for bringing this to this point. She implored the Council to have this Center as its legacy.

Berie Grobe is a member of the Lawn Bowling Club and the Board for the Senior Center and feels that this is a long time coming. She sees a wonderful future for everyone involved.

MS (Sandke/Woiwode) moved that: 1) a budget for the construction of the Senior Activity Center be established through the appropriation of funds from the General Fund in the amount of \$5,775,000; 2) authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Gafcon, Inc. in the amount of \$90,000 for construction management services; and 3) authorize the project to be bid to firms that have been prequalified through the approved prequalification process.

Mayor Tanaka asked if Mr. Sandke's motion indicates that the bulk of the funding will come from the Harpst fund, excluding the \$831,000 that is invested in long-term municipal public agency bonds.

Mr. Sandke responded that it does not as the recommendation lists that as an 'and/or' and he has chosen the General Fund to be the provider for that money. He thinks an opportunity may exist to speak with Ms. Harpst's daughter to find out if she feels this would be an appropriate place for her mother's name to be and perhaps we can move funds around a little bit but at this point his motion would be to use General Fund money.

Councilmember Downey had some discussions with the Harpst attorney on what Mrs. Harpst wanted for the fund. The issue is that we have this wonderful gift and we should do something worthy with it. She doesn't really see another opportunity where the City could take this wonderful amount and she likes the idea of marrying her wonderful bequest with a symbolic new opportunity for the seniors. She thinks the two belong together. We have the General Fund money. She doesn't argue with that. She thinks it would be nice to find something meaningful to do with that very generous donation.

Mayor Tanaka agrees and feels that the City can say it is going to use the Harpst funds but that doesn't mean the building will be named for her. He agrees with Ms. Downey that it is a very sizeable donation. It is an unprecedented donation, at least in the last several decades, and this is a wonderful project to put that money toward. If the City does use the Harpst funds, it does beg the question, in the future, as to whether or not the building should be named to match where the funds came from. He is not ready to oppose the motion yet.

Councilmember Woiwode asked if the investment requirements for the Harpst fund are the same as the investment requirements for the rest of the City funds.

City Manager Blair King responded that, with the exception of those funds that we received, the requirements are the same as all other funds. Those pieces that were in other forms of security there are some exceptions for having to do with when they will mature and roll over and will then be under the same limitations.

Mr. Woiwode feels it would be safe to say then that we don't have higher earning potential on the Harpst fund than we do on the rest of the City's funds because we are using the same philosophy.

Mr. King agreed with the exception of those funds that are in other securities and when they mature, they will fall into the same program as other City investments.

Mayor Tanaka added for the public's benefit that in 2012, \$5.1 million was donated to the City from the estate of Frances Harpst. She didn't donate the \$5.1 million in cash. It was in various holdings. She had considerable holdings in Coca Cola. If it were up to Mayor Tanaka, without any investment guidelines such as the City has, he might have wanted to keep that asset in Coca Cola but the City couldn't legally do that. The City of Coronado is very conservative in what it puts its money in. \$831,000 of assets from the Harpst fund were in long-term municipal agency bonds and they are making about 3% which is better than the City's current return on investments. That is why there is some talk about keeping that \$831,000 where it is. The discussion today is that the Council wants to fund the Senior Center to the tune of \$5.775 million but it is talking about which chunks of City money to use to pay for it. One of the chunks could be the \$5.1 million that Mrs. Harpst left to the City.

Mr. Sandke commented that his motion to leave the Harpst fund out of this was related to the greater earning potential of the \$831,000. If it would please the Council, perhaps we could use \$4.5 million of the Harpst money, preserving the higher interest earning portion, and have the remaining balance come from the General Fund. He would amend his motion to that effect.

Mr. Woiwode's second still stands.

MSUC (Sandke/Woiwode) moved that 1) the City Council commit \$4.5 million of Harpst money, preserving the high interest earning portion of it, and use the balance of the funding necessary from the General Fund; 2) authorize the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Gafcon, Inc. in the amount of \$90,000 for construction management services; and 3) authorize the project to be bid to firms that have been prequalified through the approved prequalification process.

Councilmember Bailey would certainly support that. There will obviously be opportunities in the future to spend the Harpst fund but he doesn't think there will be a better opportunity than this one.

