

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

**March 16, 2011**

**An adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates was called to order this day at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Humphrey.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**ABSENT: None**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – NONE**

**OPENING REMARKS FROM MAYOR HUMPHREY**

Mayor Humphrey commented that this term will start her 22<sup>nd</sup> year on the PVE City Council and thanked her family for their help in allowing her to volunteer for the City. She also thanked her fellow Council members, staff, members of the committees and commissions and the residents of the City for their support. She noted the election was cancelled and tonight three Council members will be taking the oath of office – which she believes is a vote of confidence in the way the City is run. Mayor Humphrey was happy to report that PVE is fiscally sound with a balanced budget during this period of economic uncertainty. The City's investment portfolio is overseen by Treasurer Joseph Sherwood. She noted that California voters passed Proposition 22 which helps to prevent the State from usurping local government revenue. The City has tightened its belt in many areas such as holding the line on salaries, extending the useful life of vehicles, the contract with Charles Abbott allows the City to reduce staff when building levels are down, and the City hired a part-time mechanic rather than contract out. In 2010 and 2011 PVE made advance payments on safety personnel pensions to avoid long-term liability - saving in interest over \$950,000. PVE continued investments in infrastructure with two sewage pumps stations and continuing the Pavement Management System with slurry seal and overlay of city streets. The \$850,000 PVDW Stabilization Project was completed and was paid for through outside funding. She encouraged residents to contact the Council or staff with any questions they may have noting that there are several ways in which residents can obtain information – the City newsletter, the new website and through COX cable broadcasts of City meetings. She credited the Assistant City Manager, Judy Smith, with leading the website upgrade project and it is now administered entirely in-house. Mayor Humphrey said the PVE CARES (Community Assistance and Resources for the Elderly and Seniors) program, developed by Chief Dreiling, is community-based policing at its best. The program was initiated in 2005 and volunteers are trained in gerontology, elder abuse, legal issues, signs of aging, psychological issues and home visitation. The program now has 750 seniors registered in the

database. Sergeant John Eberhard is the designated coordinator of PVE CARES. The Disaster District Program (DDP), run by the Police Department and coordinated by Reserve John Douglass, was fully implemented with six cargo containers being placed at the six school sites within the City. The containers hold supplies for the Disaster Service Workers which will be used during an emergency. There will be limited fire and police resources available during a disaster and the City is asking for residents to register as Disaster Service Workers so they can receive training and be counted upon during an emergency. All four City concessions are generating revenue and operating in the black. The police department purchased new digital radios to help eliminate “dead” zones in the City. The Council, Department Heads and City Attorney are holding meetings during which the Municipal Code is being reviewed and updated. The City is also embarking on a Green Program with the target goal of achieving a 10% reduction in greenhouse gases for municipal operations by the year 2020. She also asked residents to shop local in support of Peninsula businesses. She thanked the Council, staff and residents for their hard work over the past year.

## **CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AND OATH OF OFFICE**

City Clerk Judy Smith administered the Oath of Office to Rosemary Humphrey, Ellen Perkins and John Rea.

## **CEREMONIAL MATTERS**

Mayor Pro Tem Rea presented outgoing Mayor Humphrey with a gavel plaque in appreciation of her year of service as Mayor. He also presented her with gifts from the other Council members.

Councilmember Goodhart said he did not realize how busy the year had been until Mayor Humphrey read her list of highlights and he said that speaks to how seamlessly she has led the Council and staff.

Councilmember Perkins said she has seen Rosemary Humphrey in many leadership roles over the many years she has known her and Mayor is the role that fits her the best. She is a fearless defender of the PVE’s uniqueness when confronted by those that ask the City to change. She is the resident historian but not mired down in the past and is willing to lead the City forward.

Councilmember Bird said the best argument against term limits is Rosemary Humphrey. The City has been the beneficiary of her dedicated service, experience and leadership. He thanked her on behalf of the residents for her time and talent. He said she is a phenomenal Mayor and a wonderful person.

Mayor Pro Tem Rea added that it has been a privilege and honor to serve as Mayor Pro Tem under Mayor Humphrey. He said he was amazed at how much she accomplished and made it look easy. Being Mayor fits her like a glove and she will be missed as Mayor.

Mayor Humphrey thanked the Council, staff and residents for their support and wonderful recognitions. She said that this Council’s accomplishments are a result of the combined efforts of

all of the Councils that have served before them. She introduced the former Mayors in attendance – Joseph Sherwood, Ruth Gralow, Barbara Culver, Fred Mackenbach and Ed Ritscher.

City Clerk Smith asked for nominations for Mayor. Mayor Humphrey nominated Mayor Pro Tem Rea for Mayor, it was seconded by Councilmember Bird and unanimously approved.

Mayor Rea asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Goodhart nominated Councilmember Bird for Mayor Pro Tem, it was seconded by Councilmember Perkins and unanimously approved.

Mayor Rea said that out-going Mayor Humphrey expressed well all that the Council has been busy with over the last year and what is upcoming this year. He thanked his fellow Council members for the honor and privilege of serving the City of PVE as Mayor. The City will continue to face the challenge of an uncertain economy and uncertain political environment in Sacramento. The challenge will be to maintain the same level of core municipal services without any drop in quality. He introduced his wife Merredith and son Jeff. He said that Merredith grew up in PVE and when they married they could not find any place better than PVE to live. They were attracted by the beautiful homes, spectacular ocean views, tree-lined streets, open spaces, park-like quality and friendly people. He likes that you can tell when you are entering PVE when driving as the roads are so much better taken care of and that the police department will help a neighbor get a cat down from a tree.

Mayor Rea is pleased the George Bird is going to be Mayor Pro Tem. He met Mayor Pro Tem Bird when they both served on the Board of the Harbor Regional Center where he observed him do a wonderful job as a leader and he continued that leadership while serving on the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Mayor Rea said the theme of the evening is volunteerism and community service. There are many members of the PVE community that volunteer their time without compensation and the City is always looking for additional people to volunteer. The challenge is to get the next generation to get involved. He believes it is a good idea to encourage students and college age kids to become involved and contribute to the community. He thanked everyone for attending the Mayoral Rotation and invited all to enjoy the refreshments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to Tuesday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
MICHÉLE D. MONSON, MINUTES SECRETARY

APPROVED:  
WILLIAM JOHN REA, MAYOR