SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting 2212 Beach Boulevard Pacifica, CA 94044 December 15, 2010

Mayor Digre called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and acknowledged various dignitaries present.

Present: Councilmembers: Lancelle, DeJarnatt, Nihart and Digre.

Excused: Councilmembers: Vreeland

Staff Present: Steve Rhodes, City Manager; Cecilia Quick, City Attorney; Ann Ritzma,

Admin. Ser. Director; Fire Chief Ron Myers, Deputy Chief Rich Johnson, Deputy Chief Frank Panacci, Battalion Chief Bob Fisher, Batallion Chief Bill Wilson, Deputy Fire Chief Cole Stratton, Kathy O'Connell, City

Clerk.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart led the Salute to the Flag.

Commission Liaisons: None.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember DeJarnatt moved approval of the Consent Calendar as follows: Adoption of Resolution Declaring Results of General Municipal Election of November 2, 2010; seconded by Mayor pro Tem Nihart.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aves: Councilmembers: Lancelle, DeJarnatt, Nihart and Digre.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

Mayor Digre commented that the turnout for the elections in the county was tremendous. She added that it was always tremendous in Pacifica, and they were grateful to all the citizens.

Mayor Digre adjourned to City Council Reorganization

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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City Clerk O'Connell stated that they would be doing the Oath of Office in two parts, with the three elected Councilmembers first, and after the elections, they will administer the Oath of Office to the Mayor and Mayor pro Tem.

Outgoing Mayor Digre thanked everyone for coming. She stated that Pacifica was one of the most dynamic civic action cities in the county and she was honored and privileged to be an elected representative. She found her work was easy when she had many opportunities to hear from the community and have their opinions known. She stated that the City was strong because of the citizens but also because of City staff. She felt, with limited budgets. Pacifica employees have always been strict and frugal and we had the staff we need or less. She was grateful for those employees who do more than their job description calls for, which was a great mark of professionalism. She commented on the City being considered a world apart, and she felt it had taken a while to get the term "coastside" to include Pacifica. She thanked the businesses that have hung in for years, as well as the new businesses that have come in. She was happy that Pacifica was in the Silicon Valley Visitors Bureau now. She referred to the youth coming to the Council meeting in January to consider creating a youth advisory board. She commented that the Giants had a great theme, "believe," and it really helped the county. They believed in themselves and worked together, and she counted on that carrying over to our City and stressed that it was not healthy to nod and agree with everything. She felt failure was a good thing because it means that you learned something and you improve and make it better with the second time around. She was looking forward to another four years. She thanked the community for reelecting her and for being an involved community. She appreciated the Council, adding that they follow the rules and regulations. She felt that following the Brown Act was a pain in the neck, but it was a very good thing. She stated that Councilmember Lancelle was mayor when she was first Mayor pro Tem, and she felt she was a great influence. She stated that they met and discussed items but did not say exactly what they were going to say at the meeting. She appreciated everything she did.

Mayor Pro Tem Nihart stated that she gets to be Santa early. She thanked Mayor Digre for an excellent year. She felt her compassion for those less fortunate, her attention to fairness and concern for the public welfare was the sign of a model Pacifican. She hoped we all strive for that in our daily lives. She pointed out that the Mayor began this year with budget shortfalls and falling cliffs and she confronted each crisis with grit and determination. She felt the Mayor has tried to do what was best for each Pacifican and she has stood firm for youth, businesses, our environment, while advocating fiscal responsibility and supporting tough decisions. She mentioned all the various activities in which she participated and educated residents on all the programs and services available to them. She felt that the Mayor welcomed self-examination which was rarely done. She felt it was a mature and secure person to be grateful and humble and to recognize needed areas of development. The Mayor has consistently reached for personal growth and she felt she spoke for the entire Council when she said it truly shows. She stated that it has been a pleasure to serve as her vice Mayor. They congratulated her on her excellent term, on her reelection and, most of all, they were honored to serve with her. When asking people about the Mayor, she hears one thing - she shows up which endears her to all of their hearts.

Mayor Digre stated that it was her pleasure, and she loves showing up.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart presented the gift to the mayor from the City and she and Councilmember Lancelle also presented additional gifts from the Council, explaining about the source of the gifts.

Councilmember Lancelle stated that everything said by Mayor pro Tem Nihart goes for her as well, adding that the Mayor had done a wonderful job and was a role model, then presented her with a photograph of the Pacifica coastline.

