

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

Adjourned Regular City Council and Adjourned Regular Coastal Advisory Committee Minutes

Joint Meeting - November 9, 2010

A Joint City Council/Coastal Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Development Department Building, Second Floor Conference Room, 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, California, by Mayor Dahl.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

ANDERSON, BAKER, DONCHAK, MAYOR DAHL

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

EGGLESTON

**COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEMBERS PRESENT**

BROWN, JORDAN, NIELSEN, SALGADO

**COASTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEMBERS ABSENT**

AMBROSE, SWARTZ, CHAIRPERSON HART

STAFF PRESENT: George Scarborough, City Manager; William Cameron, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer; Joanne Baade, City Clerk; Anthony Mejia, Deputy City Clerk

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

2. Discussion relative to the Southern California Edison artificial reef off the coast of San Clemente.

Kim Anthony, Senior Marine Biologist for Southern California Edison, narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Wheeler North Reef" concerning the artificial reef off the coast of San Clemente; reviewed the history of the artificial reef and summarized the success of the project; stated that Coastal Commission scientists are conducting monitoring activities and are collecting and analyzing various data; stated that Edison expects to meet all 14 of its performance standards this year; stated that if the performance standards can be maintained for five years, Edison can request that the Coastal Commission approve a reduction in monitoring frequency; responded to

Council and Committee inquiries. A hard copy of Ms. Anthony's presentation, dated November 9, 2010, is on file with the City Clerk.

3. Discussion relative to the Poche Beach Urban Run-Off Filtration System and the Bacteria Source Identification Study.

Mary Anne Skorpanich, Director of Orange County Watershed Programs, narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Poche Clean Beach Project" concerning the Poche Beach Urban Run-off Filtration System; provided an overview of the filtration system and summarized the results of water sampling analyses; noted that the California Coastal Commission permit requires that the filtered water be discharged into the scour pond; pointed out that a request for a permit modification will be submitted to allow filtered water to be discharged closer to the ocean; responded to Council and Committee inquiries. A hard copy of Ms. Skorpanich's presentation, dated November 9, 2010, is on file with the City Clerk.

In response to an inquiry from George Gregory, San Clemente, Ms. Skorpanich advised that she will investigate whether the filtration system increases the water temperature, thereby facilitating acceleration of bacteria growth.

Council expressed a willingness to write a letter in support of the permit modification to the California Coastal Commission. This letter will reference the fact that current conditions negatively affect the public's health, safety and welfare by hampering recreational use of the beach and forcing residents to cross the railroad tracks to access the beach.

Assistant City Engineer Bonigut provided an overview of the bacteria source identification study; stated that monitoring has started and a Technical Advisory Committee has been created to provide an independent advisory peer review of the process; stated that it is anticipated that the study will conclude in the summer/fall of 2011; responded to Council inquiries.

Mike Smith, San Clemente, opined that the filtration system, due to poor design, has not improved water quality at Poche Beach; stated that he has noticed a change at Poche Beach since he moved to the City in 1994 due to development in Forster Ranch and renovations to the Shorecliff Golf Course; urged that the filtered water be directed to the Shorecliff Golf Course for irrigation purposes; pointed out that notices of water contamination are frequently posted at Poche Beach; stated that untreated water overflows the system's dam on a regular basis; offered to help the City solve the problem.

In response to Council inquiry, Assistant City Engineer Bonigut and Ms. Skorpanich explained water sampling methods used to determine the level of water contamination. Additionally, Mr. Bonigut explained that the 30-day average water quality standard is generally what has resulted in the continued posting of the beach.

Council requested that the Coastal Advisory Committee review the progress of the Poche Beach Urban Run-off Water Filtration System on a quarterly basis.

4. Discussion relative to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sand Replenishment Feasibility Study.

Assistant City Engineer Bonigut reviewed the contents of the Administrative Report; noted that the public review period for the feasibility study report has concluded; advised that a revised report, with responses to comments, is expected to be available in December 2010; advised that Staff will return to the Coastal Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission and Council to determine the preferred plan for the sand replenishment project; responded to Council and Committee inquiries.

