

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA**

**July 14, 2009**

**A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates was called to order this day at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Perkins.**

**ROLL CALL: Councilmembers Bird, Rea, Goodhart, Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey,  
Mayor Perkins**

**ABSENT: None**

**CLOSED SESSION:** Council recessed to Closed Session at 6:33 p.m.

- **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Negotiators: Joe Hoefgen, Judy Smith, Alexa Davis, Scott Tiedemann  
Employee Organizations: Public Service Employees Association and Palos Verdes Estates  
Police Officers' Association

**RECONVENE:** Council reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

**ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Hoefgen, City Attorney Pannone, Assistant City  
Manager Smith, Police Chief Dreiling, Public Works Director Rigg,  
Administrative Analyst Davis, Minutes Secretary Monson**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MAYOR'S REPORT – Matters of Community Interest**

Mayor Perkins reported on the City Council and City Manager retreat held on June 30<sup>th</sup> with facilitator Jan Perkins. She said the main topics were Planning, Building, and communication. They also discussed the Council's Operating Guidelines and further clarified the different roles of the Homes Association and Planning Commission in the Building/Planning process. Emerging issues discussed were the implementation of the Disaster District Plan, energy and water conservation, and a few other issues.

Mayor Perkins reminded residents that the next Mayor's Forum will be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Council chambers with the Mayor, Councilmember Goodhart, and City Manager Hoefgen.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Councilmember Goodhart, seconded by Councilmember Bird and unanimously approved that the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

- MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2009
- ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R09-21; APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Community Services Representative Laura Walters from Los Angeles County Fire delivered calendars from the County Forestry Division along with wallet cards for shopping for fire resistant plants. She also had copies of the Ready, Set, Go pamphlet which encourages residents to prepare themselves and their homes in advance for the possibility of evacuation.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES 09-690 AND 09-691; ORDINANCES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTIONS 18.36.047 AD 17.04.110 TO PALOS VERDES ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO AFTER-THE-FACT APPLICATIONS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILITY AND LAND USE ENTITLEMENTS**

Mayor Perkins asked if proper notice was given. Assistant City Manager Smith responded that it had been.

Director Rigg reported that the Council and Planning Commission have expressed frustration with after-the-fact approvals and that there are no significant measures that can be levied upon the applicants in these situations. Currently, the findings for an after-the-fact application are the same as for a project that has not yet been built which leaves limited room for consequences. Project denial and three times the amount permit fees have done little to deter some project owners. The person carrying out such work can be found guilty of a misdemeanor, but the City has not traditionally cited owners. This issue was discussed at the Joint Dinner meeting in January. After months of discussion it was decided to create a different set of findings to review after-the-fact applications. Ordinance 09-690 pertains to after-the-fact approvals for Neighborhood Compatibility Applications and Ordinance 09-691 pertains to after-the-fact approvals for all land use entitlements. Both ordinances include the option to delay work or occupancy for up to six months. The Planning Commission reviewed and approved both ordinances at the June 16, 2009 meeting.

Councilmember Rea asked about the Planning Commission and City Council having to find that the non-compliant work would have been approved had approval been sought before commencement of the work. He wondered how the proposed process would work as part of a Neighborhood Compatibility application. Director Rigg said it should be looked at as if the project had not been built – the findings would be the same findings.

Councilmember Rea made clear that the proposed ordinances give the Commission and the Council discretion as to the length of the suspensions cited and any work on the project could be suspended for up to six months. After the suspension, an additional six months may be imposed where the property could not be occupied. Director Rigg agreed.

Councilmember Rea also clarified that approval of any after-the-fact work would not be effective until the property owner reported the non-compliant professional to the appropriate State agency. He wondered who would make the determination that the professional should have known of the non-compliant work. He believes that it should be the Planning Commission or the City Council who makes the determination. Director Rigg agreed that the language should clarify that it is the Commission and/or the Council who makes that determination.

Councilmember Rea wondered if the City must establish a nexus as to what can be viewed as a penalty and the violation. Attorney Pannone responded that the proposed ordinance establishes that parameter, but there are exceptions where the Council could determine why the penalty should not apply shown in the subsections of the ordinance.

