

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 23, 2007

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:40 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
 Assistant to the City Manager Greg Grammer

Others Present: Sheri Clewis, Park and Activities Commission
 Judy Bayer, Planning Commission

4. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. WASTE MANAGEMENT DRAWING FOR ONE YEAR'S FREE RESIDENTIAL REFUSE SERVICE

Vickie Whipple, Community Relations Manager, Waste Management was pleased to report that the City is continuing to do an outstanding job with a 67% diversion rate. She commended the City and residents for their recycling efforts.

Jahee Shinn, was chosen as the recipient of one year's free disposal service.

Ms. Whipple referred to the union dispute and wished to reassure the community that they have a contingency plan in place to pick up trash on schedule. She noted that she will continue to update the City and provide information on their website at www.wmlafacts.com as well as send outbound calls to residents informing them of the situation. She noted that their contact number is (800) 774-0222.

5. ROUTINE MATTERS

A. ADJOURNED CITY OF ROLLING HILLS AND CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2007

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN

TO APPROVE THE ADJOURNED CITY OF ROLLING HILLS AND CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2007 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

B. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2007

TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2007 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

C. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – OCTOBER

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO APPROVE WARRANTS 42784 THROUGH 42840 FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$287,848.13 WITH PROPER AUDIT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

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. STORM DRAIN PROJECTS – STATUS REPORT

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the report and publicly recognize the contribution and participation of Supervisor Knabe in providing funding assistance for the storm drain program.

MAYOR SEAMANS noted that the City has undertaken an enormous amount of storm drain repairs over the last three years with funding from various sources. She was pleased to report that the most recent project could not have been completed without the assistance of Supervisor Knabe and recognized him for his generous efforts in securing funding in support of this regional infrastructure improvement project.

RECEIVED AND FILED THE STORM DRAIN PROJECTS STATUS REPORT.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

C. SEPTEMBER 2007 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the schedule of investments.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

D. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED OCTOBER 5, 2007

RECEIVED AND FILED.

E. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED OCTOBER 12, 2007

RECEIVED AND FILED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

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

- A. Mike Lacy, spoke regarding his concern about traffic heading eastbound and westbound on Palos Verdes Drive North at Crenshaw and Hawthorne Boulevards. He noted his opinion that there should be a right turn only lane at those intersections as drivers tend to disregard safety rules.

In response to MAYOR SEAMANS, City Manager Prichard noted that all intersections in the City will be reviewed and considered for improvements in an effort to balance safety and traffic flow.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. PENINSULA HOLIDAY PARADE EVENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Recommendation: That the City Council enter into the agreement with Pageantry Productions to provide parade management services for the Peninsula Holiday Parade on December 1, 2007.

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

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT WITH PAGEANTRY PRODUCTIONS TO PROVIDE PARADE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE PENINSULA HOLIDAY PARADE ON DECEMBER 1, 2007.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

B. COMMERCIAL DISTRICT HOLIDAY LIGHTING RFP RESULTS

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Contract the services of Harrington Decorating Company, Inc., for the installation of holiday lighting on nine (9) selected pine trees in the Silver Spur Road Business District medians for a fee of \$12,118.79; and 2) Direct staff to supplement this contractual service by installing and removing holiday lights on two (2) additional small pine trees in the Silver Spur Road Business District medians at a cost not-to-exceed \$50.00 for light strands.

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

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE SERVICES OF HARRINGTON DECORATING COMPANY, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF HOLIDAY LIGHTING ON NINE (9) SELECTED PINE TREES IN THE SILVER SPUR ROAD BUSINESS DISTRICT MEDIANS FOR A FEE OF \$12,118.79; AND DIRECTED STAFF TO SUPPLEMENT THIS CONTRACTUAL SERVICE BY INSTALLING AND REMOVING HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON TWO (2) ADDITIONAL SMALL PINE TREES IN THE SILVER SPUR ROAD BUSINESS DISTRICT MEDIANS AT A COST NOT-TO-EXCEED \$50.00 FOR LIGHT STRANDS.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN suggested this item be discussed at the next Policy Development Session to review other holiday decoration options.

