

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2007

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:32 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by MAYOR SEAMANS.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Scout Troop #105 from the City of Lomita 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
Planning Director David Wahba
Community Services Director Andy Clark
Administrative Services Director Mike Whitehead

Others Present: Dale Allen, Park and Activities Commission
Larry Vanden Bos, Planning Commission

4. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 2149 FOR ADOPTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 20, 2007 AS A "DAY WITHOUT A BAG."

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2149.

City Manager Prichard read Resolution No. 2149 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

B. RESOLUTION NO. 2150 FOR ADOPTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES TO ADOPT THE WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT "IT'S TIME TO GET SERIOUS" CONSERVATION AND WATER USE INITIATIVE.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2150.

City Manager Prichard read Resolution No. 2150 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

C. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING MAYOR SUSAN SEAMANS

MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN commended MAYOR SEAMANS on an admirable job in undertaking the City's 50th anniversary celebration and congratulated her on her service to the community. On behalf of the COUNCIL and staff, he presented her with a caricature.

MAYOR SEAMANS thanked her colleagues for giving her the opportunity to be Mayor for the City's 50th year events that included, The Taste of RHE, Mayor's Breakfast Ride, Peninsula Street Fair, Tracy Austin Tennis Tournament, Cross Country Run, and the City Celebration. She noted that a commemorative book will be sent to residents honoring the City's milestone. Lastly, she was pleased to note that the City is becoming more involved with greenbuilding and will be working on this issue throughout the year.

5. ROUTINE MATTERS

A. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 27, 2007

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL requested one correction on Page 3, Paragraph 9:

*"COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL noted her concern regarding possible commercial enterprises and that a policy guideline would be helpful in this area. She stated that ~~typography~~ **topography** makes a difference as well."*

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL requested one correction on Page 9, Paragraph 1:

*"COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL suggested looking into **the California Air Resources Board (CARB) regarding** off-road diesel equipment."*

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 27, 2007 AS AMENDED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR SEAMANS SO ORDERED.

B. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO APPROVE WARRANTS 43037 THROUGH 43095 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$311,685.01; SUPPLEMENTAL WARRANTS 110107 THROUGH 110407; 42849 THROUGH 42874; 42938 THROUGH 42954; 43007 (VOID); 43008 THROUGH 43025 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$421,084.24 FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$732,769.25 WITH PROPER AUDIT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

6. OATH OF OFFICE/COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

MAYOR SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO NOMINATE MAYOR PRO TEM ZERUNYAN AS THE CITY'S NEW MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

MAYOR ZERUNYAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO NOMINATE COUNCILWOMAN JUDY MITCHELL AS THE CITY'S NEW MAYOR PRO TEM BY ACCLAMATION.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

At 7:45 p.m., Deputy City Clerk Hope Nolan administered the Oath of Allegiance to newly elected City Council Members John Addleman, Judy Mitchell and Frank Zerunyan who, by taking this oath, entered into full four-year terms as Members of the Rolling Hills Estates City Council.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

TO APPROVE ITEMS A-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.

B. PALOS VERDES LANDFILL (REPLACEMENT OF GAS-TO-ENERGY FACILITY)

MAYOR ZERUNYAN pulled this item for discussion to be considered under Old Business.

RECEIVED AND FILED.

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

- A. Janice Hahn, Councilwoman, City of Los Angeles, 15th District, congratulated the newly elected COUNCIL MEMBERS on their terms. She noted that it means a lot when cities share issues as it draws more attention in an effort to take a stand in support of federal legislation, specifically, recognizing the Armenian Genocide. She noted that she is looking forward to working with the COUNCIL and presented certificates of recognition to COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN, MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL and MAYOR ZERUNYAN.
- B. Michael Amerian, representing Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles City Council President, commented that the City is lucky to have such a dedicated COUNCIL.
- C. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS thanked Councilwoman Hahn on behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) for her assistance in obtaining support from the City of Los Angeles regarding adding another member to the Air Quality Management District Board.
- D. MAYOR ZERUNYAN commented that he was honored to be appointed the first Mayor of Armenian heritage as well as President of the California Contract Cities Association as it shows that hard work and perseverance can make dreams come true. He provided an extensive background of his upbringing and what steps brought him to this point in life. He thanked his family, friends, and constituents for their steadfast support. Additionally, he noted that he respects the COUNCIL as well as the community and will serve to the best of his ability.

