CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Dana Point, California, was called to order by Mayor Anderson at 5:04 p.m. in the Dana Point City Council Chamber, 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Lara Anderson, Mayor

Diane L. Harkey, Council Member (arrived at 5:06 p.m.)

James V. Lacy, Council Member Wayne Rayfield, Council Member

ABSENT: Russell Chilton, Mayor Pro Tem

STAFF PRESENT: Douglas Chotkevys, City Manager; Patrick Muñoz, City Attorney; Sharie Apodaca, Director of Administrative Services; Andy Glass, Accounting Manager; Elizabeth Ehring, City Clerk; Cathy Catlett, Assistant City Clerk; Kyle Butterwick, Director of Community Development; John Tilton, City Architect/Planning Manager; Brad Fowler, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; Matt Sinacori, City Engineer; Mark Billings, Chief of Police; Kathy Ward, Executive Secretary; Jennifer Anderson, Management Analyst.

CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Muñoz indicated there was a need for a Closed Session as follows:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, Government Code § 54956.9 (b1), (3 cases)
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL INITIATION OF LITIGATION, Government Code § 54956.9 (c), (1 case)
- C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, Government Code § 54956.8 (1 case)

Property: Lantern Bay Park

Agency Negotiator: Douglas Chotkevys, City Manager

Patrick Muñoz, City Attorney

Negotiating Parties: City of Dana Point and County of Orange (Thomas G.

Mauk, C.E.O.)

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of agreement relating to property

Mayor Anderson recessed the meeting into a Closed Session at 5:05 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54956 et. seq.

RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Anderson reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present, with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem Chilton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Rayfield.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Pastor Ty Guy, South Shores Church.

INTRODUCTION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Since the posting of the agenda, it has been brought to the attention of the City Attorney that the City has received a request to agree to a continuance for the deadline to file the appellant briefs in the Traphagen and Weitzman appeal cases, to which the City agreed. However, the Headlands Reserve and Makar did not agree to that. City Attorney Muñoz indicated that if the City Council would like to direct staff to send a letter to that effect, the deadline for the letter to have any effective meaning is now. There is a need to take action immediately, and the recommendation is to add an item for Council discussion and take action tonight.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAYFIELD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LACY, TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTING STAFF TO SEND A LETTER TO HEADLANDS RESERVE AND MAKAR REGARDING THE TRAPHAGEN AND WEITZMAN APPEAL CASES TO THE AGENDA DUE TO THE REASONS EXPRESSED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Harkey, Lacy, Rayfield

and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Chilton

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Dana Point Special Enforcement Team Commendation

Chief of Police Services Billings provided information regarding a murder which recently occurred in a neighboring city and the Dana Point Sheriff's Officers that responded to the call. Deputies John Good and Merl Mireles

and Sergeant Jim Greenwood's training, work ethic and tremendous attention to detail resulted in the arrest of the suspect. Mayor Anderson introduced Orange County Sheriff's Deputies John Good and Merl Mireles and Sergeant Jim Greenwood, and presented them with Certificates of Recognition recognizing their accomplishment and dedicated service.

Business of the Month

Director of Administrative Services Apodaca gave a PowerPoint presentation of Carlos Mexican Restaurant. Mayor Anderson introduced owners Carlos Lamas; Mercedes Winvick, her husband Neal and children Randy and Benjamin; and Carlos Lamas Jr. and his children Christopher and Tiffany, and presented them with a Certificate of Recognition.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Anderson removed Item 10 from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Harkey registered an abstention on Item 3 due to absence and stated she would recuse herself from discussion on Item 10.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAYFIELD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LACY, THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS BE ACCEPTED FOR ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 10 AND WITH COUNCIL MEMBER HARKEY REGISTERING AN ABSTENTION ON ITEM 3.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Harkey, Lacy, Rayfield

and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Chilton

1. WAIVE THE READING OF ORDINANCES AND APPROVE READING BY TITLE ONLY

APPROVED THE READING BY TITLE ONLY OF ALL ORDINANCES ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND THAT FURTHER READING OF SUCH ORDINANCES BE WAIVED.

2. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 30, 2005

RECEIVED AND FILED.

3. REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 14, 2005

Council Member Harkey registered an abstention on this item.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

4. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES, MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2005

RECEIVED AND FILED.

5. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING ACTIONS, MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2005

RECEIVED AND FILED.

6. MEETING CALENDAR / COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

RECEIVED AND FILED.

7. CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

RECEIVED AND FILED THE CLAIMS AND DEMANDS.

8. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT, NOVEMBER 2005

RECEIVED AND FILED THE CITY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2005.

9. AMENDMENT TO SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SDP99-61(II) TO ALLOW AN ENTRY GATE AT THE BAL HARBOUR COMMUNITY [STRATEGIC PLAN: EVALUATE LAND USE ISSUES TO ENSURE THAT THE GOALS, POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE GENERAL PLAN REFLECT THE COMMUNITY'S VISION AND MISSION]

ADOPTED **RESOLUTION NO. 06-01-11-01**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO AMEND SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SDP99-61(II) TO ALLOW AN ENTRY GATE AT THE BAL HARBOUR COMMUNITY.

10. APPROVE VARIANCE V05-05 TO ALLOW AN ADDITION AND A PITCHED ROOF ELEMENT TO AN EXISTING DUPLEX THAT WOULD EXCEED THE REGULATIONS FOR BUILDING HEIGHT AT 33935 MALAGA DRIVE [STRATEGIC PLAN: EVALUATE LAND USE ISSUES TO ENSURE THAT THE GOALS, POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE GENERAL PLAN REFLECT THE COMMUNITY'S VISION AND MISSION]

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Anderson.

Council Member Harkey recused herself from discussion of this item and left the Council Chamber.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAYFIELD, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LACY, TO ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-01-11-02**, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, TO OVERTURN THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO DENY VARIANCE V05-05 TO ALLOW THE ADDITIONAL SQUARE FOOTAGE AND A PITCHED ROOF ELEMENT TO AN EXISTING DUPLEX RESIDENCE THAT WOULD EXCEED THE REGULATIONS FOR BUILDING HEIGHT AT 33935 MALAGA DRIVE.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lacy and Rayfield

NOES: Mayor Anderson

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Chilton ABSTAIN: Council Member Harkey

Council Member Harkey returned to the Council Chamber upon completion of this item.

11. CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES [STRATEGIC PLAN: ACHIEVE TOTAL EXCELLENCE IN MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND CITY ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING WITH EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS]

REVIEWED THE LIST OF CITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEAR 2006, AND RETAINED THE CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE FOLLOWING FOUR COMMITTEES THAT REQUIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CURRENT MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE: 1) LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE; 2) CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE; 3) RITZ-CARLTON COMMUNITY EVENTS MEETING; AND 4) SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS (SOCAM).

12. SELF EVALUATION PER SECTION 35.105 AND 35.106 OF TITLE 28 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT AND ACCESS, REGARDLESS OF DISABILITIES [STRATEGIC PLAN: MAINTAIN, MODERNIZE AND BEAUTIFY THE CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND NEIGHBORHOODS]

DIRECTED STAFF TO CONDUCT A 30 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT'S SELF EVALUATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 35.105(B) AND SECTION 35.106 OF TITLE 28 OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

13. CHARITABLE GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION [STRATEGIC PLAN: ACHIEVE TOTAL EXCELLENCE IN MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND CITY ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING WITH EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COSTEFFECTIVENESS]

APPROVED A REQUEST BY DANA POINT/CAPISTRANO BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR CHARITABLE GRANT FUNDING.

ORAL REPORTS

There were no Oral Reports.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Anderson opened the meeting for public comments.

Norm Jackes, Dana Point, expressed appreciation for the City Council's decision to reexamine some of the variance decisions which many people in his neighborhood believe may have been illegitimate.

Dr. Jim Seitz, Dana Point, spoke regarding the proposed funicular at the Headlands development and the proposed whale sculpture.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. REVOCATION OR MODIFICATION OF THE APPROVAL OF VARIANCE V03-23
AND SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SDP03-52(M) AT 34111 STREET OF THE
BLUE LANTERN [STRATEGIC PLAN: EVALUATE LAND USE ISSUES TO
ENSURE THAT THE GOALS, POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE GENERAL
PLAN REFLECT THE COMMUNITY'S VISION AND MISSION]

Council Member Harkey recused herself from discussion of this item as she is on record as having a strong opinion on this matter, and in order to not jeopardize the Public Hearing process and to allow a fair hearing for both parties, she had been

advised by her Counsel to recuse herself. Council Member Harkey left the Council Chamber.

