

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

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 ZUCKERMAN.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR ZUCKERMAN 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
 Administrative Services Director Michael Whitehead
 Senior Planner Niki Cutler
 Assistant to the City Manager Greg Grammer

Others Present: Steve Pekich, Park and Activities Commission

4. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

NONE

5. ROUTINE MATTERS

A. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM SEAMANS

TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

B. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – SEPTEMBER

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM SEAMANS

TO APPROVE WARRANTS 40513 THROUGH 40584 FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$279,732.50 WITH PROPER AUDIT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN
TO APPROVE ITEMS A-C.

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. AUGUST 2006 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

RECEIVED AND FILED.

C. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2006

RECEIVED AND FILED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

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

NONE

At 7:34 p.m., the CITY COUNCIL convened into closed session.

14. CLOSED SESSION *(Taken out of order)*

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9)

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| Property: | Public Right-of-Way on Hawthorne Boulevard Palos Verdes Drive North and Silver Spur Road |
| City Negotiator: | Assistant City Manager Sam Wise City Attorney Kristin Pelletier |
| Negotiating Parties: | City and Patrick Ryan (NextG) |
| Under Negotiation: | Proposed Lease/Use Agreement for Public Right-of-Way |

It was the consensus of the COUNCIL

TO DIRECT STAFF TO DISCONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Palos Verdes Drive East Right-of-Way adjacent
to Chandler Landfill

City Negotiators: City Manager Doug Prichard
Planning Director David Wahba

Negotiating Party: Chandler Ranch Properties

Under Negotiation: Sale of property

It was the consensus of the COUNCIL

TO DIRECT STAFF AND A SUBCOMMITTEE CONSISTING OF MAYOR
ZUCKERMAN AND COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN TO CONTINUE
NEGOTIATIONS.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

At 8:40 p.m., the COUNCIL reconvened with MAYOR ZUCKERMAN, MAYOR
PRO TEM SEAMANS, COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN, COUNCILWOMAN
MITCHELL and COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN present.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

A. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 16-06;
APPLICANT: CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES; LOCATION: SURPLUS
PROPERTY CONTIGUOUS TO AND NEAR PALOS VERDES DRIVE EAST AND THE
NORTHERLY INTERSECTION OF PALOS VERDES DRIVE EAST WITH NARBONNE
AVENUE

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Continue to take public testimony;
2) Discuss the issues; and 3) Direct staff accordingly.

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

It was the consensus of the COUNCIL

TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO THE MEETING OF
OCTOBER 10, 2006 AT WHICH TIME THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL HAVE
MET WITH CHANDLER'S REPRESENTATIVES AND BRING BACK A
REPORT AND RESOLUTION FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

B. 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. 2117 establishing a
reserve account for the COPS Program and making appropriations therefrom.

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

COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN
TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

No public testimony was offered.

MAYOR PRO TEM SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL
TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2117 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.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN
ADDLEMAN

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2117.

City Manager Prichard read Resolution No. 2117 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

The COUNCIL thanked Captain Zuanich and those officers involved for their
outstanding service to the community.

10. OLD BUSINESS (*Taken out of order*)

A. PENINSULA VILLAGE – DEVELOPMENT OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR
DISPLACED BUSINESSES AND AREA CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Recommendation: That the City Council discuss an assistance package for
businesses as described in the report and provide staff with direction as
appropriate.

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

Discussion ensued regarding various items that included: 1) How to assist those
businesses who may be temporarily displaced by various projects; 2) Encouraging
business owners to return once a project has been completed; 3) A possible waiver
of construction permit fees; 4) Creation of a task force to assist in identifying
available spaces for businesses to relocate, and 5) Identifying those business
owners who may need assistance in relocation.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL noted that the information given to the businesses
is key and suggested that the City and Chamber could possibly form some type of
clearinghouse that would identify spaces available for new businesses as well as
identify those current businesses who may need to relocate temporarily.

COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN stressed that many of these projects will take years to
complete.

MAYOR PRO TEM SEAMANS noted that the most recent residential projects were approved under the mixed-use overlay zone which was adopted in the early 1990s.

Discussion continued regarding organizing a task force to serve as the aforementioned clearinghouse.

Kay Finer, President, PVP Chamber of Commerce, noted that their board had recently met and established a Peninsula Village Task Force and that it is their intent to invite members of the RHE Business Association as well as other merchants to review the EIR and make recommendations. It was noted that the City is working with the Chamber in an effort to help everyone come together in the business community.

James Hume, RHE Business Owners Association, expressed his opinion that the City needs to open up more communication during this process. He noted his statistics show that 14.1% of the businesses are members of the Chamber and was concerned that it would also be representing non-members.

COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN asked Mr. Hume what more can the City do other than what has already been done as many public meetings have been held in an attempt to inform the business owners of various projects in the commercial district.

Discussion continued with Mr. Hume making the following suggestions: 1) That a newsletter or bulletin be sent out to all the businesses informing them of what is happening in the commercial district; and 2) Make the City's website more user-friendly.

Planning Director Wahba indicated that the City works with developers in an effort to keep streets open when construction is taking place. He recommended that neighbors affected by a project notify the City of their concerns.

MAYOR ZUCKERMAN noted that work undertaken in the public right-of-way already requires a written traffic control plan.

Planning Director Wahba then suggested that the City's website could provide a weekly update on the progress of construction in the commercial district.

