
**CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, was called to order by City Clerk Ward at 5:00 p.m. in the Dana Point City Council Chamber, 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point. City Clerk Ward announced that the meeting was adjourned to 6:00 p.m. due to a lack of quorum.

CLOSED SESSION

There were no Closed Session items.

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Bishop reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Present: Joel Bishop, Mayor
 Lisa A. Bartlett, Mayor Pro Tem
 Lara Anderson, Council Member
 Diane L. Harkey, Council Member
 Steven H. Weinberg, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT: Douglas Chotkevys, City Manager; Patrick Muñoz, City Attorney; Kathy Ward, City Clerk; Michael Killebrew, Administrative Services Director; Kyle Butterwick, Director of Community Development; Brad Fowler, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Matthew Sinacori, City Engineer; Lt. Mark Levy, Chief of Police; Christy Teague, Economic Development Manager; Lynn Kelly, Management Analyst; Mike Rose, Emergency & Support Services Manager; Kevin Evans, Director of Community Services & Parks, Bobbi Ogan, Deputy City Clerk, Windy Robles, City Clerk Specialist; DyAnne Weamire, Administrative Secretary, and Jackie Littler, Executive Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dana Point resident and Vice President of South Coast Water District, Ingrid McGuire.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Reverend Paul Peck.

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PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Business of the Month – Blue Lantern Inn

Management Analyst Kelly provided a PowerPoint presentation. She stated that the Blue Lantern Inn had been in business since November, 1990 and that they employ 30 people year around. She added that the Inn boasted 29 guestrooms, all with fireplaces, sitting area, over-sized bathroom with jetted spa tub, refrigerator with complimentary soft drinks, high speed internet access, and king sized beds. The Inn has been awarded the Four Diamond Rating from AAA, voted the Best Bed & Breakfast in Orange County for the last six years, and most recently Conde Nast has named the Inn to the 2008 Gold List. She reported that the Blue Lantern Inn supports a variety of charitable organizations. Mayor Bishop presented a Certificate of Recognition to Laurene Tiller, the Assistant Manager of the Inn for their selection as the February Business of the Month.

Introduction of OCFA Station 29 Search and Rescue Dog

Mayor Bishop invited Battalion Chief Steve Whitaker and Fire Captain Rick Bartlett up to introduce the new search and rescue dog, Spuds. Fire Captain Bartlett stated that Spuds was 7 months when he was found in a shelter in Butte County where he was about one week away from being euthanized. He added that Spuds is currently 19 months old. He stated that he and Spuds train 3-4 times a week and they should be certified by September, 2008. He reported that Spuds is trained to find live victims only. He added that he and Spuds are together 24 hours a day.

Presentation by Dana Point Historical Society

Carlos Olvera, President of the Dana Point Historical Society thanked the City Council for their grant to help the Society with their educational video program for elementary school children.

Nancy Jenkins introduced their project which includes two DVD's which their target audience is third grade students. A short clip from one of the DVD's was played for the audience. Nancy thanked everyone involved in the making of the DVD's and thanked the City Council for the grant funding they provided.

Presentation In Support of the Orange County Public Library "The Big Read"

Stephanie Beverage, Regional Manager for the Southern Region of the Orange County Public Library stated that "The Big Read" is an initiative devised by the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. She added that everyone is encouraged to read *To Kill A Mockingbird* in March. She stated that a kick off event was scheduled for March 5th at Casa Romantica in San Clemente. She added that there would film screenings shown throughout the county, book discussion groups, and a number of other activities. Mayor Bishop presented Ms. Beverage with a Proclamation in support of the "The Big Read" program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett removed Item Nos. 10, 11, and 12 and a member of the public removed Item No. 13 from the Consent Calendar.

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IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARTLETT, THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS BE ACCEPTED FOR ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NOS. 10, 11, 12, AND 13.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Harkey, Weinberg, Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett, and Mayor Bishop
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

1. WAIVE THE READING OF ORDINANCES AND APPROVE READING BY TITLE ONLY

APPROVED THE READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ALL ORDINANCES ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND THAT FURTHER READING OF SUCH ORDINANCES BE WAIVED.

2. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 5, 2008

APPROVED THE MINUTES.

3. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 22, 2008

RECEIVED AND FILED.

4. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS, MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2008

RECEIVED AND FILED.

5. YOUTH BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 17, 2008

RECEIVED AND FILED.

6. MEETING CALENDAR / COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

RECEIVED AND FILED.

7. CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

RECEIVED AND FILED THE CLAIMS AND DEMANDS.

