

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

April 22, 2008

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 Pro-Tem Perkins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ABSENT: Mayor Sherwood, Councilmember Goodhart

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Rea requested that Item #5, PW-508-06 extension of the R.F. Dickson Street Sweeping Contract, be removed from the Consent Agenda

It was moved by Councilmember Humphrey, seconded by Councilmember Rea and unanimously approved that the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

- MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2008
- CITY TREASURER'S REPORT – MARCH 2008
- MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – MARCH 2008
- ADOPT RESOLUTION R08-09; CONFIRMING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF NC-1314-07; NEIGHBORHOOD COMPATIBILITY APPLICATION FOR A NEW SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 3929 VIA SOLANO. LOT 8, BLOCK 6201, TRACT 6887
- SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR THE PALOS VERDES MARATHON ON SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008, FROM 7:00A.M. TO 2:00P.M.

- SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION BY THE LUNADA BAY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD A "SUMMER SERIES IN THE PARK" IN LUNADA BAY PARK WHICH INCLUDES "FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT" ON MAY 31ST, "LUNADA BAY ROCKS!" ON JUNE 14TH, "CONCERT IN THE PARK" FEATURING "ONE WORLD" ON JULY 10, AND "CONCERT IN THE PARK" FEATURING MARK FITCHETT ON JULY 24, 2008.
- PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS OF APRIL 15, 2008

NC-1285R-07; Consideration of a revised Neighborhood Compatibility Application for additions to the existing single family residence located at 2304 Via Carrillo. Lot 11, Block 2204, Tract 7141.

Owner: Kenneth & Judith Torok

Approved with conditions

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NC-1304/GA-1422/M-658-07; Consideration of Neighborhood Compatibility, Grading and Miscellaneous Applications for a new single family residence located at 376 Via Almar. Lot 5, Block 1514, Tract 6886.
Owner: Mehmet & Muge Kocarslan
Approved with conditions

NC-1319/GA-1430/M-665-08; Consideration of Neighborhood Compatibility, Grading and Miscellaneous Applications for a new single family residence located at 944 Via Del Monte. Lot 13, Block 1634, Tract 7142.
Owner: Via Rincon Property LLC
Approved with conditions

NC-1320/M-667-08; Consideration of Neighborhood Compatibility and Miscellaneous Applications for additions to the existing single family residence located at 1324 Palos Verdes Drive West. Lot 7, Block 1353, Tract 7536.
Owner: Dennis & Michele Dahlhausen
Approved with conditions

NC-1036R-08; Consideration of revised a Neighborhood Compatibility Application for revisions to the previously approved new single family residence located at 2120 Paseo Del Mar. Lot 1, Block 2101, Tract 7331.
Owner: Mark & Kelly McCaslin
Approved with conditions

M-666-08; Consideration of a Miscellaneous Application for non-standard encroachments located in the public right-of-way located adjacent to 433 Via Corta. Lot 25, Block 1616, Tract 6885.
Owner: Joanne Hinchliff & Alice Davis
Denied

PW-508-06; REQUEST FROM R.F. DICKSON TO EXTEND THE CURRENT STREET SWEEPING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT ONE MORE YEAR AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$59,600.00

Public Works Director Rigg explained that the current street sweeping contract with R.F. Dickson is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2008 and within this contract there is a provision for the City to extend the contract at a mutually agreed upon price. The current contract price is an annual cost of \$52,731.00 which had been bid in 2006. The new negotiated price is \$59,600.00 which is still significantly below the second lowest bid of 2006.

It was moved by Councilmember Rea, seconded by Councilmember Humphrey, and unanimously approved to extend the current Street Sweeping Professional Services Agreement with R.F. Dickson one more year at an annual cost of \$59,600.00.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Colin Hull, [PVE Resident], has seen a dramatic improvement in the safety on the narrow streets south of Palos Verdes High School since the Residential Permit Parking Zone (RPZ) went into effect. The traffic is flowing much better. The RPZ is working and, with time, the issues on Paseo del Mar (parking) will be solved.

