

MINUTES
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CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY OUTREACH
MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2009

An adjourned meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 6:04 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by MAYOR MITCHELL.

ROLL CALL

City Council Members Present: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

City Staff Present: City Manager Doug Prichard
 Assistant City Manager Sam Wise
 Community Services Director Andy Clark
 Assistant to the City Manager Greg Grammer
 Planning Director David Wahba
 Administrative Services Director Mike Whitehead

NEW BUSINESS

A. INPUT FOR TOPICS OF DISCUSSION AT MARCH 7, 2009 POLICY DEVELOPMENT SESSION

MAYOR MITCHELL informed the COUNCIL that the Environmental Advisory Committee concluded that green building standards should be voluntary rather than mandatory since the new requirements will be incorporated into the California Building Code sometime next year.

MAYOR MITCHELL requested the COUNCIL to list the items they would like to discuss at the Policy Development Session. They included:

- 1) Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan
- 2) Private Vegetation View Restoration Ordinance
- 3) Concentrated commercial horse boarding in residential zones
- 4) Budget – Proposed expenditures/income over the next 12-18 months
- 5) Economic development
- 6) Personnel
- 7) Expiring contracts: RFP vs. renegotiation
- 8) Housing Element/General Plan updates
- 9) Pavement management/trees/fencing maintenance schedules
- 10) Federal Stimulus Program

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN suggested formulating a general specifications project package so that it can be utilized for more than one project which would serve as an economical way to move a street maintenance project along more efficiently.

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City Manager Prichard noted that, while the City can move quickly, oftentimes it is difficult for other agencies who have authority over the applicable restricted funds to do the same.

COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN noted that he has been in touch with the School Board about possible joint projects such as an “emergency shelter or staging area” that would benefit both entities. He inquired if there is a way to determine if homeland security funds can be used for this purpose.

MAYOR MITCHELL noted that there are many examples where schools and cities have had joint ventures.

City Manager Prichard noted that the City has been working on its continuity of operations plan where discussion took place on the need to have additional supplies on site. He then stated that there will be competing proposals for funding a variety of expenditures for the coming fiscal year.

Another item mentioned by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN was the fact that many cities have a modest property transfer tax from sold homes and suggested looking at the range to see if it is a viable additional revenue source. COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN suggested possibly looking into a utility user’s tax for the next fiscal year as well. City Manager Prichard noted that these will be included in the budget discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:46 p.m., MAYOR MITCHELL formally adjourned the City Council meeting to the regular meeting of February 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Hope J. Nolan
Deputy City Clerk

Douglas R. Prichard
City Clerk