

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA**

December 8, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates was called to order this day at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Perkins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers Bird, Rea, Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey, Mayor Perkins

ABSENT: Councilmember Goodhart

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Hoefgen, City Attorney Pannone, Assistant City Manager Smith, Police Chief Dreiling, Public Works Director Rigg, City Treasurer Sherwood, Minutes Secretary Monson

MAYOR'S REPORT – Matters of Community Interest

Mayor Perkins announced the annual Santa visits to Lunada Bay on December 10th, and Malaga Cove on December 24th.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey, seconded by Councilmember Rea and unanimously approved that the following Consent Agenda items be approved (4-0 Goodhart absent)

- MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 24, 2009
- ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 09-694; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES AMENDING SECTION 18.05.040 OF THE PALOS VERDES ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR SPORTS COURT PERMITS.
- ADOPT RESOLUTION R09-37; AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF SPECIFIC OBSOLETE RECORDS OF THE CITY FINANCE, BUILDING & SAFETY, PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS
- APPROVE THE MODIFICATION TO THE CITY MANAGER'S CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BY ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED RESTATED AND REVISED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Resident Jack Bradshaw, [PVE Resident], spoke regarding a proposed two-story addition to a home in Torrance that would significantly impact views from his home. He requested City assistance in communicating with Torrance as to the negative impacts.

Mayor Perkins directed the City Manager to follow-up with Mr. Bradshaw on the matter.

ORDINANCE

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 09-695; AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 18.50 THE PALOS VERDES ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING

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Planning Director Allan Rigg reported that the State of California is looking at means to increase the water supply within the State. The State is requiring all cities to adopt a water efficient landscape ordinance by January 1, 2010. PVE worked with the other three cities on the Peninsula to have a unified ordinance. The objective of the proposed ordinance is to ensure as much simplicity, efficiency, and flexibility as possible, but still comply with the State requirements. Staff will be creating a self-certification process for landscape designers.

Councilmember Bird asked what the punishment would be for overspray and run-off. Director Rigg said it would be an infraction. CalWater has educational resources to educate residents on how to irrigate more efficiently.

Councilmember Rea asked how the Planning Commission would be involved. Director Rigg responded that only projects that have over 5,000 sq. ft. of new landscaping would trigger compliance with the ordinance and it would be on a case by case basis.

Mayor Perkins would like to be sure to educate the community on water efficient landscaping. She asked if the City parklands would be affected by the ordinance. Director Rigg said the only City area over an acre in size is the Paseo Lunado median.

Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey asked if the school sites were exempt. Director Rigg will look into whether schools are exempt.

Councilmember Rea wanted clarification on whether the run-off and overspray restrictions would apply to all landscaping or just new landscaping. Director Rigg responded that it will apply to all landscaping, including the City's landscaping.

There was discussion on the definition of an irrigations system. Director Rigg said that is was defined in the ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey moved, it was seconded by Councilmember Bird, and unanimously approved to introduce Ordinance 09-695; an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates amending and restating chapter 18.50 of the Palos Verdes Estates Municipal Code regarding water efficient landscaping. (4-0 Goodhart absent)

NEW BUSINESS

PALOS VERDES GOLF CLUB 2010 ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGETS

City Manager Hoefgen reported that the PV Golf Club has seen the effects of a tightening economy with revenues down for the year; although the revenues are stronger than they were prior to the Club's remodel. The total revenues for the 2010 will be close to \$8.5 million. The golf course revenues are down close to 11% due to fewer rounds being played. Food and beverage revenues are down; the numbers of bookings are the same but they are not generating the same income. For 2010 total revenues are down 4.3% which is about \$92,000. The 2010 budget is based on a 3% increase in member dues. For expenditures, there are no salary increases just additional health insurance contributions for employees. The Club is reorganizing and has created a General Manager position. After factoring in depreciation and expenditures, there is a net contribution of \$71,748 to the Club Operating Fund. The Golf Club Liaisons, Mayor Perkins and Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey and City Manager Hoefgen met with Club representatives on November 17th to go over the proposed budget.