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- 8. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER 14.20 AND SECTION 14.20.010 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CITY PROJECT PLANS, STREET SIGNING AND STRIPING PLANS INCLUDING PAVEMENT MARKINGS, TRAFFIC WORK ORDER REQUESTS, TRAFFIC CONTROL PLANS, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENT PLANS.**

HELD SECOND READING AND ADOPTED **ORDINANCE 08-03** ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 14.20 AND SECTION 14.20.010 TO TITLE 14 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) OF THE DANA POINT MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CITY PROJECT PLANS, STREET SIGNING AND STRIPING PLANS INCLUDING PAVEMENT MARKINGS, TRAFFIC WORK ORDER REQUESTS, TRAFFIC CONTROL PLANS, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENT PLANS.

- 9. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO C.S. LEGACY CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

APPROVED THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS ENTITLED "PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT"; AWARDED A CONTRACT TO C.S. LEGACY CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, PROVIDING THAT THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE SIGNS AND ADMINISTERS SUBJECT CONTRACT AND MAY APPROVE ADDITIONAL PAYMENT NOT-TO-EXCEED FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THIS AMOUNT FOR CHANGE ORDERS AND CONTINGENCIES; AND AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES, SOILS AND MATERIAL TESTING, AND CONSTRUCTION DESIGN SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT AS NOTED IN THE FISCAL IMPACT SECTION.

- 10. DANA POINT GRAND PRIX BIKE RACE AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett pulled this item.

City Manager Chotkevys provided a staff report. He stated that it was his hope that once this group obtains its 501(c)(3) designation it will allow them to receive other sponsorship money as well as attract corporate sponsors. He felt that this event will become self-sufficient in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett stated that she loved the Grand Prix event but was concerned with the increased costs of moving the race to Del Prado. She added that the City was going to spend a lot of money for the event to make a small portion for the charities. She felt that the City Council should discuss moving the race to Del Prado first and also review the cost estimates to make sure everyone was comfortable with them.

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Mayor Bishop asked for the costs associated with moving the race.

City Manager Chotkevys replied that there are costs that are attributed directly back to the race that come out of the net proceeds and then there are costs that the City covers as part of the on-going operation. He stated that the City generates \$61,000 in income versus a little over \$34,000 in expenses that go back into this event for a net income of just under \$27,000. On the City's side of those costs that are absorbed as part of the operational budget, there is an additional \$58,475 of estimated costs. The net cost to the City is about \$30,000 that assumes no payment to charities to fund this event.

Council Member Harkey stated that by her review the City would be spending \$88,000 for this event to ultimately net \$26,000 to charity. She asked the City Manager to confirm that the cost was \$58,000 plus the \$30,000 City sponsorship.

City Manager Chotkevys replied yes.

Council Member Harkey asked if it was necessary to move the race to Del Prado because we want to qualify for the State Masters Division Championship.

City Manager Chotkevys replied the race needed to be moved to improve the level of the race and for the safety of the riders because last year's turn through the alley was very dangerous for the riders.

Mayor Bishop opened the Public Comments.

Darrin Duhamel, Dana Point, Revo Cycles, thanked the City Council for their continued support of the Dana Point Grand Prix. He stated that his shop has received a lot of interest from the local community and felt that the race was helping bring attention to Dana Point.

Mayor Bishop closed the Public Comments.

City Manager Chotkevys clarified that the out of pocket costs to the City would be \$88,500.

Council Member Anderson stated that she would like to track whether there is a spike in hotel occupancy and sales tax during the week of the race. She asked what type of media attention the race got last year.

Economic Development Manager Teague replied that there were several local newspaper articles last year but she was not sure of the reach to the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett stated that she would like the attendance at the race and hotel use tracked as well because she felt that it would help in attracting more sponsorship.

Council Member Harkey stated that she was concerned with the City spending \$88,000 on this event with the present economy, when people were having problems making their mortgage payments.. She added that she supports the event, but would like it to remain a local event as it was last year until the 501(c)(3) is obtained. She stated that the purpose of a 501(c)(3) was to allow tax deductibility to the contributors and that we should not be using public tax money to fund a private event. She was also concerned that the event will encourage more cyclists to use

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Pacific Coast Highway and Del Prado before the City has the opportunity to line the streets properly based on our new plan for the Town Center.

Mayor Bishop asked if the \$58,000 would be absorbed in the current budget by the different departments.

City Manager Chotkevys replied yes.

Mayor Bishop asked how much was absorbed by the budget for last year's race.

City Manager Chotkevys replied that because these types of events are part of the budget the estimated costs are somewhere around \$30,000 to \$50,000 for each event.