John Redding, [PVE Resident], said he is proud of the Council and thanked them for bringing safety back to the narrow streets surrounding the high school. He was not happy with the student demonstration against the RPZ which added extra work for the Police Department. He is happy that, after six years, the School Board has placed the parking situation at the high school on their agenda.

Carolyn McCormack, [former PVE Resident], visits her mom in PVE and has seen a huge improvement in the area. She can walk the neighborhood with kids and dogs and not feel like they are

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going to get run over. She hopes the School Board listens to the Council, staff, and residents and provides parking for the students on campus.

Lenore McCormack, [PVE Resident], thanked the Council and staff for implementing the RPZ. Her neighborhood has, once again, become a safe neighborhood. She now has the benefit of having the street sweeper clean her curb since the cars are not always parked in front of her house.

Linda Perry, [PVE Resident], said the overflow high school parking that is happening in front of her house existed prior to the RPZ going into effect. She feels the parking situation on Paseo del Mar is due to the 10 additional classrooms built on the north side of campus. She would like to see the parking restricted on Paseo del Mar. The School Board should address the issue of on-site parking.

Louis Zakin, [PVE Resident], thinks it is great that the Council acted on the many resident requests to address parking around the high school. He believes that each Council member in their decision to implement an RPZ will ultimately save a life. He asked that the Police Department start to enforce the RPZ and end the grace period of giving warnings.

George Richards, [PVE Resident], said the RPZ is the product of the City and the neighbors working together for the benefit of the community. The ballot approval of 75% to implement the program is indicative of the strong feelings of the residents wanting a solution.

City Manager Hoefgen felt it was important to note that the RPZ has been implemented for only three weeks and we are still in a “settling in” period. The staff is hearing from residents on Paseo del Mar expressing concerns with the parking impacts on their street. There will be an overall review of the parking and RPZ at the next Traffic Safety Committee meeting on May 14th.

Mayor Pro-Tem Perkins acknowledged that representatives of the School District are making efforts to create additional parking on campus.

Police Chief Dreiling commented that after the one-week grace period for the RPZ the officers are enforcing the law.

NEW BUSINESS

AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE DESIGN OF THE PASEO DEL MAR AND ROCKY POINT PUMP STATION UPGRADES AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION R08-08, ADJUSTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 BUDGET.

Public Works Director Rigg reported that the sewer system for the City of Palos Verdes Estates is comprised of a network of local sewer pipes, trunk sewer pipes, and sewage pump stations. The local sewer pipes and two pump stations are owned by the City and are maintained by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. There are a variety of other pump stations and trunk lines that are owned and maintained by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. Most of the pipes and pumps stations were installed during the development of the City from 40 to 50 years ago. These need to be rehabilitated or replaced before they fail. In June of 2002 the City Council approved the Sewer Master Plan for all the city-owned sewers and pump stations. The report contained a 10-year program for rehabilitation and replacements. A sewer user fee was implemented with revenue of \$1.5 million per year. All sewer lining portions of the program have been successfully completed. The next two projects to complete are the upgrades to the Paseo del Mar and Rocky Point pump stations which were originally constructed by the City in the 1960's. The new designs for pump stations incorporate redundancy with back-up generators or overflow capacity. Currently, if either one of these pump stations fail, the sewage would have no place to go except on to the street, in to the catch basin and directly out to the ocean. In January 2008 requests for proposals were sent to six reputable engineering firms for this design project. Three firms submitted design proposals. Staff reviewed each company's qualifications and proposal extensively. AKM Consulting Engineers' tremendous amount of experience with sewer pump station design and the comprehensiveness of their proposal resulted in their selection. There are particular challenges with these two pump stations. The Rocky Point pump station is entirely underground in a fully developed neighborhood which will be a challenge to minimize the disruption to the neighborhood. Also, the City must figure out how to keep a pump station operational during construction or use an interim method using trucks to haul the sewage up to a

