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JUNE 26, 2013

**Council Chambers
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

SPECIAL MEETING – 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

MAYOR JANNEY called the Special Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers present:	Patton, Bilbray, Spriggs
Councilmembers absent:	None
Mayor present:	Janney
Mayor Pro Tem present:	Bragg
Staff present:	Acting City Manager Wade; Deputy City Attorney Foster; City Clerk Hald

PUBLIC COMMENT

ED KRAVITZ spoke about his ongoing request to have the City Council meeting agendas published in the local adjudicated paper prior to City Council meetings, his request for City Council to terminate agreements for both the City Manager and City Attorney, and about a recent Grand Jury report (additional speaking time donated by Derek Spencer).

REPORTS (1)

1. DISCUSSION ON SPORTS PARK MANAGEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROCESS. (0920-40)

ACTING CITY MANAGER WADE reported on the item. He noted that the reference to a June 17 meeting in the staff report should be corrected to June 18.

Due to technical difficulties with the plasma displays in the Council Chambers, MAYOR JANNEY called a recess at 6:13 p.m. to allow staff time to copy the PowerPoint presentation for distribution to members of the public. He called the meeting back to order at 6:24 p.m.

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ACTING CITY MANAGER WADE continued with his report on the item. He advised City Council that depending on the formal action taken by City Council with regard to the formation of the task force, there is a possibility that the task force could fall under Brown Act requirements. He asked City Council to comment on the process that was presented and to provide direction in response to the questions listed on the staff report.

COUNCILMEMBER PATTON reported on the meetings with the I.B. Coalition and with a YMCA representative. He anticipated meeting the needs of the community in a cost effective manner, he was in support for holding meetings in an effort to be transparent, and he spoke about working towards buy-in by the community.

COUNCILMEMBER BILBRAY concurred with the comments made by Councilmember Patton.

CANDY UNGER applauded City Council and staff for recognizing the importance of involving and informing the community on this matter. She stated that she is not comfortable with the task force creating the parameters or specifications for the RFP because they have no formal background in the process. She questioned why the original RFP would need to be changed if the objectives are still the same. She suggested that staff write the parameters of the RFP and have the task force review them and offer recommendations. She also recommended community input via e-mail to a designated Facebook page. (additional speaking time was donated by Fe Fernandez and Sha-Ron Cobb).

TIM O'NEAL thanked City Council and staff for considering implementation of a Sports Park task force. He asked that his name be removed from the list of potential task force members (additional speaking time donated by Shawn Kelley and Jim Coates).

DON SPICER spoke in support for forming the committee.

JIM LACCONE had positive comments about the meeting with the Collaborative. He supported holding future meetings to ensure transparency.

DANIEL GOYCOCHEA spoke in support for creating a task force. He was opposed to having the task force come up with the requirements for the RFP but supported assisting with review of the requirements.

ERIKA LOWERY recommended having a task force to address this issue and any others that may arise in the future. She thanked staff for considering the opinions of the community.

LARRY ZAJONE supported the idea of children playing on the fields. He favored making the fields available to everyone when not in use by the Little League and he was opposed to locking up the fields.

CHERYL QUINONES expressed concern about outsourcing Sports Park and recreation.

VINCENT FARNSWORTH encouraged City Council to draft a resolution in support of the park and not make it an issue relating to revenue. He stated that privatization has sometimes failed in the past, that it is wrong to make any decision on the Sports Park because the budget is unclear at this time, and he encouraged City Council to put off their decision. He urged City Council to find ways to work with the Coalition and to apply a fixed percentage of the budget to fund the park forever.

GWENDOLYN ALBERT urged City Council to safeguard resources for the Sports Park Recreation Center by specifying a percentage of the City's annual budget for dedication to the maintenance and management of the park. She suggested that the funding be allocated in perpetuity irrespective of involvement by other entities in financing or managing the facility. She asked that the management of the park be kept local.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS announced that he was pleased the process has gotten off to a good start. He stressed the importance of having community participation in the development of the RFP specifications as well as in the evaluation of the proposals. He suggested that the specifications of the RFP be presented to City Council for open discussion which will provide for another opportunity for community input.

COUNCILMEMBER PATTON stated that there was agreement of the Coalition to be fair by keeping the YMCA engaged in the process. He supported City staff coming up with an outline for the RFP and having the task force refine it. He supported community input by e-mail. He stressed that there is no conspiracy to bring in the YMCA.

MAYOR PRO TEM BRAGG thanked the participants involved in the Collaborative. She supported having staff write the RFP, with a review by the Collaborative, followed by a review by the City Council. She questioned who would be on the task force and expressed concern about the possibility of it falling under Brown Act requirements. She cautioned against having too many people on the task force and noted that having a smaller amount of members is workable.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRIGGS agreed that staff should take the lead on the RFP and cautioned against creating a document that is too technical. He expressed concern about Brown Act requirements, suggested that the task force not go above five members and he supported the idea of using e-mail to communicate with the task force.

DEPUTY ATTORNEY FOSTER stated that the Brown Act issue becomes a factor when the City Council formally appoints citizens to the task force. If the City Council creates a task force of two (2) councilmembers, there is a specific exception in the Brown Act for an ad hoc committee that is composed solely of less than a majority of the City Council and it is not considered a Brown Act body. However, if other parties are added that are not councilmembers, it becomes a Brown Act body.

City Council discussed formation of an ad hoc, advisory committee composed of two (2) members of the City Council (less than quorum). It would be at the discretion of the ad hoc committee to meet with the public and garner public input.

COUNCILMEMBERS PATTON AND BILBRAY agreed to serve on the ad hoc committee.

CANDY UNGER questioned if a Facebook page would violate the Brown Act.

In response to Ms. Unger's question, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY FOSTER suggested the following: to make sure that the information is not misunderstood as a City generated Facebook page and to ensure that the Facebook page is for public input only and not for City Council input.

MOTION BY JANNEY, SECOND BY BRAGG, TO CREATE AN AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNCILMEMBER PATTON AND COUNCILMEMBER BILBRAY TO LOOK INTO SPORTS PARK RECREATION FACILITIES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY BRAGG, SECOND BY PATTON, TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A DRAFT RFP AND WORK WITH THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Janney adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

/s/
James C. Janney, Mayor

/s/
Jacqueline M. Hald, MMC
City Clerk