AYES:	Bailey, Downey, Sandke, Woiwode, Tanaka
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINING:	None
ABSENT:	None

12. CITY ATTORNEY:

City Attorney Johanna Canlas noted that the City of Coronado has been in litigation with the State Department of Finance as a result of the dissolution of redevelopment from 2012. She gave an overview of the almost two-year long litigation and reported that the State Department of Finance's appeal against the City has been dismissed.

13. COMMUNICATIONS - WRITTEN:

13a. Consideration of Request from Councilmember Downey to Reconsider the Approval of the Appropriation of \$100,000 to Study a Beach Bike Path or Agendize City Council Discussion to Reconsider the Approval to Study a Beach Bike Path.

13b. Consideration of Request from Councilmember Bailey to Reconsider the Approval of the Appropriation of \$100,000 to Study a Beach Bike Path or Agendize City Council Discussion to Reconsider the Approval to Study a Beach Bike Path.

Items 13a and 13b were heard concurrently.

Mayor Tanaka provided some history on this item. The Council voted unanimously to do a study to see what the options might be for this idea. If the Council votes to reconsider this item, it will be taken up again on September 1.

Councilmember Downey talked about what she voted for in June and why. There was a very simple recommendation out of the Bicycle Master Plan and there is a lot of congestion on Ocean Blvd. whether you are a pedestrian or bicyclist. She feels that the Council probably should have done a much better job of stating what it wanted studied. She did not vote to have a Santa Monica type facility on the beach. She was immediately going to ask to bring the item back. She ended up waiting one meeting too long. So the only way to do it is to ask for reconsideration. That is what she did. She wants to be clear, though, that she still thinks that we should at least figure out whether or not there is a problem, what that problem is, and what options are we willing to look at. She certainly would not be willing to look at putting a racing track down there. She wants the people to know what the discussion is and to be able to comment. If this is reconsidered, we can talk about whether or not there is an issue we want studied at all. Someone pointed out that the sand on our beach used to go up to where the lifeguard towers are now. We have so much more sand than ever was in the past, which is why the rocks were where they were when the flooding happened to prevent the houses from flooding, and because of Navy dredging and our currents and tides it is a much wider beach. Maybe there are options. She spoke with the City Manager and staff wasn't even sure exactly what the Council studied. One of the options is whether it is feasible and why we should define it; environmentally, are we allowed to do anything. She is also an environmental attorney and does a lot of CEQA and NEPA and we may not be able to do anything. It may be that we can't move a rock or expand a sidewalk because the Coastal Commission won't let us but we need to know that. At this point, she is just asking her fellow Council members to bring it back so we can talk about whether the community wants to do anything at all or not but we need to vote to bring it back in order to be able to have that discussion with the community and City staff.

Councilmember Bailey concurs with Ms. Downey. He thinks this is one of those cases where the cart got out way ahead of the horse on this. For a project of this magnitude, it is important that we address what the objectives are that we need to accomplish in the first place. Are those objectives being met? What are the options available? What does the public want us to do with this? He thinks this is a very simple case of neither the City Council, City staff nor the public all being on the same page because the elected representatives didn't do a good job of directing staff with what it wants to accomplish. One of the speakers mentioned that she did not know what was actually being studied. The Council hasn't given staff formal direction. City staff hasn't actually stated that this is what they are studying. We owe it to the public and to City staff to reconsider this item at the next Council meeting.

Councilmember Sandke thinks there are some opportunities to improve the sidewalk to include the idea of relocating the light standards, different trash receptacles and maybe some opportunities to help with that center beach right where Isabella comes out and you have a very large open area where you might be able to make improvements. Some miscommunications occurred. He hears the public that they are not sold on this path. He thinks the Council will vote in the affirmative to rehear this and he thinks that is the right move.

Mayor Tanaka invited public comment.

Steve Ogles urged the Council to vote yes to reconsider.

Carolyn Murray is a Coronado resident. This is our community. Our beach is precious and pristine. She sees no reason to continue this study. She urged the Council to reconsider spending our tax dollars on something like this.

Caroline Elldridge doesn't know why we keep trying to bring more tourists over here. She thinks we need to think more about the people that are already living here and keeping this pristine City the way that it was to begin with. We already have a bicycle path and it is a speedway along the Bay and she doesn't think we need that again on Ocean. If we put a sidewalk on the other side of the rocks, it is going to have sand over it all the time. Are we ready for lawsuits from bicyclists?