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gravity sewer manhole. The review committee feels that AKM has the best experience. The bids were very close with AKM's at \$599,060.00 with the high bid from Psomas at \$619,595.00. There are four design tasks. Task A is the most important which includes research and investigation, a preliminary design report and environmental processing. The City wants to see the different options and what levels of additional services we can expect from those and the varying dollar amounts. The options go from replacing the pump station entirely to using portions of the existing pump station. The alternatives will be brought to the Council. Task B includes creating separate construction plans and technical specifications, plan check processing, cost estimates, and conducting any necessary geotechnical investigations for each of the two pump stations. These two pump stations will be phased so that one is nearing completion prior to starting the other. Task C includes consulting reports for contractor questions that arise during the bidding and construction phase of the project as well as construction management during the construction phase. Task D includes the creation of operations and maintenance manuals and the compilation of warranty information for each of the pump stations. The staff is suspect of the condition of the force mains at these pump stations and there is a possibility that parallel force mains may have to be an added project. Since Los Angeles County Department of Public Works will be operating and maintaining the pump stations the County will be an integral part of the review process.

Mayor Pro-Tem Perkins asked what the proposed timeline would be for design and construction. Director Rigg said the design phase should be 12-15 months and then about six months for construction.

Councilmember Humphrey was wondering about the aesthetics of the Paseo del Mar station. Director Rigg said there are three components of a pump station – the well, the pump, and the control panel and potential generator. The control panel and generator ideally should be above ground. Staff has discussed with AKM the possibility of not having these above ground right in the middle of the parkland on Paseo del Mar, but they would be subject to water intrusion if placed underground. They will try to keep the stations as minimally intrusive as possible. The bigger problem is the Rocky Point station being very close to private property. Although the residents are aware of the previous overflow issues, hopefully they will be appreciative that the City is trying to solve those issues.

Councilmember Rea asked where the construction equipment and material will be stored during the construction process. Director Rigg said that would be a challenge at Rocky Point Road especially since there might be periods where the pump station will be out of operation and there may be night time work to get it operational. Also, there may be pumping trucks transporting the sewage up to Palos Verdes Drive West to a large tanker truck which would then transport to a manhole.

Mayor Pro-Tem Perkins asked how redundancy is built into the system. Zeki Kayiran of AKM answered that Los Angeles County Department of Public Works has standards for their pump stations that are similar to AKM standards. AKM provides a minimum of two pumps that are able to pump the peak flow. If one pump fails, the other is available. They purchase a third pump that is kept as a spare if there is a problem. The problem pump can be removed and the spare pump put in if needed. In regards to the electrical controls they provide two means of controlling the facility. Dual force mains are an important element; they are required to get the sewage to a gravity sewer. The design provides an automatic emergency generator for power outages. There is also storage in the wet well; if there is a mechanical failure, this provides time to contact the County and arrange for them to handle the problem.

Mayor Pro-Tem Perkins asked that staff make sure the neighborhoods are informed of the projects, the timelines, and the benefits that these projects will provide.

City Manager Hoefgen said that the earliest that we will see construction would be May of 2009 and there will be an article in the City newsletter.

Director Rigg said the City will involve the residents in the design process due to the above ground impacts. Once the City receives the preliminary design reports, the neighborhoods will be noticed.

Councilmember Rea moved, Councilmember Humphrey seconded, and it was unanimously approved that the City Council award a Professional Services Agreement to AKM Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$599,060 for the design of the Paseo del Mar and Rocky Point Pump Station Upgrades, and adopt Resolution R08-08, adjusting the FY07-08 budget.

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DEMANDS

It was moved by Councilmember Rea and seconded by Councilmember Humphrey that the demands, as approved by a majority of the City Council, totaling \$208,301.72 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.

It was moved by Councilmember Rea and seconded by Councilmember Humphrey that the demands, as approved by a majority of the City Council, No.512310(V), 513206H to 513209H, 513219 to 513290 totaling \$367,985.45 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to Tuesday, May 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

/s/

MICHÉLE D. MONSON, MINUTES SECRETARY

APPROVED:

/s/

ELLEN PERKINS, MAYOR PRO-TEM