

**MINUTES**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**JANUARY 13, 2009**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:34 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by MAYOR MITCHELL.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dale Allen, President, Palos Verdes Peninsula Horsemen's Association, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Allen stated that the purpose of this organization is to preserve horsekeeping and education on the Peninsula. He noted that they meet the third Thursday of the month at the Empty Saddle Club and announced the following events: January 17 – Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival; May 9 – Mayor's Breakfast Ride. Additionally, he noted that a trail guide is on sale for \$20 at City Hall and other tack sites or on their website at pvpha.org.

**ROLL CALL**

City Council Members Present: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zuckerman  
City Council Absent: Zerunyan

City Staff Present: Acting City Manager Sam Wise  
City Attorney Kristin Pelletier  
Community Services Directory Andy Clark  
Planning Director David Wahba  
Administrative Services Director Michael Whitehead  
Assistant to the City Manager Greg Grammer

Others Present: Deborah Davis, Park and Activities Commission  
Andy Rein, Planning Commission

**4. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

NONE

**5. ROUTINE MATTERS**

**A. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008**

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR MITCHELL SO ORDERED.

B. ADJOURNED JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2008

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MAYOR PRO ADDLEMAN moved, seconded COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN seconded

TO APPROVE THE ADJOURNED JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2008 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR MITCHELL SO ORDERED.

C. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – DECEMBER AND JANUARY

MAYOR PRO TEM ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO APPROVE WARRANTS 45126 THROUGH 45160 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,246.60; SUPPLEMENTAL WARRANTS 120108 THROUGH 120308; 44853 AND 44854 (PRINT TEST-VOID); 44962 THROUGH 44969; 45006 THROUGH 45035; 45036 THROUGH 45098; 45099 THROUGH 45115 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$810,333.98 FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$920,580.58 WITH PROPER AUDIT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zuckerman  
ABSENT: Zerunyan

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

MAYOR PRO TEM ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO APPROVE ITEMS A AND C.

A. READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for consideration to the City Council will be waived and all such ordinances and resolutions will be read by title only.

APPROVED.

B. NOVEMBER 2008 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

RECEIVED AND FILED.

C. NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

RECEIVED AND FILED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR MITCHELL SO ORDERED.

**7. AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA/WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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NONE

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**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS**

**8:00 P.M.**

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NONE SCHEDULED

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

A. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2008

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ADDLEMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2008.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR MITCHELL SO ORDERED.

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**ADJOURNED TO PEPPER TREE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT 7:41 P.M.**  
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B. REGULAR ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Conduct any necessary Foundation business; and 2) Receive and file the staff report.

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REGULAR ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS STAFF REPORT.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR MITCHELL SO ORDERED.

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**RECONVENED CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:45 P.M.**  
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C. PROPOSAL FROM WILLDAN ENGINEERING TO PREPARE AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR BUTCHER RANCH SUBDIVISION

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Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the contract with Willdan Engineering in the amount of \$11,045 to prepare an Initial Study for the Butcher Ranch Subdivision project.

Planning Director Wahba provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ADDLEMAN

TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTRACT WITH WILLDAN ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,045 TO PREPARE AN INITIAL STUDY FOR THE BUTCHER RANCH SUBDIVISION PROJECT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zuckerman

ABSENT: Zerunyan

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. THREE-RAIL VINYL FENCE BID RESULTS**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the agreement with Southland Vinyl to replace 1,685 linear feet of three-rail fencing with Kroy Building Supply's vinyl fence materials in four (4) sections of the City's rights-of-way along Palos Verdes Drive North at a total cost not to exceed \$26,960.

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHLAND VINYL TO REPLACE 1,685 LINEAR FEET OF THREE-RAIL FENCING WITH KROY BUILDING SUPPLY'S VINYL FENCE MATERIALS IN FOUR (4) SECTIONS OF THE CITY'S RIGHTS-OF-WAY ALONG PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$26,960.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zuckerman

ABSENT: Zerunyan

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS suggested looking into a less shiny material the next time a vinyl fence bid is solicited.

**B. PETER WEBER EQUESTRIAN CENTER INITIAL STUDY PROPOSAL**

Recommendation: That the City Council enter into an agreement with Willdan Engineering, on a form acceptable to the City Attorney, to prepare an Initial Study and a Mitigated Negative Declaration analysis for the proposed Peter Weber Equestrian Center renovation project at a cost not to exceed \$29,830.

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN inquired if more investigation is needed due to the proximity of the Equestrian Center to the landfill.

John Bellas, Willdan, noted that he is hoping enough data will be provided by the Phase I assessments, but if additional investigation is necessary, there may be a need to include a Phase II component which would include ground water and/or soil examination with chemical analysis which will be brought to the COUNCIL.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WILL DAN ENGINEERING, ON A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY, TO PREPARE AN INITIAL STUDY AND A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION ANALYSIS FOR THE PROPOSED PETER WEBER EQUESTRIAN CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$29,830.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zuckerman  
ABSENT: Zerunyan

**11. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

NONE

**12. CITY COUNCIL/REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:** This item provides the opportunity for Members of the City Council to provide information and reports to other Members of the City Council and/or the public on any issues or activities of currently active Council Committees, ad hoc committees, regional or state-wide governmental associations, special districts and/or joint powers authorities and their various committees on which Members of the City Council might serve or have an interest, which are not otherwise agendaized.

A. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS notified the COUNCIL that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) office is relocating to Lawndale as of February 1.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS that the SBCCOG General Assembly will take place on Friday, February 27 with the theme being "Funding City Services in the Future: House of Cards?"

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS announced that the SBCCOG, along with SCE, is participating in a free lamp exchange to be held at the South Bay Galleria scheduled for February 21-22.

B. MAYOR PRO TEM ADDLEMAN noted that he attended a meeting of the South Bay Metro where it was reported that there is a strong possibility Line 444 will be eliminated as well as other bus lines being affected. He noted that a public meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Carson Community Center.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for public input urging the MTA not to cut Line 444 which is the only heavily used line that runs from the Peninsula to Los Angeles.

It was the consensus of the COUNCIL

TO SEND A LETTER URGING THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO RETAIN SERVICE ON LINE 444.

C. COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN noted that he attended a Vector Control meeting with no significant news to report until the next meeting when the final reports will be calculated regarding the West Nile virus, etc.

**13. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS:** This item provides the opportunity for Members of the City Council to request information on currently pending projects and/or issues of public concern, direct that an item be agendized for future consideration and/or make announcements of interest to the public.

A. MAYOR MITCHELL

1. DISCUSSION OF THE NEED FOR A COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING IN ADVANCE OF THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT SESSION

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MAYOR MITCHELL asked members of the COUNCIL if they felt a community outreach meeting was necessary prior to the upcoming Policy Development Session.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN stated that, at such a meeting, members of the public could provide a brief comment and then the COUNCIL could decide whether or not to discuss that particular item at the Policy Development Session.

Brief discussion ensued with the COUNCIL agreeing that a meeting would be helpful. Staff was directed to inform the public by placing the details on the website, through a press release and homeowners' associations' mailings.

Additionally, it was the consensus of the COUNCIL to meet prior to a COUNCIL meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**15. ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER PAUL GILMORE**

At 8:22 p.m., MAYOR MITCHELL formally adjourned the City Council meeting to Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Approved by,

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Hope J. Nolan  
Deputy City Clerk

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Samuel R. Wise  
Acting City Manager