Kathy McKinley commented that people on bikes now don't obey the rules. The bike path on Glorietta is supposed to be a bike lane and they go across the 3' -- they don't pay any attention to rules. They don't stop at stop signs. She thinks we are just making a big mistake to encourage more.

Eileen Oya spoke about facts and knows that there has been a lot of emotion about this. The fact is that our City has a lot to offer San Diego County and people from everywhere. We give them the 4th of July. We give them the Christmas Parade. We have given them a bike path that goes all the way down to Imperial Beach and Chula Vista which is great. The City funds that. She understands that we even do the clean up after the 4th of July parade and that is a huge task and cost. She thinks, as leaders of the community, the Council needs to think about what it wants to give away because it is giving people something that belongs to the community. She says no.

Mayor Tanaka asked those who are present to ask the Council to reconsider or because they don't like the idea to raise their hands. The City Clerk observed approximately 80 people. He also asked how many people are in support of continuing with the study. There were 3.

Christine Donovan thanked Councilmembers Downey and Bailey for bringing this back. To piggyback on this, she would like someone on the Council to bring back the discussion of all the bike lane painting and sharrowing. It was decided, and she thinks very few people realize this, that every street in Coronado is either going to have bike lanes or sharrows. The sharrows indicate that the road has to be shared equally between cars and bikes. This is going to happen on every road in Coronado per the April 21 Council meeting. That meeting was called for two roads – Olive and one other. Those people showed up. They were very against it but in the process of the meeting, instead of just dealing with those two roads, the Council decided that all the roads would be painted which would dilute opposition to any one road. She is asking anyone here who is against the bike path to also get involved in this bike painting of lanes and sharrows. It is going to be on your street. It is going to be on every street in Coronado. There is a saveourstreets@gmail.com email address for people to use. She is hoping someone here will come forward the way Councilmembers Downey and Bailey did to bring this back for discussion. She has read all the Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting minutes. The cyclists are single minded. There is no reference to pedestrians anywhere. There is no reference to residents anywhere. She feels the Council needs to hear from the rest of us. The bike committee is driving the bike path and they are driving all of this painting of our streets. We need to have everyone else have a voice.

Tom Mercer was out of town when this was first considered. He went to the website for Mission Beach. He is sure there are other boardwalks and bike paths around. He saw nothing about accident records or rules or regulations. Nothing about injury reports. He visited over there. He

saw pedestrians, baby carriages, bikes whizzing by at all speeds, in-line skaters, skateboarders all using the same, very narrow path that he thinks is possibly what is proposed. What really was approved for study? How wide? How many different paths with different rules? He thinks, daily, we all see the lack of discipline among the bike riders – going the wrong way, two or three abreast, never stopping at stop signs – these are very dangerous situations. He is not even sure what our bicycle safety and accident record is here in town but he encouraged the Council, when they reconsider this, to really lay out some finite rules of just what we are really studying and all the various possibilities to take care of all the different potential users at a variety of speeds.

Morgan Miller has a dissenting opinion from the majority. He is a resident. He has young children. He, too, is a driver, is a pedestrian and a cyclist. He feels that the bike path would be a move in the right direction, especially when you talk about the cyclists being unsafe on the streets. He thinks it would be safer for the drivers, the pedestrians and the cyclists to get more of the cyclists off the roadway. He thinks that a path of some sort, kind of modeled after what the Hotel Del has done in front of it and our own path around the Bay, are good examples and work well. When they first moved here, they used to ride a lot more on Ocean Boulevard but it is now one of his least favorite areas of Coronado because of all the traffic, all the tourists and he feels it is unsafe as a cyclist. You don't want to be on the street, you don't want to be close to cars, you don't want to be on the sidewalk. There really is no good place, as a cyclist, and he feels that way when he is driving, too, and as a pedestrian. He is in favor of the plan. He thinks that options would be good and it would be nice to know what the options are. He thanked the Bicycle Committee for their work on that. He does not feel they are just for cyclists. He feels that it is better for the community as a whole. He also thanked everyone for getting the word out pretty well.

Marcia Murphy went all through Coronado schools and loves our beach. There is a lot of recreation to do on that beach. We have a beautiful bike path now. She thinks there are a lot of people who come here who really do love that beach. They love some of the things we have kept about our town. It is sort of sacrosanct to her. If you build it, they will come. We just have to be mindful that along with the people can come a whole lot of other problems that we don't foresee or think we can control. There are just tons of cars alone. People are going to come in cars. We have a really, really great beach and we ought to keep it the way it is.

