

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:42 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by MAYOR SEAMANS.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR SEAMANS 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
Planning Director David Wahba
Community Services Director Andy Clark
Senior Planner Niki Cutler

Others Present: Lou Persichina, Park and Activities Commission

MAYOR SEAMANS requested a moment of silence in memory of those who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks six years ago.

At 7:42 p.m., the CITY COUNCIL convened into closed session.

14. CLOSED SESSION (Taken out of order)

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -ANTICIPATED/THREATENED LITIGATION

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1)) there is a significant exposure to litigation regarding 927 Deep Valley Drive (Wynne)

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

At 9:08 p.m., the COUNCIL reconvened with MAYOR SEAMANS, MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN, COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN, COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL and COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN present.

4. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

NONE

5. ROUTINE MATTERS

A. ADJOURNED JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2007

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN

TO APPROVE THE ADJOURNED JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2007 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

B. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2007

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN

TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2007 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

C. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO APPROVE WARRANTS 42549 THROUGH 42592 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,697.70; SUPPLEMENTAL WARRANTS 080107 THROUGH 080207; 42330 THROUGH 42349; 42434 THROUGH 42466; 42524 THROUGH 42538 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$340,479.04 FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$435,176.74 WITH PROPER AUDIT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE ITEMS A-E.

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.

B. APPROVAL OF JPIA MEMBERSHIP FOR THE POMONA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Pomona Valley Transportation Authority's application for membership in the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

APPROVED.

C. APPROVAL OF JPIA MEMBERSHIP FOR THE MARIN COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Marin County Open Space District's application for membership in the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority.

APPROVED.

D. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED AUGUST 24, 2007

RECEIVED AND FILED.

E. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED AUGUST 31, 2007

RECEIVED AND FILED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

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

- A. Joan Davidson noted her desire to respond to the Sanitation Districts' presentation from the last COUNCIL meeting. She stated her concern with air quality and that the proposal does not adequately protect public health. Additionally, she commented that she believes the data provided by the Sanitation Districts is not sufficient and urged the COUNCIL to request more information as she alleged the documents presented did not address all the alternatives.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN reminded the audience that, while Ms. Davidson gives reason for concern, the City is the only agency that has provided funding for a consultant to analyze the initial study prepared by the Sanitation Districts.

City Manager Prichard clarified that the facility is not being closed, but rather undergoing modernization. He noted that the consultant is currently in the process of reviewing documentation provided by the Sanitation Districts justifying their mitigated negative declaration and that his report should be presented to the COUNCIL in the next few weeks.

- B. Scott Gobble, SCE, addressed the COUNCIL on the recent heat wave that affected customers throughout the South Bay. He noted that he would like to encourage customers to call (800) 319-8765 as listed on their utility bill. He noted that they are looking to provide mechanisms on how to communicate more effectively with residents.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2007.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

B. PROPOSAL FROM LSA ASSOCIATES, INC., TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE SILVERDES PROJECT (PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 24-07 – 828 SILVER SPUR ROAD)

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the contract with LSA Associates in the amount of \$121,000 to prepare an EIR for the Silverdes project.

Senior Planner Cutler provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN requested a minor change in the contract.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL stated that, while she was not in attendance at the previous meeting, she had concerns regarding the proposed four variances. She strongly recommended that the Applicant pay attention to the present development standards as they will affect the land use intensity of this site.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN

TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTRACT WITH LSA ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$121,000 TO PREPARE AN EIR FOR THE SILVERDES PROJECT AS AMENDED.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

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. MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN

1) EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2007

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2007 WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

B. COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL announced that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments is encouraging cities to participate in the free lamp exchange sponsored by Southern California Edison to be held at Wal-Mart at 19503 South Normandie Avenue.

C. MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN was pleased to announce that COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL will serve as the Second Vice President of the League of California Cities. He extended his congratulations and wished her the best of luck in this new post.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL stated that she welcomes the challenge and looks forward to serving the League in this capacity.

D. MAYOR SEAMANS announced that SB 886 has passed through the Senate and is on its way to the Governor's desk. She noted that this bill will expand local representation of the South Bay on the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board.

E. MAYOR SEAMANS requested that the City look into repairing the medians on Hawthorne Boulevard. City Manager Prichard noted that a median project Hawthorne Boulevard and Palos Verdes Drive North will be referred to the Park and Activities Commission for their review and recommendation.

F. MAYOR SEAMANS suggested forming a Greenhouse Gas Task Force and invite public input for this committee. COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL concurred and noted that the SBCCOG is also forming a coalition. City Manager Prichard noted that staff will do further research and bring back a report to the COUNCIL.

G. MAYOR SEAMANS reminded everyone to attend the City's 50th Anniversary City Celebration on Saturday, September 15.

H. COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN referred to a report by the California Agriculture Department that the Oriental fruit fly may pose a threat to the food supply.

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.

NONE

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:02 p.m., MAYOR SEAMANS formally adjourned the City Council meeting to Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Hope J. Nolan
Deputy City Clerk

Douglas R. Prichard
City Clerk