Adjourned Regular Minutes
City Council/Redevelopment Agency
City of Huntington Beach

Monday, September 26, 2005
6:00 P.M. - Council Chambers
Civic Center, 2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, California 92648

A videotape of the 6:00 p.m. portion of this meeting
is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Call to Order

Mayor Hardy called the adjourned regular meetings of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Huntington Beach to order at 6:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Hardy announced the passing of former Mayor Jack Green on September 24, 2005, dedication of the meeting to his memory, and funeral mass tentatively set for Friday, September 30, 2005 at St. Bonaventure Church.

City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Roll Call

Present: Hansen, Coerper, Sullivan, Hardy, Green, Bohr, Cook
Absent: None

The City Clerk Announced a Late Communication

Pursuant to the Brown (Open Meetings) Act, City Clerk Joan L. Flynn announced a Late Communication regarding an agenda item that had been received by her office following distribution of the agenda packet:

Communication submitted by Penelope Culbreth-Graft titled *Draft Reconnaissance Study for Edinger Avenue Parkway Improvements Between Saybrook Lane and Countess Drive CC 1275.*

The Following Additional Late Communication Was Submitted During the Meeting:

Communication submitted by Michael Freeman, Freedman, Tung & Bottomley, undated, titled *The City of Huntington Beach, Corridor Revitalization: Land Use, Development, and Design Considerations.*

Public Comments

Chuck Scheid voiced his concerns regarding the reconsideration of the budget, stating his disappointment in the Councilmembers who previously stated their intention to not change their votes. He stated his opposition to the Edinger beautification project funding, citing similar projects in the City that he said will require citizens to pay 100% of the improvement. Mr. Scheid suggested removing the funding on the project from the budget.

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Norm "Firecracker" Westwell, affiliated with the Libertarian Party, thanked Council for reconsidering the budget in the name of citizen involvement. He listed areas of the City that do not have curbs and gutters including Warner and Los Patos. Mr. Westwell thanked Councilmember Bohr for bringing the item forward and Councilmember Cook for stating her opinion that a policy for Council to follow is necessary.

Mitsuru Yamada voiced his concerns relative to the Beach Boulevard strategy workshop and changing zoning from commercial to residential. He recommended a Beach Boulevard impact study and a trip generation study, with Caltrans involved. Mr. Yamada also asked for a monetary impact study report as it relates to the Beach Boulevard property owners, and for a delay on zoning the area residential.

Steve Stafford thanked Councilmember Cook for the study session on Beach Boulevard, stating his opinion that Beach Boulevard should be zoned commercial. Mr. Stafford also spoke regarding a lawsuit filed relative to an injury on a wall/fence and concerns with the footing of the wall, stating safety concerns.

Mike Adams, consultant for property owners on Beach Boulevard, asked Councilmembers to take a look at earlier studies done and encouraged them to look at mixed-use complexes. Mr. Adams stated his opinion that intensifying densities and affordable housing would work in this area, and would encourage the use of public transportation.

Tim Geddes spoke regarding previous budget meetings and the amendment make by Council vote to approve the Edinger beautification project. Mr. Geddes asked Council to look to the Finance Board for input on the process for project approval.

(City Council) Beach Boulevard Strategy Workshop Study Session Held – A Presentation was made by an Urban Design and Land Use Consultant on Commercial Corridor Planning and Revitalization Strategies. (120.30)

Planning Director Howard Zelefsky introduced the topic by describing the history of Beach Boulevard studies. He introduced Ellen Greenberg and Michael Freedman, consultants hired by the City.

Ms. Greenberg gave a PowerPoint report titled *The City of Huntington Beach, Corridor Revitalization: Land Use, Development and Design Considerations,* reviewing the reason for the study and the existing conditions. Mr. Freedman resumed the presentation, stating that the trend is for retail to concentrate at major intersections and freeway off-ramps. He suggested concentration of businesses at Town and Neighborhood Centers rather than on a strip corridor, stating that development policies should distinguish between Town Centers, Regional Centers and Neighborhood Centers. He suggested consideration be given to reducing the amount of land intended for commercial development along the corridor.

Mr. Freeman also spoke regarding the maintenance of specialty segments such as auto sales centers, taking advantage of the strong housing market to promote the transformation of the long segments to residential, workplace and lodging, and fostering the emergence of grand boulevards – stressing the importance of design standards and matching the buildings to the roads. Other comments included focusing street improvement resources to match streetscape to street segment uses.

Ms. Greenberg then spoke about corridor mobility in terms of pedestrian and driver access to the different segments, and planning strategies including key participants throughout the process.

Councilmember Cook and Mayor Hardy thanked the consultants for their study.

City Administrator Penny Culbreth-Graft commented on the process, and the connection to the budgeted funds, clarifying that no action is needed on this item tonight unless Council wishes to change the budget.

Councilmember Hansen inquired about sufficiency of the funds budgeted. Director Zelefsky suggested he would return to Council with a memorandum detailing costs associated after speaking with the consultant.

Councilmember Green requested a synopsis of the vision, and at what level Council would participate, also inquiring about the Edinger Corridor. Administrator Culbreth-Graft responded that staff would most likely return with a workshop to explain the design. Director Zelefsky commented on the Edinger Corridor.

Councilmember Cook stated her opinion that a larger area should be considered, with input from the experts. Councilmember Hansen concurred, stating his opinion that the retail scope of the entire City should be analyzed at the same time.

(City Council) Reconsidered the Fiscal 05/06 Budget to Allow Further Discussion Following the Public Hearing that was Conducted and Closed on 9/12/05 – Adopted Resolution No. 2005-64, Authorized Professional Services to be Representative of Services Projected, Authorized Amendment to FY 2005/2006 Budget (320.20)

The City Council considered a communication from the Finance Officer transmitting the following **Statement of Issue:** The City Charter requires adoption of the annual budget by September 30, 2005 for the next fiscal year.

A motion was made by Bohr, second Hardy to:

1. Adopt Resolution Number 2005-64, *A Resolution of the City Council Of The City Of Huntington Beach Adopting A Budget For The City For Fiscal Year 2005/06* as amended; **and**

2. Authorize the *Professional Services Included in FY 2005/06 Budget* to be representative of services projected to be utilized by departments in 2005/06; **and**

3. Authorize the amendment to the FY 2005/06 Budget as discussed at the September 12, 2005 City Council meeting.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hansen, Coerper, Sullivan, Hardy, Green, Bohr
NOES: Cook
ABSENT: None

(City Council) Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan Made a Statement Regarding Councilmember Bohr's Actions Relative to the Budget (120.85)

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Sullivan stated that Councilmember Bohr was unfairly criticized earlier tonight during Public Comments and outlined the earlier steps taken by Councilmember Bohr to introduce his suggested budget amendment.

(City Council) Councilmember Green Commented on the Mayor Pro Tem's Statement and Offered Condolences to Former Mayor Jack Green's Family (120.85)

Councilmember Cathy Green concurred with Mayor Pro Tem Sullivan's statement and offered condolences to former Mayor Jack Green's family.

Adjournment – City Council/Redevelopment Agency

Mayor Hardy adjourned the adjourned regular meetings of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Huntington Beach at 7:47 p.m. to Friday, September 30, 2005, at 1:30 p.m., at Central Library Room "C", 7111 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach.

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City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach and Clerk of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Huntington Beach, California

ATTEST:

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City Clerk-Clerk

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Mayor-Chair