

MINUTES

City Council Regular Meeting
2212 Beach Boulevard
Pacifica, CA 94044

September 22, 2008

Mayor Vreeland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmembers: DeJarnatt, Digre, Hinton, Lancelle, and Vreeland.
Excused: Councilmembers: None.

Staff Present: Steve Rhodes, City Manager; Cecilia Quick, City Attorney; Ann Ritzma, Administrative Services Director; Michael Crabtree, Planning Director; Van Ocampo, Deputy Director Public Works/City Engineer; Mari Brumm-Merrill, PB&R Director; Jim Saunders, Police Chief; Kathy O'Connell, City Clerk.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle led the Salute to the Flag.

Commission Liaison: None.
Chamber Liaison: None.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember DeJarnatt moved approval of the Consent Calendar, as amended, as follows: Approval of disbursements (due to the new computer software conversion, disbursements will be on October 13, 2008 agenda), as set forth in Item #1; Approval of Minutes of regular City Council meeting of September 8, 2008, as set forth in Item #2; Authorize Facility Use Agreement for Snack Bar at Fairway Park, as set forth in Item #3; Approve the Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Pacifica and San Francisco International Airport for the Airport Noise Monitor and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Document, as set forth in Item #4; seconded by Councilmember Hinton.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers: DeJarnatt, Digre, Hinton, Lancelle, and Vreeland.
Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion carried: 5-0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Police Chief Saunders reported on an event on August 19 wherein Captain Fernando Realyvasquez and Corporal William McDonald were instrumental in saving the life of Sandra Taylor who was in cardiac and respiratory arrest by administering CPR. Fire personnel were delayed in responding due to the closer fire station already responding to a previous call and they felt that the officers' lifesaving efforts were critical in saving her life. Chief Saunders presented both officers with the Police Department Lifesaving Award.

Mayor Vreeland thanked the Chief and the officers for their day-to-day efforts.

Captain Fernando Realyvasquez thanked the Fire Department for their job in backing them up.

Mayor Vreeland asked the City Manager to extend the Council's thanks as well to the Fire Department personnel for their efforts.

City Manager Rhodes assured him that he would let them know.

Peter Loeb, President of the Fog Fest, stated that their theme was "going green," with many stations of resource recovery systems for composting, recycling and trash. He gave a brief presentation of what booths and activities would be included as part of the event, in addition to reporting on the increasing amount of money being raised each year to support more and more community groups.

Mayor Vreeland commented that it had a larger impact on the community than just the two days.

Mr. Loeb then presented the Mayor with a framed poster of the Fog Fest.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilmember Digre asked if they had adjourned a meeting in honor of Frank Winston.

Mayor Vreeland stated that they had not.

Councilmember Digre asked if they could do that. She then reminded everyone to register to vote in November. She thanked all the candidates for Council and School Board, for running, adding that it offered the community the opportunity to express themselves. She stated that the Council would be meeting with school board members from both the elementary and high schools. She encouraged everyone to invite people from out of town to spend time in Pacifica. She mentioned that they had repairs done on the pier with a pier party on October 5. She felt that our history enhanced our economy. She reported that the San Mateo County Visitor Bureau would be having a function in the future, and she encouraged everyone to go so they would understand her comments. She also reported that whales have recently been seen off shore.

Councilmember Hinton reported on the reevaluation of the JPA process for the selection of the ambulance provider, with the conclusion that they rehired American Medical Response, who was the most qualified of all those considered based on evaluation by County Controller. He stated that he would provide a copy of the report to the Council through the City Manager.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle reported on the meetings she attended, specifically the City County Association of Governments meeting which had done a transportation planning process. She would bring details, adding that she thought it might be of interest to Pacifica. She also attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting, commending the "weed warriors." She attended the Emergency Preparedness Commission meeting, stating that they would have a booth at the Fog Fest and had brochures to hand out to businesses. She mentioned that the West Sharp Advisory Committee met and were moving ahead with the planning process. She commended Lynn

Adams on the Pacifica Beach Coalition for their great clean up day. She also attended the Historical Society's book signing.

Councilmember DeJarnatt thanked the Beach Coalition and Lynn Adams and all those involved in the cleanup. He mentioned that Terra Nova had a grand opening of their new football field, congratulating them on the spectacular field.

Councilmember Hinton mentioned that he would be riding in the parade but would not be walking due to his physical limitations. He offered his support to the Fog Fest.

