

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:38 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by MAYOR ZERUNYAN.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Eagle Scout Max McHue and Troop #191 led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

City Staff Present: City Manager Doug Prichard
City Attorney Kristin Pelletier
Assistant City Manager Sam Wise
Community Services Director Andy Clark
Planning Director David Wahba

Others Present: Sheri Clewis, Park and Activities Commission

4. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. PRESENTATION TO JOHN DOUGLASS ON BEHALF OF THE REGIONAL LAW CITIES RECOGNIZING HIM FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

MAYOR ZERUNYAN noted his pleasure at having representatives of the Regional Law Enforcement Committee present to honor John Douglass for his over 2,500 of volunteer hours dedicated to emergency response.

On behalf of the Lomita Sheriff's Station, Captain Anda thanked Mr. Douglass for his hard work and dedication to the department and presented a certificate for his volunteerism.

Mayor Doug Stern, read and presented a Proclamation to Mr. Douglass on behalf of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

Mayor Frank Hill, read and presented a Proclamation to Mr. Douglass on behalf of the City of Rolling Hills.

MAYOR ZERUNYAN presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Douglass on behalf of the City of Rolling Hills Estates.

Mr. Douglass was pleased to report that the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has 500 members with more citizens ready to join the program. He thanked everyone for their continued support.

MAYOR ZERUNYAN recognized Mike Martinet of Area G and Jerry Schwartz for their efforts as well.

Captain Anda introduced the new Second in Command Roland Choi and RHE Core Deputy Tami Bouse. She also wanted to recognize her “best right-hand man” Sgt. David Rozas for his continued support.

5. ROUTINE MATTERS

A. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2008

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 26, 2008 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

B. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO APPROVE WARRANTS 44526 THROUGH 44575 IN THE AMOUNT \$95,406.09; SUPPLEMENTAL WARRANTS 080108 THROUGH 080208; 44319 THROUGH 44336; 44421 THROUGH 44431; 44436 THROUGH 44444; 44445 VOID; 44446 THROUGH 44458; 44509 THROUGH 44512 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$269,592.83 FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$364,998.47 WITH PROPER AUDIT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE ITEM A.

A. READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for consideration to the City Council will be waived and all such ordinances and resolutions will be read by title only.

APPROVED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

7. AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA/WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

8:00 P.M.

NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2008.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

1. PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION ACTION ITEM – PENINSULA HOLIDAY PARADE EVENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Recommendation: That the City Council enter into an agreement with Pageantry Productions to provide Parade Management Services for the Peninsula Holiday Parade on December 6, 2008.

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PAGEANTRY PRODUCTIONS TO PROVIDE PARADE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE PENINSULA HOLIDAY PARADE ON DECEMBER 6, 2008.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

2. PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION ACTION ITEM – CITY CELEBRATION GUEST LIST

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the complimentary dinner ticket list for the 2008 City Celebration with the addition of fifteen (15) tickets for equestrian event demonstrators as well as an additional ten (10) complimentary dinner tickets for McCormick Ambulance personnel and event entertainment providers.

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL requested that the City of Palos Verdes Estates' representatives be updated.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO APPROVE THE COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TICKET LIST FOR THE 2008 CITY CELEBRATION WITH THE ADDITION OF FIFTEEN (15) TICKETS FOR EQUESTRIAN EVENT DEMONSTRATORS AS WELL AS AN ADDITIONAL TEN (10) COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TICKETS FOR MCCORMICK AMBULANCE PERSONNEL AND EVENT ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDERS AS AMENDED.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

3. PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION ACTION ITEM – DEEP VALLEY DRIVE STREETScape PLAN

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Deep Valley Drive draft Design Guidelines with the following suggestions: 1) Use a more decorative ironwork in the selection of benches; 2) Use upgraded trash receptacles; 3) Select more dramatic looking planter pots; and 4) That the street light poles chosen be sturdier than what is shown in the guidelines.

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

Assistant City Manager Wise noted that it is his hope to move forward with the Design Guidelines while this plan evolves and that the exact type and color of the details will go back to the Park and Activities Commission.

Brian Hannigan, RRM Design Group, provided a brief overview of the plan that showed designs of pavers, benches and light poles.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN inquired if solar power will be utilized. Mr. Hannigan noted that both the efficiency levels and aesthetics are still problematic, but that this might be used for pedestrian lighting and/or bollards.

City Manager Prichard inquired as to painting the concrete poles. Mr. Hannigan responded that the Park and Activities Commission did not discuss this, only replacement of the lighting fixtures. It was noted that cost may be a driving factor in making some of the necessary design decisions.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS noted that The Brickwalk should have a specific lighting plan for pedestrians. Mr. Hannigan stated that this will be reviewed and noted that lighting is key to this project.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS noted that she would like to physically see the trees on the list. Community Services Director Clark stated that he would provide a list of tree locations.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL noted that it would be helpful if pictures were provided of alternative benches, bike racks, etc. for consideration. Mr. Hannigan stated that the actual locations of benches, bike racks, etc. would still need to be worked into the Design Guidelines at appropriate points.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL asked the COUNCIL to keep in mind the Post Office and Long's in an effort to work with them on the mailbox situation.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS suggested looking at more mid-block crossings on Deep Valley Drive as well as including The Promenade's traffic circle in the plan.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS recommended the formation of a focus group with a representative from the COUNCIL, Park and Activities Commission and Blue Door Gardens to participate in the design of this project.