Mayor Digre stated that we can find amazing things in Pacifica, and she thanked everyone so much.

Councilmember DeJarnatt agreed with everything said by both Councilmembers Lancelle and Nihart, adding that he has known the Mayor for 20 years and it has always been a pleasure. He stated that she always does her very best, and he appreciated and congratulated her on her past and continued service.

Mayor Digre stated that he had been a role model for her as well, always doing his homework, which has impressed her.

Mayor Digre then read a proclamation honoring Councilmember Lancelle for her years of service to the City on the Council and on various committees.

Katrina Real, Jackie Speiers' office, stated that Julie Lancelle was now part of the official Congressional Record, read in by Jackie Speier, from which Ms. Real read specific isolated portions.

Mayor Digre introduced Mark Hirschman and thanked Congressman Hill for stopping that toll thing.

Mark Hirschman, Jerry Hill's office, stated that he would pass on her comments to Congressman Hill. He then presented Julie Lancelle with a resolution of the California State Assembly, which included many of the accomplishments cited by the Mayor and Ms. Real and which captures the passion she felt for Pacifica. He also mentioned several committees on which they both served, where he was privileged to see Pacifica through her eyes.

Eileen Manning-Villar, School Board President, stated that, at the school board's reorganization meeting, they said goodbye to a board member and welcomed a new board member, and they also enacted a resolution honoring Julie Lancelle who has had a special relationship with the school district at many different levels, including on the board, adding that while she was leaving the Council, the school board gets to keep her. She then read the resolution.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart mentioned that there were several organizations who wanted to say something in honor of Councilmember Lancelle.

City Attorney Quick stated that anyone from the public was free to comment.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart agreed, but added that she was asking the organizations to speak first.

Sam Casillas, Pacifica Land Trust and GGNRA Liaison Committee, mentioned hearing Julie Lancelle's name pop up many times when he first moved to Pacifica and he quickly recognized that she was a true trailblazer. He thought of her as a mentor to him. He stated that he looked forward to her joining those organizations again, but tonight was about thanking her for all her hard work.

Courtney Conlon, CEO of Pacifica Chamber of Commerce, stated that she was present on behalf of herself and the Chamber Board of Directors to thank Julie Lancelle for her years of service as a liaison to the Chamber and all her input. She was in awe of her dedication while maintaining a balance with her private life. She also thanked Mayor Digre for recognizing the Chamber's efforts with her and the Council on becoming part of the San Mateo County Convention and Visitors Bureau. She felt they have seen some activity as a result and would only continue to bring various tours to our City. They looked forward to working closely with the Council in 2011.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart stated that the Partnership for a Safe and Healthy Pacifica weren't sure they could make it but wanted to be sure Julie Lancelle knew she was in their hearts and they thanked her for all her efforts.

Earl Annecston, stated that the Council would be naked without Julie Lancelle. He stated that she will be missed but he thought she would come around to hassle them. He stated that she was a sweet and charming lady.

Kathleen Manning, Pacifica Historical Society, stated that they were present in force to thank Julie Lancelle for all the wonderful things she has done for them over the last eight years, mentioning some specifics. She stated that they were truly grateful.

Dinah Verby stated that she has had the privilege of serving with Julie Lancelle in many capacities and also having her as a personal friend. She mentioned that there were a few things about her that the general public doesn't know. She has had the privilege of seeing her in private and public, and she was an incredible example of humanity for this City in every way that she comports herself, supporting everyone and every business, in many ways. She stated that, when someone approaches Julie to discuss any issues, she never turns them away. She thanked her for everything she has done for the City, and for being an example for the City as well as for being a good friend.

Peter Loeb thanked her for her years of service on the Council and as mayor. He knows how hard she has worked, struggling over tough decisions, and she has taken positions

that have upset her friends and supporters, which is real integrity in a councilmember and he applauds her for that. He wished her the best, adding that they were all starting to scheme on how to claim her for their various organizations.

Robin Runneals thanked her for everything she has done to try help them in the Sharp Park area, including fighting to keep the golf course and creating the historic district. She thanked Mary Ann Nihart for continuing the support.

Don Horsley stated that he would soon be the supervisor for the third district and if, at the end of his term of office, they say as many kind things about him as they have said about Julie Lancelle, he will consider his term of office to be successful. He thanked her for taking him on the long walk up the hill which showed him a lot about Pacifica.