Mayor Vreeland also thanked Lynn Adams and the Beach Coalition for their work, and also thanked Coastside Scavenger for picking up the trash on the weekend. He commended Mari Brumm-Merrill for all her years of dedication, stating that she would be retiring. He encouraged everyone to attend the Fog Fest and the weekly Farmers Market. He pointed out all the work being done on Pedro Point, and that the Fresh and Easy representatives would be coming and meeting with the Mayor regarding the support of the community to make that a success. He asked staff about getting a Caltrans letter out by the end of the week.

City Manager Rhodes stated that he would check with the City Engineer on the status.

Mayor Vreeland stated that he was mentioning it specifically to update the community. He also mentioned that there would be a dedication of the two new bridges connecting the tunnel project on Friday. He mentioned receiving the San Mateo County energy strategy for 2012, and asked that they make copies of that for the rest of the Council since it fits into the discussion on Item #8 regarding energy resources. He wanted everyone on the Council to know what the county and CCAG were doing, and how what Pacifica was doing fit into a broader discussion on reducing our carbon footprint.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Vreeland opened Oral Communications.

Tod Schlesinger, Pacifica, stated that Barbara Arietta and the Pacifica Democrats did a great job on the debates. He asked the Council if they ever get tired of hearing themselves pump up everything when the numbers say otherwise. He referred to Tommy Smothers' comment at the Emmys which he thought was profound, specifically that truth was what you can get people to believe. He concluded by commenting that we would make it in spite of ourselves.

Kathy Meeh, 1276 Alicante Drive, also thanked the Pacifica Democrats, Barbara Arietta, and Council candidates for their best ever debate. She suggested that everyone see the repeat showing or see it on their computer at pct26.com. She commended the Beach Coalition and Coastside Scavengers on the cleanup, but mentioned a dangerous situation with workers being in the middle of the highway near the Moose Lodge. She felt followup was needed on this situation.

Therese Dyer, 1408 Crespi Drive, offered condolences to the Frank Winston family on his passing. She then thanked the Park Service for removing the tires from Mori Point. She also thanked Jason Low and Tom Sullivan from the *Pacifica Tribune* for taking care of the weeds along Highway 1. She asked if she could possibly get a copy of the final report from the Fireworks Task Force because she didn't believe the risk of property and lives outweighed the revenue received. She would also like more information on the Park, Beach and Recreation Trust Fund, wondering if that could be spent for Youth Services to replace the fireworks income.

Mayor Vreeland suggested she check with the Police Chief who was the chair of the Fireworks Task Force and could probably get her a copy.

Jeff Simons, 231 Beaumont Blvd., congratulated both Lynn Adams and Chris Porter for their work on the beach cleanup. He also congratulated Barbara Arietta for the debates, stating that the feedback was that it was one of the best debates in many years. He was clarifying his statement regarding the Fire Protection Options Analysis which wasn't his own, but from the report, and then read it again.

Mayor Vreeland asked the City Manager if he was correct in believing that section of the report didn't show the whole story of what the analysis showed.

City Manager Rhodes agreed, clarifying that it was what they the writers of the report found in interviews with the community but not what they felt was their perception of the situation after studying all the information.

William Bradford, Pacifica, thanked the Council for their continued support of their efforts to build a new Learning Center Library. He referred to Pacifica Connected and how they would report on the sectors that will show how the Learning Center Library would best serve the community's wants and needs. He mentioned that Pacifica residents would have an opportunity to share their visions at the community sector meetings. He encouraged everyone to stop by their booth at the Fog Fest and learn how to receive a free eco-friendly book bag.

Mayor Vreeland thanked him for an awesome report. He then thanked Suzan Getchell-Wallace who worked with the San Mateo County Realtors Association which was instrumental in getting the bags.

Anna Boothe, Pacifica, invited everyone to the second annual pier party on October 5, mentioning some of the specific activities for the event.

Mayor Vreeland thanked her for organizing the celebration.

Bernie Sifry, Pacifica, mentioned that something was missing now that Frank Winston was gone. He stated that he was pleased to hear Councilmembers report on their activities and suggested that they prepare a notice to be published in the *Tribune* so that everyone would know. He referred to the dedication of the two bridges on Friday, and stated that they didn't say where it was.

Mayor Vreeland suggested he check the Caltrans website, but he understood that there would be shuttles running from the park & ride lot at Linda Mar to take people up to the bridge.

