

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

February 26, 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 James F. Goodhart.

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers Perkins, Rea, Humphrey, Mayor Pro Tem Sherwood, Mayor Goodhart

ABSENT: None

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S REPORT – Matters of Community Interest - none

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Sherwood, seconded by Councilmember Rea and unanimously approved that the following Consent Agenda items be approved with Councilmember Perkins recusing herself from Item #6D Planning Commission Actions

- MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2008
- CITY TREASURER'S REPORT – JANUARY 2008
- MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – JANUARY 2008
- APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION FOR THE PVP LAND CONSERVANCY TO HOLD ITS ART SHOW PREVIEW RECEPTION DINNER AT FARNHAM MARTIN PARK ON FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2008, FROM 6:00 TO 9:00P.M.
- TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING ITEM OF FEBRUARY 13, 2008

Request for a southbound stop sign at the Via la Selva/Via Picaposte Intersection
Request denied

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- **PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS OF FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

6A NC-1313-07; Consideration of a Neighborhood Compatibility Application for additions to the single family residence located at 1433 Via Zumaya. Lot 65, Tract 27438.

Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Toups

Approved with conditions

6B NC-1311/GA-1426-07; Consideration of Neighborhood Compatibility and Grading Applications for additions to the single family residence located at 4021 Via Picaposte. Lot 16, Block 6313, Tract 7143.

Owner: Andrew Martz

Approved with conditions

6C NC-1314-07; Consideration of a Neighborhood Compatibility Application for a new single family residence located at 3929 via Solano. Lot 8, Block 6201, Tract 6887.

Owner: Henry Hymes

Denied

6D NC-1317-08; Consideration of a Neighborhood Compatibility Application for a new single family residence located at 3432 Palos Verdes Drive North. Lot 19, block 1900, Tract 6883.

Owner: CCC&R Heritage Point, LLC

Approved with conditions

(Councilmember Perkins recused)

6E NC-1298R-07; Consideration of a revised Neighborhood Compatibility Application for a new single family residence located at 540 Paseo Del Mar. Lot 4, Block 1412, Tract 6886.

Owner: Marcus Linden

Denied

6F M-655-07; Consideration of a Miscellaneous Application for structures exceeding the maximum allowable height at the single family residence located at 808 Gatos Place. Lot 3, block 1541, Tract 6884.

Owner: Lily Liang

Approved with conditions

6G M-657-08; Consideration of a Miscellaneous Application for structures exceeding the maximum allowable height at the single family residence located at 1505 Via Arco. Lot 17, block 17, Tract 7538.

Owner: Mr. Bottlewalla

Approved with conditions

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Resident Ruth Shaffer, [resident], updated the Council on the fund raising efforts for the Lunada Bay Fountain Renovation Project. During the first two weeks of fundraising 349 donors contributed a total of \$26,585. She thanked the donors, the City, Palos Verdes Beautiful and the PV News for all their help in getting this grassroots effort started. She said the fountain is not just a Lunada Bay landmark, but a representation of the classic beauty inherent in the City of Palos Verdes Estates. The goal is to raise \$100,000.

Resident Robin DeBraal, [resident], gave a brief history of how the Lunada Bay Fountain Renovation Project came to be. She said the fountain is part of a concept for the beautification of Lunada Bay as a whole. It started with Lunada Bay Park, now the fountain; in the future they would like some signage and a flagpole in the park. In 2002 discussions started between City Councilman Joe Sherwood and the Lunada Bay Homeowners' Association (LBHA) regarding the need to refurbish the fountain. In 2003 and 2005 the LBHA became involved in the park project and the fountain was sidelined. In 2006 the City of PVE allocated \$25,000 to repair the interior of the fountain. At a meeting between the City and LBHA it was discussed whether Lunada Bay homeowners would be interested in helping the City determine what should be done with the exterior of the fountain. In April 2006 the project was presented to the LBHA Board of Directors where it was approved. At the 2006 LBHA Annual Meeting the membership approved the concept of the project. The LBHA organized the fountain design committee met monthly to review and research design concepts. At the 2007 LBHA Annual Meeting the design concept was presented to the general membership. The design captures the original intent of the city planners 1964 design which did not have tiles. The design was approved by the Art Jury, Parklands Committee, and the City Council. The fund raising committee was formed and in February 2008 Funds for Our Fountain begins the fundraising campaign. The LBHA has given \$5,000 seed money to fund the first mailer. LBHA has asked the PVHA to contribute to the project.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROTEST HEARINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON OR IN FRONT OF, AND BRUSH, RUBBISH, REFUSE, AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF

Mayor Goodhart asked if Public Notice had been given according to law. City Clerk Smith responded that it was.