Kurt Keist thanked her for the sing-alongs and Mori Point, as well as all the things that everyone has already said. He knew if she was managing the City, it was running okay because someone was making decisions based on truth and fairness.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart stated that she didn't prepare a speech because Julie Lancelle knows how she feels. She enjoyed her friendship and her ability to think things through and try for the best for everyone. She was giving her another gift from a local artist and former staff member, Mari Brumm-Merrill, for an added enjoyment in her new life, not in public service.

Councilmember Lancelle stated it was a beautiful necklace with an abalone shell on it. She stated that this would be her dress up one.

Councilmember DeJarnatt agreed with everything everyone said. He stated that she was a special person, adding that there weren't many people who always smile and who have a good thing to say about everyone, which is a rare and treasured attribute. He was glad that she will be in town, but he will miss her on the Council. He thought it would be a lot of fun not being on Council, and he was happy for her.

Mayor Digre stated that Julie Lancelle would continue to be a sounding board for her, then presented her with another gift.

Councilmember Lancelle appreciated everything everyone said. She commented that everyone who moves to Pacifica quickly learns of a longstanding tradition of citizen involvement in community efforts, even before Pacifica became a city, specifically mentioning the various qualities that have become Pacifica's traditional qualities, mentioning many of the volunteer groups, and concluding that we were the richest city in the Bay Area. She gave a brief history of Pacifica's growing and evolving resource of human energy. She concluded by saying that it has been a joy and an honor to be involved in public life for almost all of the 24 years in which she has lived in Pacifica, and she looked forward to many more.

City Clerk O'Connell administered the Oath of Office to Len Stone and Sue Digre as newly elected Councilmembers.

Mayor Digre welcomed Len Stone as the new Councilmember.

Mayor Digre declared the nomination for Mayor pro Tem open.

Mayor pro Tem Nihart nominated Pete DeJarnatt for Mayor pro Tem; seconded by Mayor Digre.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Nihart, Digre, DeJarnatt and Stone.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

Councilmember DeJarnatt nominated Mayor pro Tem Nihart for Mayor; seconded by Mayor Digre.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Nihart, Digre, DeJarnatt and Stone.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 4-0.

City Attorney Quick stated that the California Constitution requires that the newly elected councilmembers take an oath of office, but does not obligate the Mayor and Mayor pro Tem to take the oath but it does not prevent it and, by taking the oath, they are showing a dedication of service that was above the minimum required by law.

City Clerk O'Connell administered the oath of office to Mayor Nihart and Mayor pro Tem DeJarnatt.

Councilmember Stone thanked his wife, Jessica, for being there during the campaign process and for all her support. He also thanked the volunteer people who supported him with all the man hours expended. He found it most rewarding to go out and meet so many members of the community. He stated that upon meeting people, you get a sense of Pacifica, which is a very diverse community and he looks forward to serving everyone in the community.

Mayor Elect Nihart thanked her fellow Councilmembers, adding that it really was never a given as to who was going to be Mayor or Mayor pro Tem. She thanked them for their faith and trust that she can perform the task. She stated that she was going to look to Mayor pro Tem DeJarnatt for some mentoring, asking that he handle the lights and cards and keep her on track, and most of all she needs him to step on her foot because she was used to speaking first. She felt it would be hard but she will get over it. She looked forward to working with them as a team which was committed to the citizens of our community and based on mutual respect. She acknowledged that they will have different

opinions, but they can come with the best intentions at heart as in most of the community. She felt the community's interest must be the first in their minds. She then took this opportunity to set some priorities, specifically finance and the long range financial plan, and thanked staff such as the police and fire department for their cooperation. She made a commitment to educate, inform, discuss and debate the City's finances with anyone who wants her to including going to their homes, and she was sure the City Manager would join her. She then asked all employees to join the Council in making the public aware of what the City provides to each and every person in our community, adding that customer service has to become the watchword. She mentioned some smaller things that she would like to accomplish, one specifically being reinstitution of the Mayor's walk. She then mentioned a few more ideas. She felt it was going to be a tough year and a pivotal year financially. She was counting on everyone to move forward and be successful. She knows she can count on the Council and hopes she will be able to count on every member of the public. She ended with the slogan, "I want us to be the change" and asked everyone to join her.

Mayor Nihart adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Transcribed by Barbara Medina, Public Meeting Stenographer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy O'Connell, City Clerk

APPROVED: 4-0; 1/10/11 Councilmember Vreeland absent.

Mary Ann Nihart, Mayor