Cindy Wilson commented that Coronado has really changed a lot in 25 years. Unfortunately, a lot of it is very negative. We are a very dense place now. There are a lot more homes than when she moved here in 1990. There is a lot more traffic. The toll went away and she thinks we can all agree now that as soon as the toll came off we now have all these people who want to avoid the I5 South and they get on the bridge and come through our town. All these things have happened and now with the bikes. She loves bikes. We all have bikes. There is a difference between people who live here and get on their beach cruisers and ride around and then the groups that come, every weekend, and they are all in their bike gear and there are 10, 20, 30 of them. They don't follow the rules of the road. They don't stay in the bike lanes. They do come here and park. She tries to go to the Boathouse on the weekends in the mornings and they all park by the Rec Center, Boathouse, pool, Tidelands, and unload their bikes. She is not really convinced that they actually do anything for our businesses here. She thinks they just come and ride their bikes and they leave. She thinks the quality of our lives, as residents, has gone way downhill. She thinks this summer was a tipping point. She has never seen it this bad, with so much traffic, so many bikes, so many cars – it has just been insane. She would echo what the previous speaker said. If you build it, they will come. She doesn't want the study because she doesn't even want the possibility of something

being built on our pristine beach. She asked the Council to relook at the Bike Master Plan and relook at the other issues to help our traffic because that is more important than looking at a bike path on the beach at this point.

Prudy Stevens believes that having the bike path on the beach is not going to solve the problems of bikes and the residential neighborhoods. Putting in all the bike lanes – she is just wondering where the bike lanes are going to go. On streets where she lives there, are only 2½ blocks from Orange Avenue. We can never have anyone park in front of our home because our streets, Sunday through Saturday, are bumper to bumper cars that are parked so the bicyclists all go on the sidewalks. We can't even talk to neighbors on the sidewalks without almost getting hit. It isn't just young children. It is adults. They don't stop at the stop signs. A lot of the streets and intersections on B Avenue are four-way stops and you have to stop there for a long time because the bicyclists go straight through. She agrees with what people are saying that we are putting all this consideration towards bicyclists but we have to start thinking about those of us who live here.

Jean Gazzo spoke in opposition to funding a mixed use or bike path on our Coronado beach. In her recent letter to the City Council, she outlined the practical reasons why a road should not be built on the beach. Today she is asking the Council to step back and take a look at the bigger picture. The beach road is one element of the Coronado Bicycle Master Plan, which was adopted by the Council without community understanding of its full impact. The beach road and bicycle lane striping on our streets have been cut into small project mouthfuls to be more easily digested by the unsuspecting public. The Bicycle Master Plan is a game changing proposal which will deeply affect the quality of life for Coronadans into the foreseeable future. It was drafted by a one sport, special interest group without the informed input of the community at large. She has nothing against bicycle riding but asked that the Council please realize that a beach road and an excessively large system of bike lane striping will provide a convenient attraction for out-of-town cyclists to further clog our already over congested streets. With ever increasing hoards of tourists and population growth, Coronado will desperately need unpaved open space. Already Andy Hanshaw of the San Diego Bicycle Coalition is advertising the Coronado Bayshore Bikeway as "San Diego's premiere bike attraction..." with "...the potential to become the quintessential place to ride a bike nationwide." Our beach is the heart and lungs of our City and the reason we live here. Please give the people of Coronado a chance to vote on the entire bicycle plan at one time and please vote to keep the beach pristine for our children and grandchildren. Furthermore, she volunteers to be part of a committee of citizens from all persuasions to sit down to try to figure out a solution to our congestion.

Councilmember Woiwode commented about the ad hoc Bike Committee which created the Bike Master Plan. That is where this idea first came up. It was composed of residents and their principal goal was the safety of all modes of transportation. It was chaired by a young woman with two kids who time and again talked about her ability to get her kids to school. It was not a sports-oriented group. There were a couple of people on there who have been very active in cycling of all forms and some of those are still on the Bike Advisory Committee. The charter and the way this got into the Bike Master Plan was to look at what you do about Ocean Boulevard. How do you handle transiting that thing in that level of congestion? Subjects like rebuilding a whole road and moving the rocks or finding alternative routes were all discussed. The idea of looking at a path on the sand below the rocks came up as a possibility. The Bike Master Plan had public hearings. It was five years ago. The City did everything it could to get people to participate in that. As with anything, when things start happening, suddenly more people see them than saw them during the planning