Mr. Sifry thought that made the most sense. He then mentioned talking about transparency and accountability and wondered if he could have information on the budget of the City Attorney for the past two years of how the money was spent with all the specifics.

Mayor Vreeland asked if they had a prior Freedom of Information Act request on this.

City Manager Rhodes was not aware of receiving such a request.

City Clerk O'Connell also stated that she had not received one.

Mayor Vreeland stated that they could not make it a dialogue but suggested that he put his statement in a letter.

Mr. Sifry stated that he would put it in writing and submit it to the City.

Councilmember Hinton referred to the comment about seeing people picking up trash in the center divide along the freeway. He stated that was not the jurisdiction of Pacifica, but rather part of Caltrans adopt-a-highway program. He suggested that the City Manager follow up and possibly advise those people that there was a vehicle available to attend to this. He added that even Caltrans loses lives on the highway each year and had a memorial dedicated to them.

Mayor Vreeland closed Oral Communications.

CONSIDERATION

5. Creation of Steering Committee for the General Plan Update.

Planning Director Crabtree presented the staff report.

Mayor Vreeland opened public comments.

Tod Schlesinger, Pacifica, referred to the report made in 1999 reading the portion proposing that they complete the General Plan Update within five years. He asked why they were stalling with another committee. He then stated that the residents of Pacifica failed, and that he was doing the job of the Council mentioning that their handling of this was absurd, etc. He felt it was a shame that we were allowing that to happen.

Mayor Vreeland commented that he was informing all speakers that they must behave with decorum and respect.

Mayor Vreeland closed public comments.

Planning Director Crabtree clarified that the Steering Committee recommendation was coming from staff, not the Council, adding that Council may or may not agree with staff's recommendation. He then stated that the process was not waiting for the committee, mentioning that staff had gone out on a tour through the entire City with the consultants. He stated that they would have forums with or without a Steering Committee, but they thought it would be helpful to have citizens to help with the process.

Councilmember Hinton thanked Mr. Schlesinger for documenting that he had requested a General Plan Update. He mentioned that it was not cheap. While they did add the housing element previously, the rest was difficult because of requiring a lot of public input and that cost money. He felt it was difficult to spend money on a General Plan when they were laying off policemen and firemen. He would be happy to make the motion when ready.

Councilmember DeJarnatt thought the creation of this steering committee was a perfect vehicle to move the process forward and would be happy to second it.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle stated that a General Plan was an expensive proposition. She felt they were fortunate to sell property to provide funds, and get reimbursement for attorney expenses on

land use lawsuits which allowed the City to consider redoing the General Plan. She clarified that there were many people over the years who were interested in seeing the General Plan done and this was an opportunity for citizens to get involved. She supported staff's suggestion for this committee.

Councilmember Digre stated that she had ambivalent feelings about many things, mentioning some of the past suggestions for uses of city property. She stated that she had called the City Manager to complain, then mentioned that they be sure that the members of the committee have ethics and to make sure that this was a community project. She was cautiously saying okay, but added that she would be "snoopy."

Councilmember Hinton stated that he was pleased to see this happen to show that even the most mundane things will happen in City government if you wait long enough.

Councilmember Hinton moved that the City Council approve creation of the General Plan Update Steering Committee and direct staff to return at the next meeting with a resolution creating the Steering Committee; seconded by Councilmember DeJarnatt.

Councilmember DeJarnatt stated that he has always been frustrated by the glacial speed at which things work in government.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle stated that she would like to caution the community that they shouldn't expect everyone to agree about the outcome, with each person hoping the outcome will produce their vision of what Pacifica should be.

Mayor Vreeland stated that this gave them ability to get to the point of consensus building. He was excited that they finally had the money to allow the community to develop a blueprint of where they want the community to go in the next 20 years. He felt it was critical that community participate even though he didn't think there would be agreement on everything. He thanked staff for getting a consultant who would be doing a wonderful job.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers: DeJarnatt, Digre, Hinton, Lancelle, and Vreeland.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 5-0.

6. Resolution Creating a Financing City Services Task Force: Appointment of Task Force Members; Selection of Council Liaisons; and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for a Consultant to Conduct Public Opinion Research.

City Manager Rhodes presented the staff report.

Mayor Vreeland opened public comments.