Mayor Perkins said the language shows the maximum penalty as six months – she asked what the minimum would be. Attorney Pannone responded it would be one day.

Mayor Perkins opened and then closed the public hearing seeing no one wishing to speak to the matter.

Councilmember Rea suggested the language in paragraph C3 in both ordinances be modified to read “If the Planning Commission or City Council, as the case may be, determines that the architect, contractor or any other professional responsible for the On-going Work (“Participating Professional”) knew or should have known the Non-Compliant Work was occurring, then the approval (if the subject application is approved) shall not be effective until the property owner has shown satisfactory proof to the director the owner has sent a letter to the licensing body of that Participating Professional, if one exists, informing and complaining to that body of the unprofessional conduct of that participating Professional.”

Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey said the City has rules and regulations for the process and she is tired of people attempting to sneak something through that has not been approved – it is highly inappropriate.

Councilmember Goodhart felt the ordinance language was a little complex to be effective. He believes that projects should be stopped if non-compliant, and then the City can figure out what should be approved or not approved and then allow the project to continue. The neighbors suffer if the project is stopped and incomplete. The certificate of occupancy should be withheld as the penalty to the homeowner.

Attorney Pannone said the City does stop projects if found non-compliant and Councilmember Goodhart’s concern is why the language was added in the subsections that gives the discretion to the Planning Commission or City Council to decide if work is allowed to continue on the project.

Director Rigg said it has been the non-approved work such as excavating under a home, which is not apparent to the neighbors, which has been the problem. In these cases stopping the work for six months and then another six months of non-occupancy would be a huge inconvenience to the owners.

Councilmember Goodhart wondered what the City can do if the illegal work is discovered after the residents have moved into the house. Director Rigg said this type of work is usually reported by the neighbors or the Building Inspectors during the active construction phase and would not be reported by the owners themselves.

Councilmember Bird said the current law on the books allows the City to charge violators with a misdemeanor – he asked if anyone had ever been charged. Director Rigg replied the City has not charged anyone as the City tries not to criminalize the act of construction. The City usually tries to get the situation fixed as quickly as possible and it is his understanding that it is hard to prosecute these types of cases.

Councilmember Bird was also concerned with suspending projects and the effect it would have on neighbors. He believes that the advantage of the proposed ordinances is that it allows the City to go to court.

Mayor Perkins believes the ordinances give the Commission and the Council flexibility to deal with these types of situations. She finds the flagrant disregard for the City's processes appalling. The challenge will be to make sure the ordinance is communicated to everyone starting a project. Councilmember Bird suggested giving a copy of the ordinance with the permit. Mayor Perkins said the information can be published in the City newsletter.

City Manager Hoefgen said the common link between these projects and the Planning Commission and the City Council review is the City staff. Staff will keep this in mind in terms of how penalties will apply and not to be detrimental to the community.

Councilmember Rea moved, it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey, and unanimously approved to introduce Ordinances 09-690 and 09-691, adding Sections 18.36.047 and 17.04.110 to the Palos Verdes Estates Municipal Code relating to After-the-Fact applications for Neighborhood Compatibility and land use entitlements, as modified.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **STATUS REPORT ON PALOS VERDES STABLE CONCESSION AGREEMENT AND STABLE LIAISONS REPORT (MAYOR PERKINS AND MAYOR PRO TEM HUMPHREY)**

City Manager Hoefgen said the Stable concession management company is HGS Management Company, LLC comprised of Erin Isom-McLewee and David McLewee who have operated as the concessionaire of the Stables since March 1, 2009. The report is a status report on the first four months of operation by HGS Management. Manager Hoefgen highlighted a number of the requirements of the Concession Agreement:

