MINUTES
City of San Diego
Municipal Golf Committee (MGC)
May 19th, 2016

Meeting held at:
Public Utilities Metropolitan Operations Complex (MOC II Building)
9192 Topaz Way
San Diego, CA 92123

Mailing address is:
Torrey Pines Administration Building
11480 N. Torrey Pines Road
La Jolla, CA 92037

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present
Albert Bruton
Kurt Carlson
David Korty
Michael Zucchet
Paul Spiegelman
Susan Casagranda
Chris Wahl
Marc Sorensen

Members Absent
Ann Dynes
Megan Mahoney

Staff Present
Scott Bentley
John Howard

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Zucchet called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2015 MINUTES AND February 24, 2016 MINUTES

A motion was made by Marc Sorensen and seconded by Susan Casagranda to approve the minutes.

Motion: MOVED / SECONDED MR. SORENSEN / MRS. CASAGRANDA

The vote was unanimous.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Michael Zucchet thanked members of the committee for the efforts made on the De Anza project. Mr. Zucchet introduced Chris Wahl as a new member of the Municipal Golf Committee.

STAFF REPORT

Scott Bentley reported that the City is taking over the Golf Shop, the carts and the range at Balboa Park on July 6th.

Mr. Bentley stated that the 9-hole cost breakdown cannot be determined with an accurate number.

Mr. Bentley mentioned that the discount for Junior Resident Cards for High School students was being discussed at this time.
Mr. Bentley was pleased to announce that Mission Bay is starting junior clinics on a regular basis throughout the summer, and Mission Bay, Balboa Park and Torrey Pines will be hosting the Junior PGA league again.

Mr. Bentley announced his promotion to Assistant Deputy Director and introduced John Howard as the representative for the City on the Municipal Golf Committee.

COMMITTEE COMMENT
None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT
John Early stated that he was following up on the waiver of a $25 fee for high school students and why they needed to wait after 3pm to play. Mr. Early also expressed concerns regarding the Enterprise Fund.

ACTION ITEM

101. The North Course Project - Update

Mr. Bentley reported the renovations are coming along well. The entire back 9 has been graded out, and the greens have been completed with the drainage, gravel and sand cap. Mr. Bentley stated that construction is scheduled to end in August, and the course will open before October/November.

102. De Anza Cove Revitalization Plan

Mr. Bentley reported that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 16th, in which they will present three different plans that were formulated from the last workshop. Al Bruton mentioned that the first possible option would be to have a driving range, but no golf course, and the other two possible options would include the golf course. Mr. Bruton also expressed concerns that the area may bring in a higher homeless population.

A motion was made by Marc Sorensen and seconded by Chris Wahl to authorize a letter to the Ad Hoc Committee requesting a presentation at the next Municipal Golf Committee meeting.

Motion: MOVED / SECONDED MR. SORENSEN / MR. WAHL

The vote was unanimous.

103. FY 2017 Budget

Mr. Bentley reported the Golf Division will begin the year with a Budget of $28,000,000, with $12,352,000 in the fund balance and another $15,700,000 in CIP projects that are encumbered. Mr. Bentley stated that the revenue should be similar to FY16, with the exception of Balboa Park increasing $490,000 in cart fees, merchandise and range sales. Mr. Bentley also reported that operating expenses would increase $716,000.

Mrs. Casagranda questioned how much rent did American Golf pay, and Mr. Bentley replied that he would get that information.
104. Discussion on Possible Green Fee Increase

Mr. Early questioned the criteria for resident and non-resident fees, which Mr. Bentley clarified. Mr. Bentley reported that Non Resident fees may increase 5%, with Residents increasing 3%. Mr. Sorensen questioned how this would improve capital funds. Mr. Bentley stated that in July/Sept he would have an update on rates. Mr. Sorensen stated that he would like to have a public discussion about rates.

105. POS System / Online Tee Times – John Howard

Mr. Howard gave a report explaining the new POS system and how it works. Mr. Howard explained that the old POS/reservation system was no longer supported, and that is why it needed to be updated. Marketing was done to inform residents about the changes to the new system, and the company is currently working with us to improve the new system.

INFORMATION ITEM

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Next Regular Meeting: July 21, 2016 6:00 P.M.
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Future meetings are scheduled for September 15, 2016 and November 17, 2016