Mayor Anderson opened the Public Hearing.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LACY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAYFIELD (for discussion), TO WAIVE THE ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE FOR THE INDEPENDENT LEGAL OPINION MEMO REGARDING THE REVOCATION OF SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND VARIANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 34111 BLUE LANTERN THAT THE CITY RECEIVED FROM THE LAW FIRM OF BEST, BEST AND KRIEGER LLP, WAIVING THE ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE FOR THAT MEMO ALONE.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lacy, Rayfield and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Chilton ABSTAIN: Council Member Harkey

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LACY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAYFIELD, TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO THE MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2006.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Lacy, Rayfield and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Chilton
ABSTAIN: Council Member Harkey

Council Member Harkey returned to the Council Chamber upon completion of discussion of this item.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. CITY COUNCIL **POLICIES** *[STRATEGIC* PLAN: **ACHIEVE** TOTAL **EXCELLENCE** MUNICIPAL SERVICES CITY IN AND ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING WITH EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS]

City Manager Chotkevys presented a brief summary of the review process of City Council Policies. Director of Administrative Services Apodaca presented the staff report.

Craig Alexander, Dana Point, expressed concern with proposed Policy No. 219 regarding media inquiries and offered some revisions that Council may want to consider.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LACY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAYFIELD, TO TABLE COUNCIL POLICY NO. 219 AND DIRECT THE TASK FORCE TO RECONVENE IN A PUBLICIZED OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS THIS POLICY, ADDRESSING CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Harkey, Lacy, Rayfield

and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Chilton

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LACY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAYFIELD, TO REVISE POLICY NOS. 204 AND 303 AS FOLLOWS: SECOND PARAGRAPH, INSERT A PERIOD AFTER THE WORD "PROJECT", STRIKING THE REMAINDER OF THAT SENTENCE. IN THE SECOND SENTENCE AFTER "ROUTINE SITE VISIT," AMEND THE REMAINDER OF THE SENTENCE TO READ "THAT CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SHALL NOT EXPRESS AN OPINION ON THE PROJECT AND MUST DISCLOSE THE CONTACT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING"; DELETE THIRD SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH.

IN THE "BACKGROUND" SECTION OF THE POLICIES, THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE SECOND PARAGRAPH TO END AS "......APPLICANT OR OTHER PERSONS HISTORICALLY HAVE BEEN AVOIDED. THIS POLICY HAS BEEN REVISED TO ENCOURAGE EDUCATION THROUGH SITE VISITS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROHIBITING EXPRESSIONS OF OPINION AND REQUIRING DISCLOSURE OF "EX PARTE" COMMUNICATIONS." IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH, AFTER THE WORD "REACHED", ADD A COMMA TO BE FOLLOWED BY "UNLESS ALL "EX PARTE" COMMUNICATIONS ARE DISCLOSED TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND PUBLIC AND EXPRESSIONS OF PRE-JUDGMENT ARE AVOIDED".

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Harkey, Lacy, Rayfield

and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Chilton

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LACY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAYFIELD (for discussion), TO ADOPT "NEW" COUNCIL POLICY NOS. 219 AND 220, WITH POLICY NO. 220 REVISED AS FOLLOWS: IN "POLICY" SECTION OF THE POLICY, SECOND PARAGRAPH, SECOND SENTENCE, DELETE THE WORDS "HAVING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST";

AND APPROVE FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO REFLECT REVISIONS TO COUNCIL POLICY NO. 302 – APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS, WHICH WERE APPROVED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2005, ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 2.06.060 AND 2.06.070 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE TERMS OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Harkey, Lacy, Rayfield

and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Chilton

Mayor Anderson declared a recess at 7:26 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. All Council Members were present, with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem Chilton.

NEW BUSINESS

16. EARLY RETIREMENT OF CAPITAL LEASE DEBT OBLIGATION [STRATEGIC PLAN: ACHIEVE TOTAL EXCELLENCE IN MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND CITY ADMINISTRATION/ PLANNING WITH EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS]

City Manager Chotkevys presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HARKEY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAYFIELD, TO AUTHORIZE THE EARLY RETIREMENT OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATION DEBT OF \$2,925,000 ON AUGUST 1, 2006, USING FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S UNDESIGNATED GENERAL FUND RESERVE, AND MODIFY THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Harkey, Lacy, Rayfield

and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Chilton

17. LETTER TO MAKAR AND HEADLANDS RESERVE LLC REGARDING THE MOBILE HOME PARK LITIGATION

This item was added to the agenda by a vote of the City Council earlier in the meeting due to the reasons expressed by the City Attorney.

