

Draft Minutes  
Joint City/District Committee Meeting

August 1, 2012

1. Call to Order:

The Joint City/District Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Brown. In attendance were:

- Committee members: MCWD Director Howard Gustafson, MCWD Director Jan Shriner, Councilmember David Brown, and Councilmember Jim Ford.
- General Manager Jim Heitzman, Deputy General Manager Carl Niizawa, and Paula Riso attended for Marina Coast Water District.
- Mr. Yount attended for City of Marina.

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

No comments.

3. Approve the Draft Minutes of May 30, 2012 and June 27, 2012:

Director Shriner asked to strike a sentence from page 3 of the May 30, 2012 minutes. The sentence was in line 6 and read “Mr. Heitzman answered affirmatively.” There was no objection from the Commission members.

Director Shriner made a motion to approve the draft May 30, 2012 minutes as revised. Director Gustafson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a vote of 3-Ayes, 0-Nos, and 1-Abstention (Ford).

Director Gustafson made a motion to approve the draft June 27, 2012 minutes. Chair Brown seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with a vote of 3-Ayes, 0-Nos, and 1-Abstention (Shriner).

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

a. City of Marina Teen Center:

Mr. Niizawa informed the Committee that District staff has found a solution which would both allow the installation of the District required irrigation connection and be accomplished for less than the planned improvements. City staff initially agreed to support the modification if the cost was equal or less than the last estimate. He said that the contractor was given a diminished scope of services but they came back with a higher estimate. Mr. Niizawa concluded that when District staff requested the City staff to talk to the contractor about their higher estimate, City staff responded that they could not support the scope change and that they will need to go back to City Council to get the change in work scope approved. Mr. Yount said he would follow up on the issue. Director Shriner asked if the City ever applied for a variance to the District Code. Director Shriner was told the City never applied for a variance.

b. Possibility of MCWD Board Meetings to be Held at City Council Chambers:

Director Shriner commented that she also wanted to discuss changing the MCWD Board meetings from Tuesday to another day of the week so as not to interfere with the City of Marina Council meetings but was not sure if they could discuss it as it was not mentioned in the agenda title. Chair Brown suggested the District Board discuss if they want to move the meetings first before bringing it to this forum. Director Gustafson stated that the District Board had already discussed moving the meetings and there was an affirmative no. Director Shriner asked for a copy of the minutes where it was discussed. Mr. Heitzman stated that the minutes are all available online. Director Shriner said she would look into it and if it had not been discussed recently, she would have it brought back to the District Board. Chair Brown commented that it could be an obstacle to move the meeting date because of other agency meeting schedules. Director Shriner stated that it would be advantageous to bring the schedules of other agencies.

Chair Brown asked that this item be brought back to the next meeting. Director Shriner asked the title to be expanded to include discussion of meeting dates. Councilmember Ford stated that he felt this should be brought to the District Board prior to discussing it at this Committee.

c. Run-off of Storm Water and Trash into Detention Basin at the Imjin Office Park:

Mr. Heitzman commented that the City owned property has not been properly taken care of and as a result, storm water and trash are flowing into the detention basin at the Imjin Office Park (IOP). He said that the IOP Owners Association, of which the District is a member, has asked that the District talk to the City and work with them to solve the problem. Mr. Heitzman said that he and Mr. Yount would get together and discuss this issue.

d. Budget at FORA:

Mr. Heitzman explained that the FORA Board did not pass the budget at their last meeting. He explained that there were members who cited a 2% pay increase and annexation as reasons for not passing the budget. Mr. Heitzman handed out a letter received from LAFCO regarding annexation and said that before the Ord Community could be annexed, LAFCO is requiring a Municipal Services Review. He stated that by not passing the budget, there could be serious consequences where the District may not be able to fix any issues that arise in the Ord Community. Mr. Heitzman said that it is hard for the District to serve the community when they can't get the budget approved. He added that last year the FORA Board had the District's budget reviewed by an independent auditor who verified that the budget was totally appropriate. Chair Brown commented that there were other concerns over the budget, one being the fact that Preston Park customers are paying for future infrastructure that isn't being utilized. Mr. Heitzman reminded Chair Brown that during his tenure on the District Board, a bond was passed in order to complete infrastructure improvements for current and future customers.

Agenda Item 4-d (continued):

Mr. Heitzman said that water districts must try to stay ahead of the curve even if that sometimes means things get built at the request of a City or developer before they are actually needed.

Director Shriner commented that CSUMB was concerned over the increased cost and the \$7 million that was spent on the Regional Project. Mr. Heitzman stated that the District met with CSUMB to discuss the budget and they were very understanding of the budget increases but at the same time said they have to protest any increases made by anyone at this time.

Mr. Yount commented that the budget will be for information purposes only at the August 10<sup>th</sup> FORA Board meeting. He suggested that maybe it should be requested to have it as an action item on the agenda.

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

Director Shriner asked for an agenda item on written procedures of how to put things on the agenda.

6. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.