

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

January 26, 2010

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, Goodhart, Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey,
Mayor Perkins**

ABSENT: None

**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 welcomed Boy Scout Troop 134. She also reminded the public of the next Mayor's Community Forum to be held on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 6:30 p.m.

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:

- MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2010
- CITY TREASURER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2009
- TREASURER'S QUARTERLY INTEREST REPORT – OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2009
- MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – DECEMBER 2009
- ACTIONS OF JOINT CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION/HOMES ASSOCIATION MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2010
- PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS OF JANUARY 19, 2010

NC-1371/GA-1461/SC-130/M-738-09; Consideration of Neighborhood Compatibility, Grading, Sports Court and Miscellaneous Applications for a new single family residence located at 1729 Via Coronel. Lot 2, Block 4, Tract 7334.

Owner: Rich & Liz Umbrell

Action: Approved with conditions

NC-1373/GA-1464 -09; Consideration of Neighborhood Compatibility and Grading Applications for a new single family residence located at 2241 Via La Brea. Lot 16, Block 1635, Tract 7330.

Owner: Gloria & Chi-An Wei

Action: Approved with conditions

NC-1364 -09; Consideration of a Neighborhood Compatibility Application for additions to the single family residence located at 749 Via Somonte. Lot 1, Block 1538, Tract 6884.

Owner: Ray & Julie Craemer

Action: Approved with conditions

NC-1374/GA-1462/M-754-09; Consideration of Neighborhood Compatibility, Grading and Miscellaneous Applications for a new single family residence located at 1416 Via Margarita. Lot 14, Block 11, Tract 7538.

Owner: Alex Knowles

Action: Approved with conditions

M-750-09; Consideration of a Miscellaneous Application for a structure exceeding the maximum allowable height at the single family residence located at 1017 Via Nogales. Lot 5, Block 1637, Tract 7330.

Applicant/Owner: Michael & Libby Thomas

Action: Approved with conditions

M-751-09; Consideration of a Miscellaneous Application for a non-standard driveway at the single family residence located at 568 Via Almar. Lot 4, Block 13, Tract 7540.

Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Traina

Action: Approved with conditions

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Niki Tennant, representing Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal, provided an update on activities of the office, including legislation authored by the Assembly Member and signed by the Governor. She also repeated grim warnings on the fiscal status of the State and dire consequences of the anticipated \$21 billion budget shortfall.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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RESOLUTION R10-01; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A REVISED FEE SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES RENDERED RELATING TO BUILDING AND SAFETY, PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS PERMITS

Assistant City Manager Smith reported that the City is permitted to recover the cost of providing development services to ensure that the party requesting the services pays for the cost of these services and not the general taxpayer. The methodology for evaluating these costs includes direct and indirect cost components over a three year period. This year's evaluation indicated an 18.4% increase in fees is warranted. This year Planning related fees were looked at more closely due to an increasing shortfall in this area. The evaluation showed PVE's fees ranged from 22% to 66% lower than the other surveyed cities. Staff recommended a 20% increase in Planning fees and a 10% increase in Building fees. She noted that the 20% increase ranges from \$17 to \$265 for the most common applications. There is a newly proposed fee classification related to Revised Neighborhood Compatibility Applications. Once a property has been through Neighborhood Compatibility (NC), any future changes or additions to the property are also subject to a Neighborhood Compatibility Review. Currently, these applications pay half fees regardless of when the original approval was processed. Staff proposed that once the original construction associated with the NC approval is finalized, that any revised application would be subject to full fees.

Councilmember Rea asked why the costs had increased. Director Rigg responded that the increases are typically 2%-3% per year and there has not been a fee increase since 2006.

Councilmember Rea asked if the City tracked the number of Neighborhood Compatibility applications that are approved the first time around, second time around, etc. He said that every time a NC application goes before the Planning Commission there is staff time involved to work the application. Director Rigg said that each subsequent time an application goes before the Commission it is essentially free of charge, but it would be difficult to determine exactly what the additional costs are. Also, it may put applicants in a difficult position to accept a continuance if there was going to be an additional fee charged.

No members of the public wished to speak on the matter.

After Council discussion, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey, seconded by Councilmember Goodhart, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution R10-01 to adopt a revised fee schedule for development services, which reflects a 20% increase in planning application fees and a 10% increase in building and public works permit fees.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager's Report

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City Manager Hoefgen advised of two items on the upcoming February 9th agenda: Presentation by Southern California Edison on the “State of Electric Utility” and presentation of the 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and updated Fiscal Health Report. He also said the City has held up well during the recent rain storms and thanked Streets and Parks staff for a job well done.

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 \$224,312.64 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.

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. 516828 to 516900 totaling \$521,747.38 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Mayor Perkins attended the Re-Opening and Dedication of the PVPUSD Malaga Cove Administration Center earlier in the day along with Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey, Councilmember Goodhart, Councilmember Bird and City Manager Hoefgen. She said it is a beautiful facility and great addition to the City of PVE. She also spoke at the Breakfast Club on the State of the City where she was asked about the traffic in Malaga Cove in the afternoons. She would like the Council to look into the situation. She, along with Councilmember Goodhart and City Manager Hoefgen, attend the SBCCOG workshop on regional agencies.

Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey will be attending the City Selection Committee Meeting on February 4th and she asked for the Council’s concurrence to nominate and cast the City’s vote for Judy Mitchell as representative to the Air Quality Management District.

Councilmember Bird mentioned that the Malaga Cove Homeowners’ Association is fundraising to help the school district landscape the new MC Administration Center.

Councilmember Goodhart reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities policy committee meetings for Public Safety and Environmental Quality held in Sacramento February 20-22. Copies of his notes from the meeting will be distributed to the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to Tuesday, February 9th, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MICHÉLE D. MONSON, MINUTES SECRETARY

APPROVED

ELLEN PERKINS, MAYOR