City Manager Prichard suggested that part of the upcoming proposal for a further scope of service should include a stakeholder meeting. Additionally, MAYOR ZERUNYAN requested Mr. Hannigan provide a timeline.

MAYOR ZERUNYAN noted that this project is long overdue and suggested that the COUNCIL, Planning Commission, Park and Activities Commission and Homeowners' Associations have a "first look" meeting. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS noted that this plan is so detailed that it would need a smaller group.

City Manager Prichard stated that the engineered plans are needed first, and once that is completed, both the plan and the design details could be worked on in tandem.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL referred to utilizing public art and working with the PV Arts Center. Mr. Hannigan suggested a few alternatives such as grants that may be available, investigating other funding sources, and possibly contacting someone that the City has worked with before.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT AND REQUEST RRM DESIGN GROUP TO INCORPORATE INTO THEIR UPCOMING PROPOSED SCOPE OF SERVICE A STAKEHOLDER FORUM AND TIMELINE FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A RECOMMENDATION FOR FORMULATING A FOCUS GROUP TO CONSIDER DESIGN DETAILS.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

B. RESOLUTION NO. 2171 – PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON A PORTION ON GAUCHO DRIVE

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2171 establishing parking limitations on a segment of Gaucho Drive.

Assistant City Manager Wise provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2171 FOR ADOPTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES PARKING LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF GAUCHO DRIVE.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2171.

City Manager Prichard read Resolution No. 2171 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

10. OLD BUSINESS

- A. PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 27-06; APPLICATION: CITY OF LOMITA; LOCATION: LOMITA CYPRESS RESERVOIR PROPERTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF CHANDLER'S AND WEST OF THE NORTHERLY INTERSECTION OF PALOS VERDES DRIVE EAST AND NARBONNE AVENUE; 2275 – 262ND STREET

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the Joint Resolution (2008-03) (Revised) accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenue resulting from the Cypress Street Reservoir property reorganization.

Planning Director Wahba provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

TO ADOPT THE JOINT RESOLUTION (2008-03) (REVISED) ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE CYPRESS STREET RESERVOIR PROPERTY REORGANIZATION.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

11. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

NONE

- 12. CITY COUNCIL/REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:** This item provides the opportunity for Members of the City Council to provide information and reports to other Members of the City Council and/or the public on any issues or activities of currently active Council Committees, ad hoc committees, regional or state-wide governmental associations, special districts and/or joint powers authorities and their various committees on which Members of the City Council might serve or have an interest, which are not otherwise agendized.

- A. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL noted that the Annual League of California Cities Conference is in the next two weeks. She stated that, because she will chair the Resolutions Committee, she will not be able to serve as delegate. COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN stated that since he is the alternate, he will take over this role. Additionally,

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL noted that she would like to place the League's resolutions packet on the next agenda.

- B. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL announced that the SBCCOG and CCS (Cities, Counties and Schools) will work together in an effort to save money on school facilities and utilize resources at a meeting on April 30, 2009.
- C. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL announced that the SBCCOG's General Assembly meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2009.
- D. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL announced that a media training session will be offered on Thursday, October 16.
- E. COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN noted that he met with Chuck Acocello regarding the City's audit standards. He informed the COUNCIL that Mr. Acocello will attend the COUNCIL's next meeting.
- F. MAYOR ZERUNYAN noted that the state's budget is now 71 days past due. He noted that he has been in contact with the legislators and the Governor's office to move this budget forward. He encouraged residents to contact their legislators as state services will begin to suffer if this budget is not approved soon.

13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS: This item provides the opportunity for Members of the City Council to request information on currently pending projects and/or issues of public concern, direct that an item be agendaized for future consideration and/or make announcements of interest to the public.

- A. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS noted that she had received some comments from a resident regarding unsightly vacant properties around the City and how they can be hidden from view. COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN suggested that staff look into other cities' ordinances dealing with this subject. It was noted that staff will investigate this further.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS continued with additional comments from the resident regarding the mid-block crossing at the Post Office and Long's Drugs as well as a drive-through mail drop.

- B. MAYOR ZERUNYAN announced that the City Celebration will take place on Saturday, September 20.

14. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

**15. ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF LONG-TIME RESIDENT ELMER
"FARMER" GRIMES AND JOHN S. TODD**

At 8:58 p.m., MAYOR ZERUNYAN formally adjourned the City Council meeting to Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Hope J. Nolan
Deputy City Clerk

Douglas R. Prichard
City Manager