

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2007

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:31 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by MAYOR SEAMANS.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR SEAMANS led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

City Staff Present: City Manager Doug Prichard
City Attorney Kristin Pelletier
Assistant City Manager Sam Wise
Administrative Services Director Mike Whitehead
Planning Director David Wahba
Senior Planner Niki Cutler
Assistant to the City Manager Greg Grammer

Others Present: Deborah Pracilio, LSA Associates, Inc.
Tony Chung, LSA Associates, Inc.

4. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

NONE

5. ROUTINE MATTERS

A. ADJOURNED JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2007

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE THE ADJOURNED JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2007 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

B. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2007

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2007 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

C. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO APPROVE WARRANTS 42875 THROUGH 42937 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$282,920.95; SUPPLEMENTAL WARRANTS 100107 THROUGH 100207; 42688 THROUGH 42701; 42763 THROUGH 42783; 42713 (VOID); 42841 THROUGH 42848 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$242,499.44 FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$525,420.39 WITH PROPER AUDIT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE ITEMS A-G.

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.

B. WATER QUALITY PROGRAM UPDATE

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file this report.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

C. 2007 HOLIDAY PARTY GUEST LIST

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the 2007 Holiday Party guest list with any necessary changes.

APPROVED THE 2007 HOLIDAY PARTY GUEST LIST.

D. QUARTERLY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file this report.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

E. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED OCTOBER 19, 2007

RECEIVED AND FILED.

F. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED OCTOBER 26, 2007

RECEIVED AND FILED.

G. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED
NOVEMBER 2, 2007

RECEIVED AND FILED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

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

NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS *(Taken out of order)*

A. ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL AND REGULAR PARK AND ACTIVITIES
COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2007

MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN
ADDLEMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL AND
REGULAR PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF
NOVEMBER 6, 2007.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

B. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2007

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM
ZERUNYAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
OF NOVEMBER 6, 2007.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

C. SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN (SSMP) DEVELOPMENT PLAN
AND SCHEDULE

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Sewer System
Management Plan (SSMP) Development Plan and Schedule.

Kathleen McGowan, Consultant, provided a brief staff report (as per
agenda material).

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN
ZUCKERMAN

TO APPROVE THE SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN (SSMP)
DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND SCHEDULE.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

10. OLD BUSINESS (Taken out of order)

A. COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE – BACKGROUND REPORT

Recommendation: That the City Council review and discuss the report as appropriate.

Senior Planner Cutler provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

Planning Director Wahba noted that the intention is to seek request for proposals and form a subcommittee once the nexus study is received.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL inquired into the Prop 1B bond measure that was passed last year. Senior Planner Cutler noted that, while there was no grant money assigned for this year, staff will continue to monitor this bond.

MAYOR SEAMANS then inquired about how other cities are handling this issue. Planning Director Wahba stated that he will undertake a brief survey and report back to the COUNCIL.

City Manager Prichard suggested that the subcommittee to steer the project be comprised of two CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS and two Planning Commission members and appointed when the 2008 committee assignments are made.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THIS REPORT.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

B. APPROACHES TO ADDRESSING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND CLIMATE CONTROL CHANGE IN CITY ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Recommendation: That the City Council direct staff to utilize a quantitative approach without significance conclusion in environmental documents until further regulation and CEQA thresholds are established by the Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

Senior Planner Cutler provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

Extensive discussion ensued regarding the quantitative versus qualitative mitigation measures that are needed to control any adverse impacts to the environment.

City Manager Prichard noted that these measures would be identified in any EIR prepared to analyze a particular project.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN stated that, with the many projects being undertaken over the next year, this could provide an opportunity to find out what mitigation measures would be acceptable to the COUNCIL.

City Manager Prichard noted that an environmental checklist would identify how to reduce greenhouse emissions which would then be made part of the environmental process. Additionally, he noted that it would be a good idea to compile a list that guides potential applicants on which kind of improvements they wish to pursue.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL inquired if there are actual measures now. Mr. Chung indicated that there is no way to calculate them at this time.

City Manager Prichard suggested tabling this item to allow staff to come back with mitigation measures for the COUNCIL'S consideration.

MAYOR SEAMANS inquired if the state will determine those measures. Mr. Chung noted that once the thresholds are established, they will decide which reduction measures to utilize.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN noted his opinion that the COUNCIL should come up with a best effort as he believed an opportunity would be missed if this was not done.

MAYOR SEAMANS inquired if the state would come up with this prior to the 2010 date.

Planning Director Wahba suggested reviewing the LEED standards.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN concurred with staff's recommendation as he would be reluctant to legislate this as there is no way of quantitatively knowing what the outcome will be since this domain is guided by the state.

MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO DIRECT STAFF TO UTILIZE A QUANTITATIVE APPROACH WITHOUT SIGNIFICANCE CONCLUSION IN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS UNTIL FURTHER REGULATION AND CEQA THRESHOLDS ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH (OPR) AND TO IDENTIFY A CHECKLIST OF QUALITATIVE MITIGATION MEASURES FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

- A. PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 35-07; ADOPTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2007 BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, AND FIRE CODES, WITH AMENDMENTS AND APPENDICES; APPLICANT: CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES; LOCATION: CITY-WIDE

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Open the public hearing; 2) Take public testimony; 3) Discuss the issues; and 4) Introduce Ordinance Nos. 638 (Building), 639 (Electrical), 640 (Mechanical), 641 (Plumbing), and 642 (Fire) for first reading.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

No public testimony was offered.

1. ORDINANCE NO. 638 FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES AMENDING CHAPTER 15.04 OF THE ROLLING HILLS ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2008 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUILDING CODE (TITLE 26) AS AMENDED AND MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 638 FOR FIRST READING.

City Manager Prichard read Ordinance No. 638 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

2. ORDINANCE NO. 639 FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES AMENDING CHAPTER 15.08 THE ROLLING HILLS ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2008 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ELECTRICAL CODE (TITLE 27) AS AMENDED AND MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 639 FOR FIRST READING.

City Manager Prichard read Ordinance No. 639 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

3. ORDINANCE NO. 640 FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES AMENDING CHAPTER 15.12 OF THE ROLLING HILLS ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2008 LOS ANGELES COUNTY MECHANICAL CODE (TITLE 29) AS AMENDED AND MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 640 FOR FIRST READING.

City Manager Prichard read Ordinance No. 640 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

4. ORDINANCE NO. 641 FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES AMENDING CHAPTER 15.16 OF THE ROLLING HILLS ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2008 LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLUMBING CODE (TITLE 28) AS AMENDED AND MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 641 FOR FIRST READING.

City Manager Prichard read Ordinance No. 641 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

5. ORDINANCE NO. 642 FOR INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES AMENDING CHAPTER 8.16 OF THE ROLLING HILLS ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE 2008 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CODE (TITLE 32) AS AMENDED AND MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 642 FOR FIRST READING AND CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO NOVEMBER 27, 2007.

City Manager Prichard read Ordinance No. 642 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

10. OLD BUSINESS (Continued)

C. RESOLUTION NO. 2144 FOR ADOPTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES AUTHORIZING ICLEI MEMBERSHIP AND CITIES FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2144.

City Manager Prichard read Resolution No. 2144 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

D. RESOLUTION NO. 2145 FOR ADOPTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES ESTABLISHING AN ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR APPOINTING CITIZENS THERETO.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2145.

City Manager Prichard read Resolution No. 2145 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

E. RESOLUTION NO. 2146 FOR ADOPTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES ESTABLISHING A TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR APPOINTING CITIZENS THERETO.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2146.

City Manager Prichard read Resolution No. 2146 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

F. RESOLUTION NO. 2147 FOR ADOPTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES ESTABLISHING AN EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR APPOINTING CITIZENS THERETO.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2147.

City Manager Prichard read Resolution No. 2147 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

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 agendized.

A. COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

1. PV TRANSIT

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN reported that he attended this meeting which included discussion of a capital plan update, an agreement with the City of Palos Verdes Estates, etc. He noted that PV Transit is doing very well.

2. CALIFORNIA JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN reported that he attended the CJPIA conference and gave City Manager Prichard some material regarding workers' compensation. He was pleased to report that membership has increased significantly with additional cities and agencies interested in applying. He then stated that due to the state's 10% budget cut, a mid-year budget study session will take place in January or February.

3. SOUTH BAY GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN reported that he attended this meeting. He noted that since there is a deficit with the MTA, additional routes may be cut that could adversely affect the South Bay.

B. COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL noted that there is a movement to support a postage stamp honoring former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley. She asked the COUNCIL if they would be interested in approving a resolution to that effect. It was the consensus of the COUNCIL to agendize this item for the next COUNCIL meeting.

C. COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN reported that he attended a Vector Control meeting. He noted that winter is tick season and urged everyone to be aware for themselves as well as their pets.

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 SEAMANS announced that December 1 is the Annual Holiday Parade of Lights and invited everyone to attend as it will be bigger and better this year. She noted that Joe Valenti, PV Symphony, and Debbie Richardson, Citizen of the Year, will be the Grand Marshals.

B. MAYOR SEAMANS announced that the tree lighting ceremony will take place at The Avenue on Saturday, November 17 in the fountain area.

C. MAYOR SEAMANS announced that a Household Hazardous Waste Pick-Up will be held on December 6 at the Lomita City Hall.

14. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

15. ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF FORMER RETIRED MAINTENANCE WORKER ANGEL ESQUAR VILLARREAL

At 9:02 p.m., MAYOR SEAMANS formally adjourned the City Council meeting to Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Hope J. Nolan
Deputy City Clerk

Douglas R. Prichard
City Clerk