Mike Giglia, Owner, Mike's Brickwalk Café, took issue with Mr. Hume's comments as he noted that, although he belongs to the RHE Business Association, Mr. Hume does not represent the consensus of the members as they have yet to meet.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the COUNCIL

TO DIRECT STAFF TO: 1) FORMULATE A PACKAGE THAT WOULD IDENTIFY AVAILABLE COMMERCIAL SPACES AS WELL AS IDENTIFY THOSE BUSINESS OWNERS WHO WOULD NEED RELOCATION ASSISTANCE; 2) CONSIDER METHODS OF INCREASED PUBLIC OUTREACH; AND 3) CONSIDER A REDUCTION IN CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES AND BACK BRING A RESOLUTION TO COUNCIL FOR FURTHER REVIEW.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

9. NEW BUSINESS (Taken out of order)

E. BUSINESS RETENTION REPORT – 1ST QUARTER

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file this report.

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

Patti Nunn, Consultant, MBIA, in response to the COUNCIL, noted that she interviewed 10 businesses in order to formulate a questionnaire that would provide baseline data for building trends throughout the quarter.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE BUSINESS RETENTION REPORT – 1ST QUARTER.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

A. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2006.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

B. PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2006.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

1. PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION ACTION ITEM - COMMUNITY CENTER LANDSCAPE UPDATE

Recommendation: That the City Council not include any additional plants to the current landscaping plan at this time as only half the plants are installed, and that the Park and Activities Commission evaluate the landscaping in six (6) months.

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

COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILED THE REPORT AND DIRECT THAT THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION EVALUATE THE LANDSCAPING IN SIX (6) MONTHS.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

2. PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION ACTION ITEM - COMMUNITY CENTER – COMMUNITY CENTER USAGE REVIEW

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Not allow groups to use the Community Center on Saturday or Sunday; 2) Continue the current requirement of allowing only non-profit, Peninsula-based group use; 3) Continue the current requirement of once per month reservations; 4) Block out the dates the Nature Center has night hikes scheduled; and 5) Review these recommendations and the use of the Community Center in six months.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL suggested utilizing City recreation classes at that location.

After extensive discussion, it was the consensus of the COUNCIL

TO DIRECT STAFF TO: 1) NOT ALLOW GROUPS TO USE THE COMMUNITY CENTER ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY; 2) CONTINUE THE CURRENT REQUIREMENT OF ALLOWING ONLY NON-PROFIT, PENINSULA-BASED GROUP USE; 3) BLOCK OUT THE DATES THE NATURE CENTER HAS NIGHT HIKE SCHEDULED; 4) EXPAND CITY RECREATION CLASSES TO USE THIS FACILITY; 5) ALLOW GROUPS TO MEET MULTIPLE TIMES PER MONTH; 6) REQUEST THE PENINSULA CENTER LIBRARY REFER PENINSULA GROUPS TO THE CITY WHEN ANY OF THEIR ROOMS ARE BOOKED; 7) PLACE AN INFORMATION SIGN AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER DENOTING THE CITY'S CONTACT PHONE NUMBER TO RESERVE THE ROOM; AND 8) REVIEW THESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER IN SIX MONTHS.

C. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PVP/SAN PEDRO – NOMINATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

Recommendation: That the City Council select a nominee to receive a League of Women Voters Certificate of Commendation.

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

After brief discussion, it was the consensus of the COUNCIL

TO BRING BACK THEIR NOMINATIONS FOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION TO THE NEXT MEETING.

D. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Manager with approval by the City Attorney to execute an agreement between the City and Digital Map Produces for an off-site, web-based subscription Geographic Information System (GIS) service.

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

After brief discussion, COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN

TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER WITH APPROVAL BY THE CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND DIGITAL MAP PRODUCTS FOR AN OFF-SITE, WEB-BASED SUBSCRIPTION GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) SERVICE.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

F. CITY HALL VENEER LAMINATE QUOTES

Recommendation: That the City Council provide direction to staff in regards to installing a cherry wood veneer laminate on various counters, storage units, and fixtures in City Hall.

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

After brief discussion, COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO APPROVE INSTALLING A CHERRY WOOD VENEER LAMINATE ON THE CITY HALL LOBBY COUNTERS, COUNTER TOPS AND ADJACENT OFFICE SUPPLY STORAGE CABINETS AT A COST OF \$8,432.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

10. OLD BUSINESS (Continued)

B. SILVER SPUR ROAD PARKWAY LANDSCAPE RENOVATION

Recommendation: That the City Council direct staff to implement the proposed plan to replace landscaping in the Silver Spur Road parkway.

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

After brief discussion, COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN

TO DIRECT STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED PLAN REPLACING THE LANDSCAPING IN THE SILVER SPUR ROAD PARKWAY.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

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.

NONE

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 SEAMANS reported that the City's 50th Anniversary Celebration planning is moving ahead.
- B. MAYOR ZUCKERMAN requested discussion on the proposal to change the George F Canyon Nature Center to a geological theme. Community Services Director Clark provided a brief report noting that the PVP Land Conservancy is pursuing a grant to move ahead with this theme. Additionally, he noted that this would be in conjunction with the present animal exhibits.
- C. MAYOR ZUCKERMAN requested the financial reports from the Tracy Austin Doubles Tennis Tournament and the Hills are Alive Races. Community Services Director Clark stated he would provide this information for COUNCIL review.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:00 p.m., MAYOR ZUCKERMAN formally adjourned the City Council meeting to Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Hope J. Nolan
Deputy City Clerk

Douglas R. Prichard
City Clerk