Council Member Harkey asked if this event was taken into account when deciding on staffing levels for the City.

City Manager Chotkevys replied yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett asked how Del Prado would be used for the race.

Director Fowler replied that two lanes on would remain open down coast which will still allow for good circulation. He stated that the parking lane and the 1st lane would be open for the race and that a large part of the costs were for the barriers and a one-time fee of \$5,000 for the traffic study to be developed because of the use of Del Prado.

City Manager Chotkevys asked what type of barriers are going to be used.

Director Fowler replied fencing and hay bales primarily.

Council Member Weinberg stated that he supports the bike race 100%. He added that the race will have more riders this year and that the international racers like to race in America because it is less expensive than in Europe. He felt that it was the City Council's duty to market this City and help the businesses thrive.

Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett asked if the projection for the sponsorship and riders was accurate.

Council Member Weinberg replied that those numbers are from last year's race and it was his feeling that the race will be much more popular this year.

Council Member Anderson stated that she would support moving the race to Del Prado because it would make it less dangerous than last year. She added that Dana Point's main economy is tourism and felt that the Council should take it upon themselves to help maintain a thriving visitor economy since the State is having budget difficulties.

Mayor Bishop stated that it was a great event for the city. He felt that it was worth trying it again.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARKEY TO BIFURCATE THE MOTION TO:

- A. SUPPORT THE RACE; AND
- B. MOVE THE RACE TO DEL PRADO.

The motion failed for lack of second.

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IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEINBERG TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF DEL PRADO FOR THE DANA POINT GRAND PRIX BIKE RACE COURSE AND RECEIVE AND FILE THIS REPORT.

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Weinberg, Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett, and Mayor Bishop
NOES: Council Member Harkey
ABSENT: None

11. AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE TO EXTEND THE LIBRARY OPERATING HOURS AT THE DANA POINT LIBRARY TO INCLUDE SUNDAYS

Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett pulled this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett asked how the library usage would be tracked on Sunday.

Council Member Anderson replied that the materials checked out, internet hours, and reference questions could be tracked, but that was all and it would only be general numbers that could be provided.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WEINBERG, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE AND THE ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO EXTEND THE OPERATING HOURS OF THE DANA POINT LIBRARY TO INCLUDE SUNDAYS FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Harkey, Weinberg, Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett, and Mayor Bishop
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

12. APPROVAL TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS AND PREPARE COST ESTIMATES TO CREATE A MEMORIAL WALKWAY AT PINES PARK

Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett pulled this item.

City Manager Chotkevys provided a staff report with a PowerPoint presentation depicting the existing condition of the site at Pines Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett stated that her concern would be that people would bring flowers to the site and it will look like a cemetery. She added that she would prefer to review different options for a memorial.

Council Member Anderson stated that she was unsure where staff was going with this proposal.

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City Manager Chotkevys replied that he would anticipate some sort of public art, bricks with names on them, tiles, or a mosaic wall, but that would be something that the study would identify.

Council Member Harkey asked if the entire bowl area was to be landscaped.

City Manager Chotkevys replied if there is public usage that it would be need to be cleaned up and landscaped to reflect the character and quality of Dana Point.

Mayor Bishop opened the Public Comments.

Richard Gardner, Capistrano Beach, stated that he supports the enhancement of the bowl area in Pines Park but would prefer to utilize community input rather than the City paying for a consultant.

Mayor Bishop closed the Public Comments.

Council Member Harkey stated she was hesitant about the memorial park idea. She added that she would want to improve the area but would like other options for a memorial.

Mayor Bishop stated that he did not envision only a memorial to the deceased but something similar to the tiles at Baby Beach.

Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett felt that it would be better to hold off for a month on this proposal until other options can be identified.

Council Member Anderson asked what the City would receive for \$10,000 and stated that restrictions could be put on the tiles if the Council should choose to.

City Manager Chotkevys replied that there would be at least one community workshop at Palisades School. He stated that RJM has done a phenomenal portfolio of work throughout the State. There would be public outreach meeting and three options for the City Council to consider.

Council Member Weinberg asked if a bathroom at the park would be part of the study.

City Manager Chotkevys replied that the focus was just on landscaping for the area identified and a bathroom study could not be provided at the amount of the proposed contract.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARKEY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON TO APPROVE HIRING A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS AND PREPARE COST ESTIMATES TO CREATE A MEMORIAL WALKWAY AT PINES PARK; AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH RJM DESIGN GROUP.

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Harkey, Weinberg, and Mayor Bishop
NOES: Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett

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ABSENT: None

13. PROPOSITION 1B TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDING, PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

A member of the public pulled this item.