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At 8:37 p.m., the COUNCIL reconvened with MAYOR ZERUNYAN, MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL, COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN, COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS, AND COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN present.

8. AUDIENCE ITEMS (Continued)

- E. Scott Gobble, SCE, congratulated MAYOR ZERUNYAN and MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL and thanked COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS for her service. He reported that they are planning on replacing utility poles and that residents will be notified when this changeover occurs. He then announced that an upgrade in the Monticello neighborhood will take place in the coming year.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS thanked SCE for their participation in the SBCCOG's Energy Savings Program.

Mr. Gobble encouraged individuals to utilize LED lights for their holiday lighting.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

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

1. ORDINANCE NO. 638 FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

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.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 638.

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

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

2. ORDINANCE NO. 642 FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

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.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 642.

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

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

Discussion ensued with City Attorney Pelletier noting that findings were found to adopt urgency ordinances which would be in effect for a limited time until the regularly adopted ordinances take over at the end of January.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 643 FOR INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND ADOPTION

AN INTERIM URGENCY 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 LOS ANGELES COUNTY 2008 BUILDING CODE (TITLE 26) AS AMENDED AND MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO INTRODUCE AND ADOPT INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 643.

City Manager Prichard read Ordinance No. 643 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

4. ORDINANCE NO. 644 FOR INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND ADOPTION

AN INTERIM URGENCY 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.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO INTRODUCE AND ADOPT INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 644.

City Manager Prichard read Ordinance No. 644 by title only.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2007

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2007.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

B. CITY HALL KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize solicitation of bids for the kitchen improvements and expansion at City Hall.

Administrative Services Director Whitehead provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN suggested that staff investigate soils testing for this contract as well as energy efficient light fixtures.

Administrative Services Director Whitehead noted that staff will check with the Building and Safety Department on the soils testing and the architect of the project regarding the lighting.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO AUTHORIZE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION AT CITY HALL.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

11. OLD BUSINESS

B. PALOS VERDES LANDFILL (REPLACEMENT OF GAS-TO-ENERGY FACILITY)

MAYOR ZERUNYAN pulled this item from the Consent Calendar.

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

MAYOR ZERUNYAN noted that an attempt will be made to bring all the stakeholders and interested parties to a public meeting on January 8 for further discussion. He thanked the Sanitation Districts for extending the comment deadline to January 18.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL indicated that she has received comments regarding the five-year review and that it did not address the health risk assessment for any modifications proposed. She asked that this item be considered and given to the consultant for his comments.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN reiterated that the City is not the lead agency on this matter and requested that copies of all comments received be provided to the COUNCIL from the Sanitation Districts. Planning Director Wahba noted that he will make sure that this information is given to the COUNCIL.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PALOS VERDES LANDFILL (REPLACEMENT OF GAS-TO-ENERGY FACILITY) REPORT.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO ORDERED.

12. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

NONE

13. 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. MAYOR ZERUNYAN

1. EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 2007

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by
COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE EQUESTRIAN
COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 26, 2007.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZERUNYAN SO
ORDERED.

B. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL reported that she attended a forum on green building technology with an expo to take place on October 1-3, 2008 at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

C. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL reported that the SBCCOG is working with the South Bay Energy Savings Center and the West Basin Water District on an agreement to add \$51,000 to an existing grant.

D. COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN noted his concern with LAIF investments and stated that he and COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN will investigate further what they are planning in the future. He then noted that they will meet with City Manager Prichard and Administrative Services Director Whitehead and forward this information on to the COUNCIL. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL noted that the League of California Cities has an alternative to LAIF which is "Cal Trust" and encouraged review of this program.

14. 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. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS reported that the Holiday Parade was the best parade the City has seen and thanked all the participants involved, particularly Community Services Director Andy Clark, Assistant to the City Manager Greg Grammer, The Avenue, BMC Landscaping, etc., for their role in making this parade such a huge success. She commented that this is a wonderful gift to the community.

15. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:17 p.m., MAYOR ZERUNYAN formally adjourned the City Council meeting to Tuesday, December 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Approved by,

Hope J. Nolan
Deputy City Clerk

Douglas R. Prichard
City Clerk