- The minimum number of horses to be boarded is 52 and the maximum is 87 – currently there are 63 boarded -- 41% of the horses are owned by PVE residents, previously it was 35% (residents pay a reduced fee)
- It is required that there are both group and private lessons offered in both English and Western styles of riding which should accommodate all skill levels. HGS has agreements with three trainers and are in the process of obtaining an advanced level Western trainer (within 60 days).
- Summer camps - there are over 100 children signed up for the summer camps starting June 15 through August 21
- A representative must be on property at all times. HGS has a night manager in place.
- There is a 15% cap for the HGS usage of rings which is approximately 178 hours per month. HGS is using approximately 42 hours per month.
- There must be a ring management plan. HGS is in the process of retaining another trainer and plans to have the ring management plan in place within 60 days.
- The Stable Committee is currently being formed. Ballot letters have been mailed to boarders and the committee should be in place by the end of July.
- The boarding wait list has been updated and is posted at the Stable
- HGS has expended a considerable amount of money in the maintenance of the facility to date
- All boarders at the Stable have a boarding agreement in place
- HGS is complying with the 5% concession fee due to the City
- All required insurance documents, letters of credit, and trainer agreements are on file with the City

City Manager Hoefgen believes HGS is currently in compliance with the Concession Agreement. He also discussed the current finances of HGS Management which is running in a net positive situation with revenues exceeding expenditures. He mentioned that the boarding availability will be published in a future City newsletter.

Councilmember Rea commented that for the last few years the Stables have been shown in the City books as running at a loss or as a liability. Assistant City Manager Smith responded that the prior concessionaire took over the Stables from the City at an operating loss and a net deficit. During that concession agreement the operating deficit was eliminated. The investments in the assets for the Stables are now part of the City's total fixed assets.

Mayor Perkins clarified that the City formulated the calculations for the ring time usage.

Holly Huster [area resident] has been around the PV Stables for 20 years. She believes that over the last few years the programs were diminishing and it is nice to see the new programs and kids returning to the Stables. It is nice to see the money being put into the Stables.

Donna Naylor, [area resident], trainer at the Stables for over 25 years, has seen many transitions. This transition she has been treated very fairly and is very pleased.

Sanjo Bialosky, [area resident], commented that at the Stable Liaison meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> she felt the City Manager was overly supportive of the new concessionaires, the meeting was skewed in favor of the HGS Management, and the Council Liaisons were insensitive to the residents and those in

attendance with Callie Bell. She would like to know why Callie was forced to leave within 15 days. She would like the whole matter investigated and Callie Bell reinstated as the Western trainer.

Bill MacLeod, [area resident], said his daughter has been with four different stables and is now with PV Stables where she is thriving under the instruction of Erin Isom-McLewee.

Nicki MacLeod, [area resident], has been riding with Erin Isom-McLewee for three years and as a result is now competing on the varsity equestrian team for PVHS.

Kaitlin Huben, [city resident], said the lawsuit brought against HGS for breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, fraud, and negligent misrepresentation (tape ended) is concerning since it is regarding how HGS runs their business. Callie Bell being evicted had a ripple effect – she had to move also.

Kathy Huben, [city resident], wanted to address what she felt were inaccuracies in the Staff Report. The report states that Alden (Giacopuzzi) is an English and Western riding instructor, but Alden has only been teaching English riding. She feels that the McLewees were in violation of the Concession Agreement when they evicted the only Western trainer. Also, she felt the ring time calculations in the report were ludicrous. She felt the ring availability should have been calculated based on a single ring instead of all three rings. She felt the City would be subsidizing a private training business if the faulty calculations were accepted. She also felt the failure of the McLewees to disclose a pending lawsuit deprived the Council from making a fully informed decision to award the concession. She said an option would be to re-open the bidding for the Stable management.

Laurie Wallace, [area resident], said her daughter has taken lessons from Alden Giacopuzzi for five years. They are very comfortable at the PV Stables and she is impressed with the McLewees openness and honesty and the transparency of the financial reporting. She has no problem with management or staff at the Stables. It is nice to see all ages riding at the Stables.

Nicole Lean, has been a PVE resident most of her life. She has been a member of many area stables and is now at the PV Stables. She said the McLewees have been welcoming and she is so happy to be at the PV Stables. The improvements at the Stables including the ring footing are nice to see. The barn is immaculate and beautiful.