Tod Schlesinger, Pacifica, asked why he wasn't recommended for this task force since he had more financial experience and managed more assets than the City owned, and concluded that they want to shut him out. He felt it was another strategic plan to listen to the public, throw away money, and take more time. He then commented that "absurd" and "ridiculous" were not words that can get him thrown out of the meeting. He then stated that spending tax payer money for an

opinion poll for an apathetic and stupid public who would believe what they were saying was playing right into the Council's hand. He asked how this happens, questioning why Pete Shoemaker was on this. He concluded that they won't throw him a bone but he isn't going away and he would get this straightened out.

Jeff Simons, 231 Beaumont Blvd., reiterated that opposition to the Fire Assessment Tax was significant and stemmed from the perception that the assessment's purpose and use were misrepresented. Following his cursory glance at the proposed research group, FMMA, he felt it showed a litany of tax measures that they supported. He stated that the funding mechanism for City services was the General Fund, and he suggested that they work on the General Fund. He felt this was only intended to raise taxes because this consulting agency had no ideas that supported any true economic growth.

Mayor Vreeland stopped the meeting until Mr. Schlesinger was escorted out of the meeting by the Police Chief.

Kathy Meeh, 1276 Alicante Drive, commented that the argument was between Peter Loeb and Tod Schlesinger. She felt that the residents of Pacifica were paying enough taxes, but she thought the City Council didn't think so. She felt the consulting firm was being hired to uncover what taxes we will be willing to pay for vital services, such as fire and police. She mentioned that criminals provide municipal services in a city in Mexico and she asked why not in Pacifica. She stated that no other city in San Mateo County was being taxed for vital services. She stated that highway improvement money through Measure A was available to Pacifica, and she asked if our Council had filled out the application. She felt that the Council majority should be transferred to the GGNRA or Open Space Committee and a new Council brought in. She felt that Tod Schlesinger was our Tom Paine, explaining that without him there never would have been an American Revolution. She concluded that the Council needed to fix the economic problems they have created without new taxes.

Anna Boothe, Pacifica, thanked the Council for giving consideration to the important matter of our General Plan and how we pay our bills. She felt that it was good to consult with experts and appoint citizens to a committee, adding that a lot of people have been pushing for the General Plan. In a conversation with the City Manager, he had suggested that her enthusiasm for tourism might come under this heading. She didn't believe they were only talking about more taxes, but how they get money. She felt tourism was an important source of money, pointing out that we were 15 miles away from the most popular city in the world and we were one of the most beautiful towns in the world. She felt that we were a destination and she was recommending that we hire a Director of Tourism.

Bernie Sifry, Pacifica, stated that he believed the Council did not take the bait from other speakers and he was proud of them. He asked what the qualifications were for the recommended members of the task force besides their desire to serve. He hoped that they would have different outlooks because we needed representatives from divergent sections and interests in the City.

Therese Dyer, 1408 Crespi Drive, stated that she was also curious as to how the individuals were appointed because she hadn't seen a notice in the *Tribune* as they would normally. She felt they needed to be more diversified, regardless of their personality. She suggested that Tod Schlesinger, Jeff Simons, and Kathy Meeh, who were intelligent individuals, should be considered for task forces. She concluded by saying that Peter Loeb owed Tod Schlesinger and Jeff Simons an apology.

Mayor Vreeland closed public comments.

Commissioner Digre stated that she had asked the City Manager some questions, such as how they picked the 12 individuals. She was always concerned about having a broad representation. She mentioned past examples of failed projects because she felt 78% of the population were not represented. She felt groups in the past were attempting to maneuver the public and encouraged everyone to prevent that in the future by being present to convey their point of view. She mentioned some specific subjects, such as the San Mateo Visitor's Bureau and our history as part of our economic development, for which she would be a pain in the neck.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle thought the City Manager looked at a broad diverse group to be members of the task force. She referred to Mr. Sipry's comment about whether diverse groups were represented, and she thought they were. She added that she was personally open to anyone's suggestions. She felt the way this process was characterized was unfair, because she felt this was a process of reaching out to the community and the consultant would be doing that as well. She commented that Pacifica was unique, and would never have the big source of business revenue that other communities on the peninsula and near the freeways in San Mateo County had. She felt that we benefitted from that, and many residents were pleased to be surrounded by the natural beauty in the community. They needed to provide certain services and she felt talking as though taxes were a dirty word was ridiculous. She felt this process was reaching out to the community and was a positive and open thing.

