

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:46 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
Community Services Director Andy Clark
Planning Director David Wahba
Administrative Services Director Michael Whitehead
Assistant to the City Manager Greg Grammer

Others Present: Deborah Davis, Park and Activities Commission

4. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

NONE

5. ROUTINE MATTERS

A. ADJOURNED JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL requested a correction on Page 2, Paragraph 7:

*“MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL inquired if the **tower** could be made the same height as the roof.”*

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO APPROVE THE ADJOURNED JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES AUGUST 26, 2008 AS
AMENDED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

B. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

C. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – SEPTEMBER

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO APPROVE WARRANTS 44608 THROUGH 44658 WITH PROPER AUDIT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE ITEMS A AND B.

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.

B. AUGUST 2008 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Schedule of Investments report for the month

RECEIVED AND FILED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

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

A. AUDIT STANDARDS REVIEW – CHUCK ACOCELLO

Chuck Acocello, Macias, Gini & O'Connell LLP, provided an update of the audit definitions and standards for COUNCIL review.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

8:00 P.M.

A. CITIZENS' OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS)

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Open the public hearing; 2) Take any public testimony; 3) Close the public hearing; 4) Authorize the continuation of the three CORE Deputies; and 5) Adopt Resolution No. 2173 establishing a reserve account for the COPS Program and making appropriations therefrom.

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

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

No public testimony was offered.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2173 FOR ADOPTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES ESTABLISHING A RESERVE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE CITIZENS' OPTION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFROM.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2173.

City Manager Prichard read Resolution No. 2173 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2008.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

B. PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

10. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

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. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

1. EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2008

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS noted that she would like to amend two items in the minutes.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2008.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

B. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

1. ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2008

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN suggested the Committee further investigate LED lighting as opposed to neon lighting for commercial signage.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by
COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 25,
2008.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO
ORDERED.

- 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. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

1. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
RESOLUTIONS PACKET

Recommendation: That the City Council review and consider the League resolutions and direct the City's voting delegate to represent the City's position on each.

Assistant to the City Manager Grammer provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

After brief discussion, COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN was directed to vote, as the City's delegate, on the COUNCIL'S support for Resolutions Nos. 1-4 at the League of California Cities' Conference.

B. MAYOR ZERUNYAN

1. SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT
AGREEMENT

Following Closed Session, after reconvening in Open Session, COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE CITY
MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR A
5% SALARY ADJUSTMENT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

- C. COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN noted he attended the MTA Management Workshop and that it was very well attended.
- D. COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN noted he attended the JPIA meeting where discussion included investment strategies.
- E. COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN noted that PV Transit continues to provide good service.
- F. After brief discussion, MAYOR ZERUNYAN appointed Leah Boyd and Velveth Schmitz as the new Park and Activities Commissioners.

- G. COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN reported the first death from the West Nile Virus and urged very young or elderly people to be very careful in the evenings and use mosquito repellent and to stay away from standing water.

At 8:44 p.m., the CITY COUNCIL convened into closed session.

14. CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) potential and threatened litigation in connection with dispute over right-of-way, easements, and structures on or adjacent to 37 and 38 Aurora Drive and 4 Bridlewood Circle.)

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

- B. DISCUSSION WITH RESPECT TO PERSONNEL MATTERS
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

1. QUARTERLY CITY MANAGER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION, CONSIDERED ITEM 13.B.1.

At 10:40 p.m., the COUNCIL reconvened with MAYOR ZERUNYAN, MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL, COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN, COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS and COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN present.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:40 p.m., MAYOR ZERUNYAN formally adjourned the City Council meeting to Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Hope J. Nolan
Deputy City Clerk

Douglas R. Prichard
City Manager