Lisa Vidov, [area resident], is a riding instructor at Martin Performance Horses in Rolling Hills. They have been approached by Erin McLewee to see if they would like to expand their business and start Western riding lessons at PV Stables.

James Giacopuzzi, [area resident], has been around many stables over the last 26 years as a veterinarian. His wife is Alden Giacopuzzi and he does shoeing and vet work for her. When he is at the stables he hears from ladies taking lessons that the atmosphere at the Stables has changed for the better.

Alden Giacopuzzi, [area resident], has been teaching for 25 years and recently moved to PV Stables. She has never been treated as well as she has at this facility. She thinks the McLewees are honest and fair in their dealings. She said with regard to the lawsuit, that anyone can make allegations and file a lawsuit.

Councilmember Goodhart asked what type of training Ms. Giacobuzzi teaches. She said she teaches English style and when someone first learns how to ride the basics of Western and English are very similar.

Wendy Anderson, [city resident], is a current boarder at PV Stables and has been for four years. She has been around the PV Stables since she was five years old. She is thrilled with the new concessionaires. She had some difficulties with the previous concessionaire with getting questions answered and conflicts resolved. She is happy that there is now an emergency plan in place and there are more kids at the barn. She believes that 90% of the boarders are thrilled with the new management. She also wanted to say that the weed abatement that took place on the Valmonte trail is fabulous.

Lori Carlson, [city resident], is a happy member of PV Stables. They are the nicest stables she has ever been in. She feels that what HGS Management has accomplished since March 1<sup>st</sup> is phenomenal in terms of increased safety, better footing, and the barn is immaculate. She said the negative comments made at the Liaison meeting were draining to many people. She is sorry that an agreement with Callie Bell could not be reached.

Anna Jean Berman, [city resident], had her horse boarded at the PV Stables which is down the street from her house. She had to move her horse to where her trainer moved and now her sanctuary is gone. She said it was great to see children at the Stables during the camp sessions, but a small child kept trying to get into her horse's stall.

Liz Youngling, [city resident], is a new resident to PVE and is very happy to find PV Stables. She never saw the old management around the Stables – now with the new management the Stables are a happier place. There are great opportunities with horse shows and new footing in the rings.

Val Cole, [area resident], said she purchased a horse and put herself on the old waiting list at the Stables and was never called. Ms. Cole said she had met Erin on the trails around PV and Erin was so helpful to her when she was first learning how to ride. She is now boarded at the Stables and she loves the environment.

David McLewee, [city resident], said it is disconcerting when you try to make a place better and some people do not like it and they try to disparage your character. He has spent a lot of time speaking to the City Manager to make sure they comply with everything that needs to be complied with. They have gone the extra mile to make things work at the Stable. When they first looked at the finances of the Stable in order to put together a business plan the Stables were showing a monthly loss of \$1,000 – he felt this was incorrect. A number of items weren't shown such as manure removal costs which are \$2,700 per month, no costs shown for insurances required, and no costs shown for rent. In reality the monthly loss was \$7,000 per month. He said the lawsuit being referred to was basically settled before they signed the Concession Agreement. He offered to discuss the lawsuit privately with the Council. He believes they have done an excellent job at the Stables and are trying to increase revenues and bring more children from the community to the Stable. They have started to show a profit.

Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey said she is a Western rider and had a horse at the Stables years ago. She has been on the Council for a long time and been the Stable Liaison many times. The City Council has felt it important to keep the Stables as part of the City and have used City funds to keep the Stables

open in the past. The city was fortunate to receive a concession proposal from the Gaudentis who took over the stable management. Mr. Gaudenti also had a landscape business and he never charged for manure removal since he used it for his landscape business. She felt Mr. Gaudenti kept running the Stables at a loss as a favor to his wife and to the City. The Gaudentis improved the Stables when they took over and now the McLewees are improving upon that. She felt the Liaison meeting went great with many comments and great ideas from boarders and residents. With regards to the wait list, the list will be posted at all times even if there is no one on the list. She is hopeful that an advanced Western trainer can be put in place within the next 60 days. She is happy to see that there are kids coming back to the Stables. She liked that Erin is on-site a lot of the time for management. The City is looking carefully at the ring usage. The dispute resolution procedure will be put on the Stables website. The concessionaire has now changed their original premium hay charge to a differential fee not a straight fee. She hopes the Stables can now run 'in the black.' The Stables will be audited as part of the City audit. She agreed with a statement the Mayor had made saying the Council members are advocates for the Stables not necessarily for the concessionaire. This is a settling in period and she hoped the Stables will be successful for residents and the non-residents that use the Stables.