Councilmember Hinton stated that he knew nine of the proposed members and he felt they had qualifications that lent themselves to this project. He felt it was important for the citizens to know what was needed and on what the funds would be spent. He thought it was important to have a good cross section, however, he was reluctant to make a motion because he was designated as a liaison.

City Manager Rhodes asked if he could make a couple of comments.

Mayor Vreeland agreed.

City Manager Rhodes stated that he was taken aback by reaction to the last item in this item. He stated that they were talking about involving over 30 additional people in the activity of the community and both activities were designed to reach out to the community beyond those people to ask the community what they want. He was puzzled about why that appeared to be the wrong thing to do. He thought it might be his fault for not mentioning the background behind the Financing City Services Task Force. He stated that they had an annual fire tax assessment which generates \$1 million a year which would be expiring in June of 2009, so they were not talking about additional taxes, but possibly a replacement to a levy that was expiring. He felt they should try to involve as many people as possible and look at as many options as they can to continue providing current services.

Councilmember Hinton concurred with the City Manager's comments. He thought this was a broad cross section of the City and the people. He stated that these people were concerned about the City. He stated that these were fresh faces and he thought they would do a good job with limited preconceived notions.

Councilmember DeJarnatt stated that he agreed with most comments by the City Manager and Mayor pro Tem Lancelle.

Mayor Vreeland asked if they could do all five motions at once.

City Attorney Quick responded affirmatively.

Councilmember DeJarnatt moved to adopt the resolution next in order A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Pacifica Creating a Financing City Services Task Force; moved to appoint the members of the task force as listed and designating Mayor pro Tem Lancelle and Councilmember Hinton as Council Liaisons to the Task Force; moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Fairbank, Maslin, Maulin & Associates to conduct opinion research for the City in an amount not to exceed \$30,000; and moved to grant additional budget authority of \$30,000 for the work; seconded by Councilmember Digre.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers: DeJarnatt, Digre, Hinton, Lancelle, and Vreeland.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 5-0.

7. Appointment of Citizens to Fill Vacancies on the Green Building Task Force.

City Clerk O'Connell presented the brief staff report.

Mayor Vreeland opened public comments.

Bernie Sifry, Pacifica, stated that he was asking about the specific qualifications for which they were looking and the diversity of involvement in the community. He felt they should have different opinions and backgrounds, but be able to be civil with each other.

Mayor Vreeland closed public comments.

Mayor Vreeland asked if they were talking about a specific number of appointments.

City Manager Rhodes explained that they had originally had a number but the Council wanted that requirement removed, so they had no number.

Mayor Vreeland stated that there were 15 names. He asked if they were interested in doing a unanimous consideration for all of them. He was open to that rather than going down the list. He thought it was a broad list.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle agreed. She felt it was heartening to see the number who applied and she appreciated their interest and involvement. She mentioned that they had not interviewed Mr. Smith and she suggested that they delete that individual.

Mayor Vreeland asked if she was saying that there were 14 potential members. He stated that, if she agreed, she should make a motion.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle moved to appoint the citizens on the list to the Green Building Task Force, except for Mr. Smith; seconded by Councilmember DeJarnatt.

Councilmember DeJarnatt stated that there was no way he could choose between the individuals. He didn't think it was appropriate or fair because they were all interested in the community. He assured Mr. Sifry that he felt they were from different camps and issues.

Councilmember Hinton stated that he was impressed with the group which had a tremendous amount of skill and ability with something to offer to the task force. He referred to one individual who felt inadequate compared with the amount of skill and ability that was demonstrated by the others and who would be doing homework to be able to converse with them. He thought a large group was a good idea because of losing individuals by attrition.

Councilmember Digre thought it was a very good interview. She stated that she was concerned about time lines and asked if they could encourage them to hurry it up if it took too long.

Mayor Vreeland stated that it was up to the Council.

City Attorney Quick stated that the Council could always modify the enabling legislation to sunset or reduce the number. They could always have staff bring it back.

Mayor Vreeland stated that they could also ask for quarterly updates and other things which he planned to do.

City Attorney Quick stated that they could do what they like in terms of process and procedure for this entity.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle stated that she agreed with Councilmember Digre that it was important to have deadlines and targeted times for completion. She also commented that the group had expertise in many areas, such as builders, contractors, architects, developers, and interested citizens.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers: DeJarnatt, Digre, Hinton, Lancelle, and Vreeland.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Motion passed: 5-0.