Mayor Perkins was impressed with the Club's conservative approach especially since many golf clubs are closing having lost 30% to 50% of their worth over the last two years.

Councilmember Rea asked about the groundwater study completed by the Water Replenishment District. City Manager Hoefgen said that report will be before the Council in January, the Club will be looking to see if there is a way to access the groundwater to help defray their irrigation costs.

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Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey moved, it was seconded by Councilmember Rea, and unanimously approved to approve the Palos Verdes Golf Club 2010 operating and capital improvement budgets; and approve the dues and green fees increases to take effect on January 1, 2010. (4-0 Goodhart absent)

SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE JOINT CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION/HOMES ASSOCIATION MEETING

Director Rigg reported that the annual joint meeting of the Planning Commission, City Council, and the Homes Association is held to discuss matters traditionally within the Planning Commission's realm that may need clarification. This year was the first time the Planning Commission held a workshop with staff to develop topics for the upcoming joint meeting. He said the list of topics was given to the Homes Association and they did not want to add any additional topics.

There was discussion regarding how topics for the joint meeting will be chosen. It was agreed that the topics should not be formally agendaized, but the Mayors, City Manager, and Planning Director will work to develop the list of pertinent items for discussion.

APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE TO ASSIST WITH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL SERVICES

City Manager Hoefgen said this subcommittee would be created to assist staff in the proposal process for legal services. The process will take approximately two to three months.

Councilmember Rea volunteered to serve on the committee and he nominated Mayor Perkins as the second member.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey, seconded by Councilmember Bird, and unanimously approved to establish a subcommittee to assist with the RFP process for legal services and to appoint Councilmember Rea and Mayor Perkins to serve on the subcommittee. (4-0 Goodhart absent)

AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND AB939 FUNDS TO SUBSIDIZE PURCHASES OF RESIDENTIAL COMPOSTING BINS

Director Rigg reported that AB939 required all municipalities to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills by 50% by the year 2000. PVE met and complied with this mandate. There are potential regulations in the legislature to increase the amount of diversion to 60%-70%. Composting can help reduce the amount of green waste and staff is recommending the City use \$5,000 of its available AB939 funds to subsidize the cost of back yard composters for residents.

It was moved by Councilmember Rea, seconded by Councilmember Bird, and unanimously approved to authorize expenditure of \$5,000 of AB939 funds to subsidize purchases of residential composting bins. (4-0 Goodhart absent)

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager's Report

City Manager Hoefgen reported that Los Angeles County Public Works will present a Winter Storm Workshop on December 16th at 6:00 pm at St. John Fisher Church. He also advised of two items on the January 13th Council agenda: Mid-year review of the Work Program and Malaga Cove Groundwater Study.

DEMANDS

It was moved by Councilmember Rea and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey that the demands, as approved by a majority of the City Council, totaling \$237,746.63 be allowed and it was unanimously approved. (4-0 Goodhart absent)

It was moved by Councilmember Rea and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey that the demands, as approved by a majority of the City Council No. 516285V, 516565 to 516621 totaling \$194,925.79 be allowed and it was unanimously approved. (4-0 Goodhart absent)

MAYOR & CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Bird reported attending two events hosted by City residents in their homes to raise funds toward purchase of the Disaster District supply containers.

Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey enjoyed attending the RPV holiday party on December 7th where their newly seated Councilmembers were introduced.

Mayor Perkins enjoyed attending Supervisor Knabe's holiday reception on December 3rd along with the City Manager, Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey, Councilmember Goodhart, Councilmember Rea, and Treasurer Sherwood. She also attended the RHE holiday reception and parade on December 5th. Mayor Perkins also attended the PV Rotary and Chamber Legislative Luncheon on December 4th where State Controller Chiang discussed significant financial challenges faced by the State.

Councilmember Rea noted that the revised Resident Handbook is now available at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. to Wednesday, January 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MICHÉLE D. MONSON, MINUTES SECRETARY

APPROVED:

ELLEN PERKINS, MAYOR