

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

September 23, 2008

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates was called to order this day at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Joseph C. Sherwood.

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers Rea, Humphrey, Goodhart, Mayor Sherwood

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Perkins

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Hoefgen, City Attorney Pannone,
Assistant City Attorney Ailin, Public Work Director Rigg

CLOSED SESSION: Council adjourned to Closed Session at 6:35 p.m.

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (2 cases)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (a)
Young v. City of Palos Verdes Estates, Case No. YC057845
Gdowski v. city of Palos Verdes Estates, Case No. BS116541**

RECONVENE: Council reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Smith, Police Chief Dreiling,
City Treasurer Ritscher, Administrative Analyst Davis,
Minutes Secretary Monson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sherwood highlighted two upcoming community events: Lunada Bay Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 28, and Peninsula Music Fair at PV High School on Sunday, October 5.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilmember Humphrey, seconded by Councilmember Rea and unanimously approved that the following Consent Agenda items be approved with Councilmember Goodhart abstaining from Item #1 (Minutes of 9-9-08):

- MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
- RESOLUTION R08-27; CONFIRMING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF NC-1327/GA-1433-08; NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILITY AND GRADING APPLICATIONS

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FOR A NEW SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 2116 VIA RIVERA. LOT 5, BLOCK 2204, TRACT 7141

- **PARKLANDS COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION ITEMS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

PC-290-08; Application to remove 2 Carob trees located in the City right-of-way adjacent to 2220 Via Acalones for view enhancement.

Applicant: Libiano Investments, Inc.

705 Sunset Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Action: Approved

PC-291-08; Application to remove one Monterey pine tree in the City right-of-way located adjacent to 3601 Navajo Place.

Applicant: Steve and Laurie Maslauski

3601 Navajo Place

Action: Approved

PC-292-08; Application to remove 1 Carob tree located in the City right-of-way adjacent to 708 Mexico Place for view enhancement.

Applicant: Richard J. Cohan

1612 Via Arriba

Action: Approved

- **TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION ITEMS OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2008**

Review of Angled Parking Design for Dalton Road and Via Pacheco between Cloyd Road and Epping road

Action: Recommend that the issue be discontinued

Request for Guardrail at the Hairpin Curve on Via Campesina east of Via Ramon

Action: Denied

Request for a Westbound Stop Sign on Via Palomino at Via Colusa

Action: Recommend that staff 1) install a Yield sign on Via Palomino at Via Colusa and 2) bring the issue back to the Committee in six months for review

Request for Installation of Signage, Camera, and Striping on Palos Verdes Drive West

1. A Stop Sign on Northbound Palos Verdes Drive West at Via De La Guerra
2. A Speed Enforcement Camera on the Palos Verdes Drive West Median
3. Signs Advising Walkers that they Cross the Drive at Their Own Risk
4. Crosswalks on Palos Verdes Drive West from the End of the Walking Path on the Median to the East and West Sides of the Street

Action: Denied

Request for Signage and Striping near Lunada Bay Elementary School

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1. Signage on Via Anacapa near Paseo Lunado and near Via Sola
2. Request for Re-Striping on Via Anacapa near Via Sola
3. Request for Speed Bumps on Via Anacapa between Via Pacheco and Paseo Lunado
4. Request for Red Curbs on both Sides of Via Anacapa between the North and South Barrels of Paseo Lunado

Action: Recommend that staff 1) install signage on Via Anacapa near Paseo Lunado and near Via Sola, 2) install red curbs on both sides of Via Anacapa between the north and south barrels of Paseo Lunado, and 3) bring the issue back to the Committee in six months for review

Request for Reduction of the Speed Limit and Increased Speed Limit Enforcement on Palos Verdes Drive North from the Triangle Intersection to Via Valmonte

Action: Denied

- **PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

NC-574R-08; Consideration of a revised Neighborhood Compatibility Application for additions to the single family residence located at 4045 Via Valmonte. Lot 28 & a portion of Lot 29, Block 6319, Tract 6888.

Owner: John Lundberg & Cynthia Lee

Approved with conditions.

NC-1325-08; Consideration of a Neighborhood Compatibility Application for a new single family residence located at 4125 Via Solano. Lot 15, Block 6317, Tract 7143.

Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Xenophon Glavas

Approved with conditions

M-677-08; Consideration of a Miscellaneous Application for after-the-fact approval of non-standard structures in the right-of-way adjacent to the single family residence located at 780 Via Somonte. Lot 2, Block 1540, Tract 6884.

Applicant/Owner: Kevin Theodora

Denied

NC-1331/V-78-08; Consideration of Neighborhood Compatibility and Variance Applications for additions to the single family residence located at 1600 Addison Road. Lot 20 & a portion of Lot 21, Block 1370, Tract 7140.

Owner: James and Phyllis Czesak

Approved with conditions

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Resident Sheryl Iannitti [PVE RESIDENT] sought information on a potential special event application and was referred to staff.

NEW BUSINESS

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REQUEST TO AMEND THE FY-2008 PALOS VERDES TENNIS CLUB CAPITAL BUDGET FOR MEN'S LOCKER ROOM PROJECT

Mayor Sherwood and Councilmember Rea disclosed that they are both members of the Tennis Club and have been advised by the City Attorney that there is no basis for conflict of interest on this matter.

Assistant City Manager Smith reported that the Tennis Club has requested an increase to a previously approved capital item for the 2008 fiscal year for the men's locker room renovation project. The project is currently budgeted at \$50,000 and the Club Board of Directors is asking to increase the budget to \$75,000 after receiving bids and updating the scope of the project. On July 29th Tennis Club Liaisons Councilmember Humphrey and Councilmember Rea met with Club representatives to discuss the project, the status of the capital fund, and future capital requirements. The 2008 capital budget currently totals \$85,500 including the \$50,000 for the locker room renovation project. The project is cosmetic in nature with no structural items involved. The Club has transferred \$25,000 of its undesignated operating balance and designated it for the capital fund which will assist in the financing of the project. The undesignated operating balance is now \$257,000 which is equal to 45% of the total operating budget.

Councilmember Goodhart stated that the City should be consistent with each of the Cities concessions with regards to capital improvements. He recalled that the Beach Club took a different approach with regards to capital improvements. Assistant City Manager Smith said that the City should look at each concession with regards to the circumstances especially since the initiation fees are much higher at the Beach Club than they are at the Tennis Club. There is also a much greater demand for membership at the Beach Club and they have resalable memberships.

Mayor Sherwood said he thinks it is a good idea to remove the carpeting in the men's locker room.

Councilmember Rea asked Tennis Club Manager John Hall to explain the water main break at the Club that occurred during the week. Mr. Hall explained that the break occurred under the walkway between a court and the Clubhouse. The main had broken and been repaired about 5 years ago. The Board decided to replace the remaining galvanized pipe with copper instead of again repairing it. The cost of replacement was \$15,000, and will be funded within the existing FY 2008 capital budget.

Mayor Sherwood asked Mr. Hall if \$75,000 would be enough to cover the cost of the locker room project. Mr. Hall said they received four construction bids and all are under \$75,000.

It was moved by Councilmember Humphrey, seconded by Councilmember Goodhart, and unanimously approved to amend the FY 2008 Palos Verdes Tennis Club capital budget in the amount of \$25,000 for the men's locker room project.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager's Report

City Manager Hoefgen reported that the State Budget has finally been approved. There appears to be minor, if any, impacts to the City of Palos Verdes Estates. Cities with active redevelopment

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agencies will see a loss of funds with this budget. The projects that the City has had on hold can now move forward including the Police Department locker room improvements and painting of City Hall.

DEMANDS

It was moved by Councilmember Goodhart and seconded by Councilmember Rea that the demands, as approved by a majority of the City Council, totaling \$232,090.10 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.

It was moved by Councilmember Goodhart and seconded by Councilmember Rea that the demands, as approved by a majority of the City Council, No. 514091V, 514109 to 514187 totaling \$1,055,300.32 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Rea reported that he attended the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting of September 10th and he was very impressed with the Committee's handling of a contentious meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. to Tuesday, October 14, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MICHÉLE D. MONSON, MINUTES SECRETARY

APPROVED:

JOSEPH C. SHERWOOD, JR., MAYOR

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