8. Discussion of Alternative Energy Sources.

Mayor Vreeland presented the staff report.

Mayor Vreeland opened public comments.

Charles Howett, 279 Sterling Avenue, stated that Pacifica's beauty and proactive stance on the environment was what attracted them to move to Pacifica. He stated that he was hired by Sustainable Power Systems to market and sell skystream wind turbines. He explained a little bit about the company and its product, and stated he would love to be a part of this for the City and would share this information with them.

Mayor Vreeland stated that the Council would talk, but he thought it would be great to get the materials to the City Manager who would get it to the Council. He was hopeful that they would have a followup discussion about these things.

Mr. Howett stated that San Francisco had put together a wind task force and alleviated the planning and zoning processes to get these renewable energy sources passed. He would like to see the same thing in Pacifica which has a great wind source from off the ocean.

Mayor Vreeland closed public comments.

Councilmember Digre read that some wind turbines chopped up owls and she was concerned about that, as well as marine life. She would like an alternate voice on that. She asked if they were suggesting that they put the plastic issue aside because of being low on staff.

Mayor Vreeland responded that they were not doing that.

Councilmember Digre would like to be sure to deal with the plastic issue as thoroughly as possible.

Mayor Vreeland felt if they weren't interested in asking staff to take time to create interest in this, he would recommend that this be included in the green building task force. He felt there was state and federal money to fund these kinds of things, and being ahead of the curve on various such issues was why Pacifica was successful.

Councilmember Digre stated that she understood residents tried to get windmills in Fairmont and McDonald's, but apparently PG&E stopped it.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle thought it was an interesting idea. She agreed that they needed to be sensitive to staff's time, and the green building task force was an option. She also mentioned the idea of wave power, stating that Pacifica was the recipient of energy gathering from across the miles of ocean. She stated that she had heard of projects in other areas to capture that energy, and it could have a dual purpose by also reducing the energy tearing at our coastline. She realized it had to be done in a way that didn't impact the environment.

Councilmember DeJarnatt read a statistic that at peak generation Pacifica generated 80% more solar power than the rest of the county combined.

Mayor Vreeland asked if that was sunny Pacifica.

Councilmember DeJarnatt stated that they discovered that fog was an impediment to solar power generation. He understood that there were more grants coming after the first of the year for solar power development. He was not knowledgeable about this type of power and would appreciate staff providing them information on it, as well as the availability of grants. He agreed that some wind generators can kill lots of birds, but he didn't know if that was the case here. He suggested that they have another meeting after they get more information.

Councilmember Hinton stated that he could testify that overcast days were dangerous. He mentioned that sunburn was a court martial offense when he was in the military and he got a severe sunburn on an overcast day by Lake Michigan. His concern was the effectiveness of wind power, stating that they had a windmill by Clarendon years ago and it proved to be ineffective. He thought modern technology might be different and they can now take advantage of the wind. He thought they should look at it carefully to be sure they have enough wind to operate them. He was in favor of alternative power, and had considered getting a farmer's type windmill himself.

Mayor Vreeland stated that they didn't need a motion, but he heard a clear consensus on this and he and the City Manager would work together with Mr. Howett and others to put something together with more meat on it.

Mayor Vreeland stated that he would follow up with the City Manager, following receipt of materials from Mr. Howett. He thought it would be a broad net, adding that the bird issue would have to be worked out.

Councilmember DeJarnatt thought it wasn't a major issue in this instance, but they would want to be sure.

Mayor pro Tem Lancelle suggested that they acknowledge a couple of members of the Open Space Task Force present, Tom and Chuck. She then thanked them.

Mayor Vreeland thanked them for staying, and had he known, he would have acknowledged them earlier.

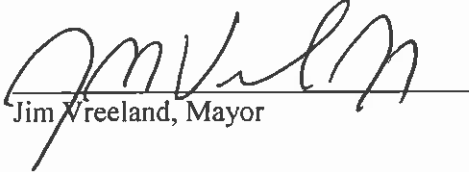
Mayor Vreeland adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m., in memory of Frank Winston who will be sorely missed at Council meetings.

Transcribed by Barbara Medina, Public Meeting Stenographer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy O'Connell, City Clerk

APPROVED: *As Amended;* 5-0 10/13/08



Jim Vreeland, Mayor