Public Works Director Rigg reported that at the February 12, 2008 City Council meeting the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office (CACO) provided the City with their annual list for weed abatement proceedings for unimproved private properties within the City. The Council reviewed the list and declared the properties a public nuisance and weed abatement services will be provided

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as needed. By law each city is required to hold a public hearing allowing unimproved property owners the opportunity to protest their inclusion on the County's list for abatement services.

Rigg stated that, similarly, on the February 12, 2008 the Los Angeles County Fire Department provided the City with a list of improved properties needing weed abatement service. The properties listed represent a potential fire hazard and owners are notified of the potential hazard prior to making a final determination of which properties are a definite fire hazard. LACFD hopes the property owners will clear the vegetation prior to the beginning of fire season. The fire department inspects listed properties again in June and returns to the City for authorization to fine for any violations found.

Mayor Goodhart opened the Public Hearing on R08-01 for unimproved properties and seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing. There were no comments from the Council.

It was moved by Councilmember Humphrey, seconded by Councilmember Perkins, and unanimously approved to, in accordance with R08-01 for unimproved properties, direct the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office to inspect and abate weeds, brush, rubbish, and refuse as necessary on unimproved lots contained in the list.

Mayor Goodhart opened the Public Hearing on R08-02 for improved properties and seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Humphrey commented that some of the improved properties are on the list due to the fact that they are adjacent to parklands, not from having weeds, etc. on the property.

It was moved by Councilmember Humphrey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sherwood, and unanimously approved to, in accordance with R08-02 for improved properties, direct the Los Angeles County Fire Department to inspect all improved properties before affirmation of the final list.

AYES: Councilmembers Perkins, Rea, Humphrey, Mayor Pro Tem Sherwood, Mayor Goodhart

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

STAFF REPORTS

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City Manager's Report

Manager Hoefgen reminded the Council that the March 11, 2008 Council meeting will have the presentation of the report following the vote for the Residential Permit Parking Zone around PVHS. As of February 26, there were 133 of 154 ballots returned. The ballots will be opened by the City Clerk's office on Monday, March 3.

Manager Hoefgen has been attending meetings with other South Bay coastal cities regarding the banner towing aircraft issue. Prior to the summer he will have a report for the Council on the progress made with the airline operators regarding additional regulations in concert with existing FAA regulations.

DEMANDS

It was moved by Councilmember Perkins and seconded by Councilmember Rea that the demands, as approved by a majority of the City Council, totaling \$207,534.61 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.

It was moved by Councilmember Perkins and seconded by Councilmember Rea that the demands, as approved by the majority of the City Council, No.512863 to 512871, 512881 to 512942, 512943 totaling \$533,672.44 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Sherwood attended the first Honors Music Recital for PVHS at the Norris Theater. He thanked the music director Shelly Parkinson and Principal Chris Bowles for their efforts. He spoke with School Board President Malcolm Sharp regarding the impending \$4 million cuts by the School District and how it may impact the music program. Mr. Sharp said there should be no impact as the PVHS Booster Club supports art and music at the high school. Sherwood thanked Dick Moe for allowing the high school to use the Norris facility for the performance. Sherwood said it was a great evening.

Councilmember Humphrey attended the PVHS Booster Club Auction and Dinner at the PV Golf Club. She said that she and City Manager Hoefgen did their share of bidding on auction items. The Booster Club money does support not only athletics, but many activities across the board.

Mayor Goodhart attended the State of the County address by Supervisor Don Knabe put on by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. The County is in a 'wait and see' mode due to the State's budget crisis. Goodhart said Knabe is concerned about the County's health care system and the significant decline in emergency rooms over the past ten years.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.m. to Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MICHÉLE D. MONSON, MINUTES SECRETARY

APPROVED:

JAMES F. GOODHART, MAYOR