City Manager Chotkevys provided a staff report.

Mayor Bishop opened the public comments.

Richard Gardner, Capistrano Beach, stated that he did not support using these funds for the pedestrian bridge planned for Pacific Coast Highway. He felt that these funds could be used better elsewhere in the City.

Mayor Bishop closed the public comments.

Council Member Harkey stated that this project had been approved at least two years ago and the reason that it has been delayed is because the City was seeking additional funding.

City Manager Chotkevys added that the pedestrian bridge has been in the planning process for at least eight years and that the City was seeking additional funds for the project.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR BISHOP, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARTLETT TO ADOPT **RESOLUTION 08-02-19-01** ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, TO APPROVE A LIST OF PROJECTS AND ACCEPT PROPOSITION 1B FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE TO BE USED ON ELIGIBLE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS WITHIN THE CITY OF DANA POINT.

AND DIRECT STAFF TO SEEK GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Harkey, Weinberg, Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett, and Mayor Bishop

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rod Howorth, Dana Point, announced that the Earth Ocean Society would be holding its annual membership meeting at the Ocean Institute on March 3rd beginning at 7:00 p.m. He stated that there would be information available on the group, what they do, and the goals of the Society.

Sean Mill, Santa Ana, stated that he was concerned about comments that City Attorney Muñoz had made about the Logan neighborhood at a meeting at Santa Ana City Hall recently.

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Judy Rice, Laguna Hills/Hemet, stated that other cities had held Housing Summits and was asking when Dana Point would be scheduling theirs.

Thomas Gordon, Santa Ana, spoke about comments that City Attorney Muñoz had made in Santa Ana and asked for an apology.

Samuel Romero, Santa Ana, spoke about the Logan neighborhood in Santa Ana.

Pam Andrade, Santa Ana, spoke about the Logan neighborhood and asked for City Attorney Muñoz to apologize.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PALP, INC., DBA EXCEL PAVING COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY CONGESTION RELIEF PROJECT

City Manager Chotkevys introduced the item and Director Fowler provided a PowerPoint presentation which included a summary of the project.

Council Member Weinberg asked if the middle turning lane would remain after the improvements.

City Engineer Sinacori replied that the lane would remain to allow left turns into the businesses.

Mayor Bishop asked about the sidewalks in the project.

Director Fowler replied that there would be sidewalks with the exception of the area on the south side by State Parks where there is no sidewalk.

Mayor Bishop felt that the elimination of the crosswalk and the construction of the bridge was appropriate.

Council Member Anderson asked if the elevators in the bridge would be large enough to transport a bicycle.

Director Fowler replied yes.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARKEY, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM BARTLETT TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS ENTITLED "PACIFIC COAST CONGESTION RELIEF PROJECT"; APPROVE THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH PSOMAS FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGN SERVICES REQUIRED TO FINALIZE THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT; AWARD A CONTRACT TO PALP, INC., DBA EXCEL PAVING

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COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY CONGESTION RELIEF PROJECT, PROVIDED THAT THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE SIGNS AND ADMINISTERS SUBJECT CONTRACT AND MAY APPROVE ADDITIONAL PAYMENT NOT-TO-EXCEED NINE PERCENT OF THIS AMOUNT FOR CHANGE ORDERS AND CONTINGENCIES; AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES, SOILS AND MATERIAL TESTING, AND CONSTRUCTION DESIGN SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT AS NOTED IN THE FISCAL IMPACT SECTION; AND AUTHORIZE LISTED FUNDING TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT #1111 AS NOTED IN THE FISCAL IMPACT SECTION.

AYES: Council Members Anderson, Harkey, Weinberg, Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett, and Mayor Bishop
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Continued)

There were no additional Public Comments.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Chotkevys reported that there are a number of exciting projects planned in the City. He stated that he has been receiving phone calls about the activity in the Town Center where you can see orange paint on the sidewalks to identify where they need to be repaired. He added that the Parking Subcommittee met on the proposed parking Ordinance and that a report should be on the next Council agenda. He then shared a PowerPoint presentation which depicted the Sunset Park Rehabilitation project which had just been completed.

COUNCIL REPORTS, INCLUDING CITY RELATED MEETINGS ATTENDED

Council Member Harkey reported that she had attended the following:

- February 6 – Coastal Commission Hearing on the Toll Road extension.
- February 12 – San Juan Capistrano State of City; San Juan had just recently purchased more open space off of Junipero Serra. She added that the City of San Juan Capistrano was making some street improvements on Camino Del Avion as well as the Ortega Highway on ramp/off ramp.
- February 13 – San Diego Regional Water Quality Board delayed on passing the City's new permit requirements.