C. AGREEMENT WITH PVP LAND CONSERVANCY FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FUNDED BY L.A. COUNTY FOURTH DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDS GRANT

Recommendation: That the City approve the new agreement with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy to manage the George F Canyon Nature Preserve habitat restoration project funded by the 2007 Los Angeles County Fourth Supervisorial District Excess Grant Funds Program with the indemnity clause as presented.

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

City Attorney Pelletier explained how she believed the contract should be structured. She advised the COUNCIL to leave in the City's indemnity clause for protection against a claim should one arise.

Barbara Dye, Executive Director, PVP Land Conservancy, noted that they would like the same indemnifying clause they have had in past contracts claiming the contract is favorable only to the City.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN noted that the Land Conservancy is providing services to the City and not the other way around. He noted his concern with the City being subjected to any kind of exposure and would not support approval of an amended contract as the City is not in a supervisory position.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN stated that the City should approve the contract according to the advice of the City Attorney.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL noted that, under this agreement, the City is in a passive role as the Land Conservancy is performing a service and it is only logical that the indemnification is one way as indicated in the contract.

Ms. Dye indicated that she would bring the contract back to her board for further consideration. She then presented the COUNCIL with the Annual Report for Chandler and George F Canyon Nature Preserves, Education Program Annual Report and the PVPLC Financial Statements.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LAND CONSERVANCY TO MANAGE THE GEORGE F CANYON NATURE PRESERVE HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT FUNDED BY THE 2007 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS GRANT FUNDS PROGRAM WITH THE INDEMNITY CLAUSE AS PRESENTED BASED ON REVIEW AND ADVICE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN

Recommendation: That the City Council direct staff to prepare a resolution authorizing the formation of an Environmental Advisory Committee, and a second resolution for ICLEI membership and participation in the Climate Protection Campaign (CCP).

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

Discussion ensued regarding the ICLEI software and how difficult it is to navigate it.

After some discussion, COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN suggested including a Peninsula High School student in one of the Environmental Sciences AP class on the Advisory Committee.

It was the consensus of the COUNCIL to investigate this recommendation.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN stated his opinion that this issue be handled in a balanced way, particularly where cost is concerned.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN suggested including the cost-saving water software into the City's list of accomplishments.

City Manager Prichard noted that formation of this committee will not commence until after the holidays when the COUNCIL can interview the applicants and determine who will serve on this committee at that time.

City Manager Prichard also stated that he serves on the COG Greenhouse Task Force and will contact the Cities of Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach on their expertise on how to use the ICLEI software.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND AUTHORIZED ICLEI MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600 AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN (CCP).

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. COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

1. REGIONAL LAW COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2007

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN noted that he, along with MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN, attended this meeting and reported that there was a significant increase in petty theft (shoplifting) and burglaries over the last year. He noted that the Sheriff's Department will be conducting a seminar in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce to educate businesses on how to reduce these types of incidents in the future.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN then reported that many burglaries are occurring in "outbuildings," i.e. barns and stalls. He strongly encouraged everyone to lock their doors and windows and cars as well as padlock any outside structures.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN was pleased to report that the committee is now receiving reports from Westmed Ambulance Service and stated that their service has been outstanding.

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 agendized for future consideration and/or make announcements of interest to the public.

A. MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN sent out his prayers to those who have been affected the wildfires. He suggested that, in the event of an emergency evacuation, the most likely site would be Peninsula High School. With that in mind, he stated that he would like to have staff contact the School District to see if they would be willing to keep emergency supplies at the ready for residents.

B. MAYOR SEAMANS also sent out thoughts and prayers on behalf of the COUNCIL to those firefighters and residents throughout the state who have been affected by the devastating wildfires. She reported that the Sheriff's Department is currently on County-wide tactical alert, and as a result, will have more patrol cars on the Peninsula so as to discourage any criminal activity or spot any spontaneous fires that may occur. Additionally, she noted that several horses in the Del Mar area have been relocated to the City at the Empty Saddle Club, and that the City's Municipal Stables and Howlett Park are available to assist in equine relocation efforts.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN suggested informing the public that the City is doing what it can to help with the wildfires in the aforementioned capacity.

14. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m., MAYOR SEAMANS formally adjourned the City Council meeting to the City Celebration debriefing meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at Giorgio's Restaurant.

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Hope J. Nolan
Deputy City Clerk

Douglas R. Prichard
City Clerk