Minutes Joint City/District Committee Meeting

June 23, 2021

1. Call to Order:

The Joint City/District Committee was called to order at 5:35 p.m. In attendance were:

- Committee members: MCWD Director Gail Morton, MCWD Director Matt Zefferman, Marina Councilmember Kathy Biala, and Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado
- Staff: Remleh Scherzinger attended for Marina Coast Water District, and Layne Long attended for the City of Marina
- Public: None
- 2. Public Comments on Any Item Not on the Agenda:

There were no public comments made.

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Director Morton nominated Director Zefferman as Chair and Councilmember Biala as Vice Chair. Mayor Delgado seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved by a vote of 4-Ayes (Zefferman, Morton, Delgado, Biala), 0-Noes, and 0-Absent.

4. Approval of April 28, 2021 Minutes:

Director Morton made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2021. Vice Chair Biala seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a vote of 4-Ayes (Zefferman, Morton, Delgado, Biala), 0-Noes, and 0-Absent.

5. Discuss Salinas Avenue Property Use/Non-Use:

Mayor Delgado commented that there have been a lot of volunteers cleaning up the area around Salinas avenue and was wondering what the City and MCWD were doing in the area. Mr. Long asked if volunteers could park near the District Well 11 facility. Mr. Scherzinger said they could park anywhere as long as they didn't block the access roads. Mayor Delgado commented that there are a few fire hydrants on the southeast end of that road, and he has seen homeless people tapping into those hydrants. Mr. Scherzinger answered that no one should be using the fire hydrants and he would have staff check it out.

6. Discuss Hilltop Park:

Mayor Delgado asked if the District has pipes along the dunes on Hilltop Park. Mr. Scherzinger said he didn't think the District had any pipes going through the park, but there were pipes along the sides of the park.

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7. Discuss CPUC Filing by MPWMD:

Mayor Delgado asked where the City stands on this and how is the District and City are affected. Mr. Scherzinger stated that Monterey Peninsula Water Management District filed a letter/complaint and the CPUC has responded to the complaint. He added that both the City and the District are working on responses.

8. Discuss City of Marina's Upcoming CIP Projects for FY 2021-2022:

Mr. Long stated the City is still working on their budget, so the CIP hasn't been finalized yet. He added that they are interested in recycled water and asked if the City should submit a letter of request to MCWD. Mr. Scherzinger affirmed that a letter would be appropriate. Mr. Scherzinger added that MCWD was going to move forward on a section of recycled water pipelines that would convey recycled water to everything south of the equestrian park and the Montage Medical Group. Discussion followed. Mr. Long asked to receive a high-level update of the Urban Water Management Plan at a future meeting. Mayor Delgado suggested keeping each other informed of upcoming work so no one has to redo what was just done.

9. Discuss City of Marina's Planned Development Projects for FY 2021-2022:

Mr. Long stated that the Dunes, Sea Haven, and Marina Station should start construction in the spring.

10. Discuss the April 14th Community Forum/Town Hall Meeting:

Mayor Delgado commented that the Town Hall meeting was pulled together for a class project with a Councilmember's help. He said that there were some emails that were not received well and encouraged both the MCWD Board and the City Councilmembers to work together. Director Morton commented that the Council and MCWD Board need to be careful regarding the Brown Act, especially if the issue needs to come before either agency for action. Chair Zefferman commented that he could see how these forums would be helpful but noted that he would like to see them run by either the City or District. Discussion followed.

11. Receive an Update on the Council Chamber Renovation Timeline:

Mr. Long stated that the upgrade was limited to the video/audio and would take place in the August/September timeframe.

Mayor Delgado left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

12. Receive the Meeting Schedule for 2021:

Vice Chair Biala made a motion to receive the meeting schedule for 2021. Director Morton seconded the motion. The meeting schedule for 2021 was received by a vote of 3-Ayes (Zefferman, Morton, Biala), 0-Noes, and 1-Absent (Delgado).

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13. Committee Member Comments and Identification of Agenda Items for the Next Committee Meeting:

Vice Chair Biala asked to receive some snippets of Elinor Ostrom's Managing the Commons or Governing the Commons from Chair Zefferman. Director Morton asked for discussion on joint action opportunities. Mr. Long added that he would like a high-level overview of the Urban Water Management Plan. Chair Zefferman stated that the members could email Ms. Riso with any other requests.

14. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.