phase. That is understandable. But to think that these are people who were advocating for a sport rather than advocating for the residents is inaccurate. These are really good people and they worked really hard at this and not many people from the public showed up at their meetings and expressed their concerns. Their primary goal is safety. They have a safety briefing from the Police Department at every meeting. They look at every instance they can think of to find better ways for everyone to get along using our infrastructure. That is an aspect of this that he hopes we can clear up. He is perfectly happy to go forward with further discussion about this and the form of reconsideration is fine. Let's not vilify the people who have worked really hard to try to get something out there for us to talk about.

Mayor Tanaka commented that what this Council has to deal with today is easy and straightforward. What this Council will probably have to deal with on September 1 is also fairly easy and straightforward. Today we are being asked if we want to reconsider this. There are 80 people who want the Council to. The Council will vote 5-0 to reconsider it. On September 1 the Council will discuss this again and maybe there will be 80 or 160 or many people to talk about it. The Council will vote on September 1 whether to continue a study or not. That is easy. He has heard some people say that there is a proposed bike lane for Olive and to add that to the mix and get rid of it. He heard someone else say that every street is going to get markings and to reconsider that. He has heard we have a problem with bicyclists in general. There is a really good piece of news today and that is that the people who came to speak did so. They all cared, organized and spoke. We like that. If you look at the five members of the Council, between all of them, we know all of you. He has been an elected representative of the City for going on 13 years. He has won four elections and has been to various debates. He does not recall getting any bicycle questions in any of those debates. Maybe there was one but he doesn't think so. All the speakers came today because they feel very strongly about things – the beach, bicyclists, bike lanes – and his advice to the people is to stay active. He thinks the five members of the City Council are very responsive to the public. Obviously, to some extent, the five members of the City Council are probably a little stunned that it voted on something in June that has had this much backlash. He has heard people say negative things on various topics. He is glad they know what they are for. His advice is to keep talking, keep staying united and keep letting the Council know what you think. He and Mr. Woiwode will both be gone in a year and a half. He thinks they both have reflected the public's needs pretty well. There will be two new Council members in a year and a half. People should figure out what they are for and what they are against and keep telling the Council. The Council is a little surprised by how the people feel. Mr. Woiwode said something important. Those are your fellow neighbors who are on the Bicycle Committee. Some of them certainly are bicycle enthusiasts and some of them were not. Someone called it a bicycle cartel in one of the emails he received. He didn't think it was funny but he understood where it was coming from. It is his job to listen to the public and take the feedback seriously. 100% of the Council members take the feedback seriously and will reconsider this. The Council surprised the public and the public surprised the Council. That can be fixed in the future if the public continues to work together and state their desires. He thinks they will have a Council that is responsive. He hopes the public thinks about what it is for and what it is against so that the people on Council can represent the public better.

Councilmember Downey wants to echo the Mayor's comments. She reported what she was thinking because she knew there was a need on Ocean. She knew there were problems and too much going on. The speaker who said congestion hit the nail on the head. If you want us to look at that, if you have any ideas or if you just want to say it is bad and to keep it that way and not try

to address it because, as someone said, the unintended consequences of trying to fix it could be worse and we don't want to tackle that. That is a fine answer. What happens in this town is someone who is saying they want to get on a committee to deal with traffic – we have had eight and we can't reach a solution. If you have some suggestions on this particular item on Ocean so that we know what those are so that when it comes back next week we have those in our mind. If your answer is not to touch it at all, and she is not just talking about the path on the beach, and her idea was about the sidewalk and possibly moving the rocks a little bit so there could be a place for bikes so that they aren't hitting the pedestrians and so the pedestrians can have their own sidewalk – tell the Council if you want that even looked at and if not, tell us that, too.

MSUC (Downey/Bailey) moved that the City Council reconsider this item on September 1.

AYES:	Bailey, Downey, Sandke, Woiwode, Tanaka
NAYS:	None
ABSTAINING:	None
ABSENT:	None

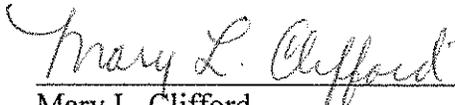
14. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Approved: September 1, 2015



Casey Tanaka, Mayor
City of Coronado

Attest:



Mary L. Clifford
City Clerk