Council requested that Staff provide Council with the information that concluded that 6" of beach is being lost each year. This information is to include an explanation as to how and when the supporting data were collected.

5. Discussion relative to the proposed prohibition of Styrofoam and single-use plastic bags.

Assistant City Engineer Bonigut reviewed the contents of the Administrative Report; noted that it is anticipated that Staff will return to Council in December with a proposal to expand the City's Styrofoam policy to include all food-serving businesses in San Clemente; advised that the State-wide prohibition on single-use plastic bags failed to pass the State Senate; explained potential strategies relative to a local ban on single-use plastic bags; responded to Council and Committee inquiries.

Angela Howe, attorney, representing the Surfrider Foundation, expressed support for addressing Styrofoam and single-use plastic bags; spoke on the amount of plastics and Styrofoam collected from the beach during clean-up days; addressed the negative impact that trash in the ocean causes to animals and tourism; encouraged Council to ban Styrofoam and single-use plastic bags.

City Manager Scarborough advised that Staff will further investigate a local ban on single-use plastic bags and return to Council at a future meeting. It was noted that the Green Cities California Master Assessment on Single-Use and Reusable Plastic Bags, and an analysis as to whether Proposition 26 requires an election to impose a 5 cent fee on plastic bags, will be included in the Administrative Report.

6. Discussion relative to the Stormwater Local Implementation Plan.

Assistant City Engineer Bonigut reviewed the contents of the Administrative Report; noted that the City's Stormwater Permit requires that the Stormwater Local Implementation Plan be adopted by 2011; pointed out that the plan is available for review on the City's website; responded to Council and Commission inquiries.

7. Round Table

A. Stagnant Water

Committee Member Salgado explained that he reported a stagnant pool of water in a storm drain on the beach trail between T-Street and Lost Winds, noting that the water has been removed. Council encouraged that such nuisances be reported immediately.

B. City's Smoking Ordinance

Councilmember Donchak pointed out that the Council recently allowed smoking to continue at the Fisherman's Restaurant; requested that the Coastal Advisory Committee review the City's smoking ordinance and report back to Council on its perception of the ordinance; encouraged the Surfrider Foundation to become involved in this review.

It was suggested that additional ashtrays be placed at the Fisherman's Restaurant.

C. Installation of Water-Purifying Plants in Flood Control Channel

Committee Member Brown reported that succulents were planted in Aliso Creek to help purify the water before reaching the ocean; suggested that similar plants be installed in the flood control channel flowing into Poche Beach.

D. San Juan Creek Impacts on Sand Levels on San Clemente Beaches - Regional Sand Replenishment Project

Committee Member Brown spoke on the possibility of a regional sand replenishment project; stated that the San Juan Creek may have contributed to a reduction of sand on the beach.

City Manager Scarborough requested that the next status update from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers include information relative to the San Juan Creek study.

8. Oral Communications - Part 2

None.

9. Adjournment

City Council

MOTION BY MAYOR DAHL, SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM BAKER, CARRIED 4-0, to adjourn at 9:06 p.m., to an Adjourned Regular Council Meeting to be held on November 10, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room, located at the Community Development Department building, 910 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, California, for the purpose of meeting with State Senator Mark Wyland.

A subsequent Adjourned Regular Council Meeting will be held on November 16, 2010 in the Council Chambers, located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California. Closed Session items will be discussed at 4:00 p.m. The General Session will commence at 6:00 p.m.

Coastal Advisory Committee

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER BROWN, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER JORDAN, CARRIED 4-0, to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

The next Regular Coastal Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on December 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ole Hanson Fireside Room, located at the San Clemente Community Center, 100 North Seville, San Clemente.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Hart, Chair

Attest:



Tom Bonigut, Assistant City Engineer