Mayor Perkins said the City wanted to look at the requirements of the Concession Agreement and see how things have been progressing after four months with the new concessionaire, especially with the concerns that have been raised. The Liaisons are very pleased with the progress that has been made. There are a couple of gaps such as not having advanced Western training, not having a management plan for the ring time in place, and not having the Stable Committee in place which are all being addressed. The Liaisons have seen a commitment by the concessionaire to work on those things and expect to see these items in place within 60 days. The McLewees have complied fully with so many of the requirements in the agreement. She recognizes that the Council will need to see an updated budget as they too were amazed at the gaps in the previous concessionaire's budget. She thanked the McLewees for their efforts and the progress made at the Stables.

Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey asked the City Manager to address the Stable Committee issue. City Manager Hoefgen said a letter has been sent to all boarders asking them to volunteer to be selected to serve on the Stables Committee. The deadline was July 10<sup>th</sup> and a number of non-residents and one resident submitted their names to be put on the ballot. There will be a mailed ballot for the election and the ballots will be opened before the end of July. In addition the concessionaire will select two other boarders to serve on the committee. The Stables Committee will meet on a quarterly basis.

Councilmember Rea asked if the City received monthly financial reports from all the concessionaires. Assistant City Manager Smith responded that was correct. Councilmember Rea asked when the audit is performed. Ms. Smith said she will be consulting the auditors to determine the schedule but thought that the Stable audit would take place in late fall/winter of 2010.

Councilmember Rea said the City would not micro-manage personnel decisions at any of the concessions. He said that three of the Council members are attorneys and he practices law in this particular area of civil law and the aforementioned lawsuit is, unfortunately, routine. The lawsuit did not go to trial and was resolved out of court between the parties. He appreciated all the work put into the Stable by the staff and the two Council Liaisons. He said there are only 19 PVE residents with horses at the Stables and the property is a large piece of land being set aside for their use and there are many people in town that would love to have a dog park. As it stands, he is impressed and pleased with the comments he heard and hopes the concessionaire will be successful.



Councilmember Bird thanked the audience for their comments. He thanked the Liaisons and staff for a thorough presentation. He is pleased to live in a community where there are stables available for residents. He is optimistic about the Stables and pleased with the excellent changes going on. He was not concerned about the lawsuit issue as HGS Management was not the business that was sued. He was happy to hear all the positive comments and feels the Stable are being run well.

Councilmember Goodhart said he knows this item was placed on the agenda due to concerns of some of the boarders. He also thanked the staff and Liaisons for their work. He has previously been a Liaison to the Stables. He said there are specific issues that were brought to the Council's attention. There were questions regarding the award of the contract, a request to re-instate an employee, and then the issue of ring time and potential conflict of interest. He reviewed all of these issues and feels that in every case there is compliance or a process to achieve compliance. With regard to the lawsuit, it was a different company that was involved, HGS Incorporated, and it was dismissed. The City needed someone to run the Stables. He said Mr. Gaudenti ran the Stables at a loss which concerned him. He wants the Stables to be a success both financially and for the benefit of the residents. It is not the Council's responsibility to select the concession employees – the Council does make sure there is a structure in place for the employees to work effectively.

Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey informed the residents, in case they weren't aware, that there a two Council Liaisons assigned to each of the four City concessions. The Liaisons met regularly with the concessionaires to get updates on financials and how the concession is running. The Liaisons report back to the entire Council at a Council meeting. This is how the Council stays informed regarding the concessions.