Council Member Lacy presented the staff report.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LACY, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RAYFIELD, TO DIRECT STAFF TO SEND A LETTER TO MAKAR AND HEADLANDS RESERVE LLC TO FORMALLY REQUEST THEM TO JOIN THE CITY OF DANA POINT IN GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME, AS REQUESTED BY ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING TRAPHAGEN AND WEITZMAN, ENABLING THEM TIME TO PREPARE THEIR DOCUMENTS.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Harkey, Lacy, Rayfield

and Mayor Anderson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Chilton

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Continued)

There were no additional Public Comments.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Chotkevys expressed appreciation to the City Council for their recognition of the Orange County Sheriff's Officers at tonight's meeting. Mr. Chotkevys also expressed appreciation to the men and women of the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Orange County Fire Authority for the job that they do.

City Attorney Muñoz reported that, per City Council direction at their December meeting, a letter had been sent to Talley and Associates regarding allegations raised by Dr. Jim Seitz regarding the Closure Impact Report for the mobile home park. Although a response has not yet been received, Mr. Talley indicated to Mr. Muñoz during a telephone conversation his intent was to respond to the letter.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Harkey commented on the meeting held last night to review the Harbor Environmental Impact Report (EIR). She hoped it would move along swiftly at the Coastal Commission level.

Council Member Harkey reported on her participation in the Orange County Marathon last weekend, jogging in the Mayor 5K. She encouraged the City of Dana Point to take an active role in this worthy cause, which benefits numerous charities.

Council Member Harkey reported the Boys and Girls Club will be sponsoring a Power Breakfast at the St. Regis on February 6th at 7 a.m. and noted the City is buying a table at the event. She encouraged the community to attend this event.

Council Member Harkey expressed appreciation for tonight's meeting and welcomed the new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Rayfield reported on the Orange County Planning Commission meeting held last night to discuss the EIR for the Harbor. The EIR was certified by the Commission and the issue would be brought forth to the City of Dana Point for discussion before the plan is submitted to the Coastal Commission.

Council Member Rayfield reported the Salt Creek Water Treatment Facility would be visited and reported on by the KNBC Channel 4 news team tomorrow.

Council Member Rayfield noted the Ocean Institute's annual fundraiser, "Jazz in January", had sold-out this year. On Sunday, January 29th a sequel to "Jazz in January" will be held, with proceeds going to support the Ocean Institute.

Council Member Lacy reported on his participation in the Library and Sea Terrace Park Subcommittee and Ocean Water Quality Subcommittee meetings. He also discussed his continuing meetings with residents to discuss meeting the City's affordable housing mandate.

Council Member Lacy commented on recent information from the press regarding the Vector Control District's intention to increase pensions for their staff by up to sixty-two percent. Mayor Rayfield provided clarification on this issue, noting in fact that the change in their retirement benefits produced a net saving for the District. Mayor Rayfield noted that the Director of the Vector Control District would be available to make a presentation to the City regarding this issue.

Mayor Pro Tem Chilton was absent.

Mayor Anderson reminded everyone of the online community calendar on the City's website and encouraged nonprofit organizations to use the calendar.

Mayor Anderson requested completion of the online survey regarding the Town Center on the City's website.

Mayor Anderson reported on the Town Center Subcommittee meeting held on Monday, January 9th where art in public places for the Town Center was discussed. The subcommittee directed subcommittee member Karin Schnell, Coastal Arts President, to form a citizen group to make recommendations on a citywide Art in Public Places program that would include a reviewing body and funding strategies. Citizens interested in participating are encouraged to contact Ms. Schnell through Coastal Arts at www.dpcoastalarts.org.

Mayor Anderson noted tomorrow she would be attending the Foothill South Environmental Impact Report public hearing at Mission Viejo City Council Chambers at 9 a.m.

Mayor Anderson reported that the San Clemente/Dana Point Animal Shelter had two male neutered Blue Tick Coon Hounds available for adoption and encouraged anyone interested in adopting them to contact the shelter. Animals available for adoption can be viewed online at www.petprojectfoundation.org.

Mayor Anderson noted that 2006 will be an election year for the City of Dana Point and requested everyone conduct themselves with respect and dignity.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this session, Mayor Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be January 25, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber located at 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 210, Dana Point, California.

ELIZABETH EHRING CITY CLERK

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2006