

Minutes
Joint City/District Committee Meeting

April 25, 2012

1. Call to Order:

The Joint City/District Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Brown. In attendance were:

- Committee members: MCWD Director Howard Gustafson, MCWD Director Jan Shriner – arrived at 5:25 pm, Councilmember David Brown, and Councilmember Jim Ford.
- General Manager Jim Heitzman, and Deputy General Manager Carl Niizawa attended for Marina Coast Water District.
- Interim City Manager Doug Yount attended for the City of Marina and arrived at 5:03 p.m.
- Mr. Dan Amadeo was a public attendee.

2. Public Comments on Any Item Not on the Agenda:

No comments.

3. Approve the Draft Minutes of January 25, 2012 and the Draft Minutes of February 29, 2012:

Vice Chair Gustafson made a motion to approve the January 25, 2012 minutes. Chair Brown seconded the motion. The motion was passed with Councilmember Ford abstaining. Vice Chair Gustafson made a motion to approve the February 29, 2012 minutes. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote of those present.

4. The Joint Committee May Discuss the Following Items of Mutual Interest to the City and District:

a. Regional Desal

Mr. Heitzman reported that the District still believes that the Project contracts are valid. He stated that the District has filed a Writ on the Ag Land Lawsuit to reverse the Judge's decision. Chair Brown asked if Mr. Heitzman would forward a copy of the Writ to the Joint City District members for review. Mr. Heitzman answered that he would send the Writ to Mr. Yount and he could forward it to Council members Brown and Ford.

b. MRWPCA Funding for Groundwater Replenishment:

Mr. Heitzman stated that MRWPCA is funding the Groundwater Replenishment Project and that MCWD sent a letter to the MRWPCA out of concern that ratepayers from Marina, Salinas, Boronda, Moss Landing, and Castroville shouldn't be funding this Project as they receive no benefit from it. Discussion followed.

c. City of Marina Teen Center:

Mr. Heitzman commented that the Teen Center issue is close to being resolved. Mr. Heitzman stated that maybe the City and District can get staff together to finish the last details and get the issue resolved.

d. Possible Annexation of Fort Ord Lands by MCWD

Mr. Heitzman commented that the process was still moving forward and that the next step was to go before the Board. Mr. Amadeo asked if the National Monument status of the Ord Lands will affect the annexation. Mr. Heitzman answered that there was a chance it could affect the annexation.

e. Ongoing Projects between the City of Marina and MCWD:

Mr. Yount asked if the District was still interested in the 5th Street pump station site. Mr. Heitzman answered that the District was still interested in the site. Mr. Yount asked what the District's Plan B was in the wake of the Regional Desalination Plant's problems. Mr. Heitzman answered that the District's plans were still the same and continuing on with the RUWAP to provide water to the Ord Community was still a plan. He added that obtaining the easements has been difficult and there were more to obtain from several entities.

Director Shriner arrived at 5:25 p.m.

There was discussion on water quality at Locke Paddon Park.

5. Committee Member Comments and Identify Agenda Items for the Next Committee Meeting:

Director Shriner suggested a discussion be held regarding monthly meeting schedules for the City Council meetings and District Board meetings. She noted that the meetings tend to overlap and suggested looking at moving the District Board meetings to a different day of the week, possibly Friday mornings, to allow local citizens the ability to attend both meetings. Mr. Yount commented that the City Council should be back to its twice monthly (first and third Tuesday's) council meetings with the exception of June when the budget would be discussed. Director Shriner asked Mr. Yount if the District could use the City's council chambers to hold Board meetings. Mr. Yount said that it would be up to the District Board to decide if they wanted to hold their meetings there and the availability of the council chambers.

Director Shriner stated that she had comments for item 4-e and asked to return to that item. Chair Brown returned to item 4-e to allow Director Shriner to make her comments.

4-e. Ongoing Projects between the City of Marina and MCWD:

Director Shriner commented that an ongoing problem for the City and District that needs to be addressed is violent language. Mr. Heitzman stated that this was not an agenda item. Chair Brown permitted Director Shriner to continue with her comments. She referred to an email she received where she was referenced as a Water District Director and the threats it contained. Director Shriner commented that the District Board had recently looked at the District's policy regarding workplace violence and suggested that the City Council review the City's violence policy. Chair Brown commented that the email Director Shriner was referencing was written by a private citizen and it did not have any direct relation with the City. Director Shriner commented that the City has a duty to protect not only their employees, but their volunteers as well as their residents. Mr. Yount stated that if there was anything reported it would go immediately to the police and it would be investigated. He added that the City has harassment and workplace safety and violence policies and training is required for all employees, electeds and appointed officials through AB 1234 every two years. Mr. Yount answered that the education, the prevention and response are all addressed and the City is doing a great job relative to workplace violence and harassment.

Director Shriner stated that shortly after the threatening email was received, there were reports of blood on the street outside her home. She said that although she has contacted the police, she has been unable to get a response regarding the investigation. Mr. Yount said that he understands the investigation is continuing and did not see the connection between the blood and the threatening email. Director Shriner asked to see a copy of the police report. Councilmember Ford said that she could get it through the Freedom of Information Act. Director Shriner stated that she has inquired several times and has not received a response.

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Mr. Yount asked to discuss the service to Marina High School and an Infrastructure Agreement between the Water District and the Monterey School District.

Chair Brown suggested discussing the possible land sale between the City and District.

6. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.