Mayor Perkins said the Liaison committees generally meet twice per year. The Stable Liaison committee has had additional meetings recently due to the RFP and then to review the proposed Concession Agreement. She anticipates another Stable Liaison meeting later in the year.

It was moved by Councilmember Goodhart, seconded by Councilmember Rea, and unanimously approved to receive and file the report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PW-557-09; AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE FY09-10 OVERLAY PROJECT AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R09-22; ADJUSTING THE FY09-10 BUDGET**

Director Rigg reported that for street maintenance the City operates under the Pavement Management System which was adopted many years ago. The PMS divides the City into seven geographic areas. Every year in each area it is determined which streets need to be overlaid and which need to be slurry sealed. For this year only two streets need overlay with the largest being Granvia Altamira from city limit to city limit and the second street is a portion of Via Mirabel. The City received seven bids for the project. The lowest bid was from All American Asphalt for a cost of \$286,539.50 for the base bid. The City also had seven alternates within the bid. Staff looked at the bottom three bidders to compare the costs of the seven alternates to determine which alternates were a good value and to determine which were most important to the City. Staff recommends adding alternates #2 through #7 to the base

bid which would require a budget adjustment. The budget has a place holder each year in the amount of \$275,000 for overlay and \$275,000 for slurry. This year the slurry seal came in under budget so the City can transfer \$75,000 and then obtain an additional \$59,000 from the Unobligated Capital Fund balance.

There was a discussion regarding tree roots and the large amount of asphalt that is disturbed when removing the roots.

Councilmember Rea asked what the issue was with Alternative #1. Director Rigg said the bids were high and with the budget situation staff tried to focus on spending dollars wisely.

Councilmember Goodhart said the contract amount is about \$60,000 over what was budgeted and the alternates add up to about that amount. Director Rigg said when the PMS was created staff were looking at the cost of maintenance over a 10-year period and thought it best to have a placeholder amount of \$550,000 and adjust the budget up or down each year depending on the need.

There was discussion regarding Alternate 1 and 7 – cost versus need, the increased cost if the projects were completed next year, and the service to residents. Director Rigg said the bids are good for 90 days and the item could be tabled until the next meeting so the Council could look at the streets and make a better decision.

Mayor Perkins tabled the item with the concurrence of the Council.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

**City Manager's Report - none**

## **DEMANDS**

It was moved by Councilmember Rea and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey that the demands, as approved by a majority of the City Council, totaling \$308,894.43 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.

It was moved by Councilmember Rea and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey that the demands, as approved by a majority of the City Council, totaling \$254,268.36 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.

It was moved by Councilmember Rea and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey that the demands, as approved by a majority of the City Council No. 515634V, 515682 to 515769 totaling \$61,426.30 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.

It was moved by Councilmember Rea and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey that the demands, as approved by a majority of the City Council No. 515770 to 515801 totaling \$124,042.58 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.

## **MAYOR & CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

Councilmember Rea reported that the State of Oregon has been subsidizing local solar panel companies and now a Chinese consortium has announced that they will begin mass manufacturing of solar panels in Eugene and will market the panels at about 25% of the price of the State subsidized panels. He said these inexpensive solar panels may impact how the City will deal with solar panels and our carbon footprint analyses.

Councilmember Goodhart said the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration held this year at Lunada Bay School was terrific and congratulated the community for a fine show.

Councilmember Bird agreed that the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration was great. He also congratulated the Norris Center for Performing Arts on their 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Neighborhood Learning Center. He said the 'The Music Man' production will be at the Norris this coming weekend and 'West Side Story' will be playing in August.

Mayor Perkins said she enjoyed judging the Apple Pie Contest at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration and said it was a great community event.

Mayor Perkins reported that she went on the Sanitation District boat tour where they show how they test for DDT and show how the fish are now thriving again.

On July 19th Mayor Perkins attended the PVP Land Conservancy's dedication of the Portuguese Bend Preserve at Del Cerro Park which is a resource for the entire Peninsula community.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before Council the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m. to Tuesday, July 28th, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MICHÉLE D. MONSON, MINUTES SECRETARY

APPROVED:

ELLEN PERKINS, MAYOR