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She announced that Dana Point has a new newspaper; the Dana Point Times. She spoke about how the OCTA is seeking funding for projects in particular at I-5 at La Paz and Ortega Highway.

She announced the following upcoming events:

- March 1, 2, 8, and 9 – Festival of Whales parade and street fair.
- March 21 – 20th Annual Orange County Sheriff Department's Medal of Valor Luncheon. If you would like to attend, RSVP to Kim at 714-647-4133.
- March 22 – South Orange County School of the Arts black tie fundraiser at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana. The cost is \$150 per person and to RSVP contact Lila Sanchez 949-702-2603 Alan Wickstrom at 949-842-0594.
- April 5 - Dana Point Women's Club Fashion Show; tickets are \$45 per person and to RSVP contact Nancy Padberg at 949-481-8991 or e-mail at nancyalpha@cox.net.
- April 13 through 19 – National Crime Victim's Week sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice to create awareness for victim's rights.

Council Member Weinberg reported that he was asked to be a model in the Dana Point Women's Club Fashion Show and that he has been appointed to the Budget Finance Committee for the OCFA. He thanked everyone for supporting the Grand Prix. He stated that there would be two public races this year to encourage everyone of all levels to enter. He added that if anyone was interested in registering for the public race to e-mail him.

Council Member Anderson felt that it was not an unreasonable request for City Attorney Muñoz to apologize. She announced she had attended the following:

- February 13 – Tri-City Trolley meeting. She stated that the map that was in the newspaper was only conceptual, that they were still working on it.

She reported that the Festival of Whales was coming up on March 1, 2, 8, and 9 and that new events had been added this year such as a volleyball tournament and the Historical Walking Tours. She stated that tee shirts and sweatshirts with the Festival logo were currently on sale and would be available at the street fair.

Mayor Pro Tem Bartlett reported that she had attended the following:

- Several TCA Board Meetings and the California Coastal Commission Hearing for the Toll Road.
- February 7 – 20th Anniversary celebration for the Monarch Beach Sunrise Rotary of which she is a member. Members from SOCSA performed and they were wonderful.
- February 12 – Facilities Workshop at CUSD – They viewed presentations from OCTA on the South Orange County Major Investment Study which identifies current and future transportation needs and challenges and developing solutions to improve mobility over the next 25 years. Rancho Mission Viejo gave an update on the 14,000 homes for its project; they are delayed about a year and a half due to the economy but will be starting in the near future. CUSD presented its Master Facilities Plan to address the issues of growth in the area over the coming years.

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- February 13 – Tri-City Trolley meeting; it was a stakeholders meeting where elected officials from all three cities were present to discuss how to proceed with our joint application to the OCTA to participate in the go-local grant program. \$100K grant to all three cities; Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano, and San Clemente. They had discussed San Francisco style trolleys running from Metrolink stations to points of interests in all three cities. In 2007, Orange County visitor spending hit a record high of \$8.3 Billion Dollars so the Tri-City Trolley project is timely and could be very good for all three cities.

She announced the following upcoming events:

- February 20 – Annual Boys and Girls Club breakfast at the St. Regis at 7:00 a.m.
- February 21 – Dana Point Chamber of Commerce mixer at the St. Regis at 5:30 p.m.
- February 27 – Dana Point Historical Society meeting at the Dana Point Tennis Center at 7:00 p.m.
- February 28 – Dana Point Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Salt Creek Grille at 11:30 a.m.
- It is whale watching season again and the Dana Point Festival of Whales parade and street fair is on March 1. Festivities will continue all weekend as well as the following weekend down in the Harbor.

She reminded everyone that the Dana Point Relay For Life is going to be held on April 19 and 20 in Lantern Bay Park. Get involved and put your teams together. City staff has assembled a team for the event and if you would like more information go to www.events.cancer.org/rfldanapointca.

Mayor Bishop reported that he had testified at the San Diego Regional Water Quality Board meeting. He stated that he had the opportunity to meet with City staff and the City Manager this week to get to know the staff and their job duties. He added that he would have office hours this Friday at City Hall and to contact Jackie in the City Manager's office to make an appointment. He stated that he had also met with Nichole Chambers the new CEO of the Chamber of Commerce and that he was very impressed with her. He announced that the City was sponsoring a blood drive here at City Hall on Thursday, February 21 and encouraged all to donate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Bishop declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. and announced that the next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be March 4, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber located at 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California.

KATHY M. WARD
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2008