

**MINUTES**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAY 9, 2006**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:35 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by MAYOR ZUCKERMAN.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Cub Scout Troop No. 436 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  
Interim City Attorney Kristin Pelletier  
Assistant City Manager Sam Wise  
Planning Director David Wahba  
Community Services Director Andy Clark  
Administrative Services Director Michael Whitehead  
Senior Planner Niki Cutler  
Assistant to the City Manager Greg Grammer  
Zoning and Code Administrator Roy Beall

Others Present: Sheri Clewis, Park and Activities Commission  
Judy Bayer, Planning Commission

**4. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

- A. WASTE MANAGEMENT DRAWING FOR ONE YEAR'S FREE RESIDENTIAL REFUSE SERVICE

Planning Director Wahba drew the name of David Lelo, 39 Ranchview Road, as the recipient of one year's free disposal service.

Susan Moulton, General Manager, Waste Management, noted that a letter was sent out to the homeowners' associations asking how they like the new program as well as soliciting input for improvements. She was pleased to report that they received positive comments from the community.

**5. ROUTINE MATTERS**

A. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2006

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM SEAMANS

TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2006 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

B. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – APRIL

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM SEAMANS

TO APPROVE WARRANTS 39223 THROUGH 39381 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$226,083.43; SUPPLEMENTAL WARRANTS 040106 THROUGH 040206; 39102; 39172 THROUGH 39192; 39245 THROUGH 39257; 39307 THROUGH 39309 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$226,781.74 FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$452,865.17 WITH PROPER AUDIT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

MAYOR PRO TEM SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO APPROVE ITEMS A-D.

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. CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY – WILSON

Recommendation: That the City Council send the standard letter of rejection to claimant.

REJECTED.

C. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED APRIL 21, 2006

RECEIVED AND FILED.

D. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED APRIL 28, 2006

RECEIVED AND FILED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

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

NONE

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS**

NONE

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

A. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2006

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2006.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

After expressing his dismay at some Planning Commissioners' attendance records, COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN suggested a letter be sent encouraging them to consistently attend Planning Commission meetings.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

B. PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2006

MAYOR PRO TEM SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2006.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

C. RESOLUTION NO. 2102

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2102 establishing the positions of Mayor and City Council Members as City employees and a bi-weekly salary, and establish a policy regarding payment of the balance of City Council monthly insurance premiums.

Assistant City Manager Wise provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2102 FOR ADOPTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS AND COMPENSATION FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER CLASSIFICATIONS.

COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2102 AND DIRECT THAT THE CITY CONTRIBUTION BE THE MINIMUM AMOUNT ALLOWABLE UNDER THE LAW.

*City Manager Prichard read Resolution No. 2102 by title only.*

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

D. ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2101 formally adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Assistant to the City Council Grammer provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2101 FOR ADOPTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS).

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2101.

*City Manager Prichard read Resolution No. 2101 by title only.*

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Seamans, Zerunyan, Zuckerman

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

A. PROPOSED CITY HALL PAINT AND LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

Recommendation: That the City Council determine whether to: 1) Direct staff to obtain bids through the formal bidding process to paint City Hall and the Council Chambers' interior and exterior following selection of a paint palette; and 2) Secure the services of an electrical contractor for replacement of the City Hall's canister light fixtures.

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

After extensive discussion, COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN

TO DIRECT STAFF TO: 1) OBTAIN BIDS THROUGH THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS TO PAINT CITY HALL AND THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS' INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR FOLLOWING SELECTION OF A PAINT PALETTE FOR COUNCIL' APPROVAL; AND 2) WORK WITH THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SBCCOG) ON THEIR ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING PROJECT.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

B. GREEN BUILDING REPORT AND UPDATE

Recommendation: That the City Council discuss these and other green building issues and provide staff with further direction.

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

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL commended Senior Planner Cutler on an excellent staff report.

MAYOR PRO TEM SEAMANS suggested placing an article in the City newsletter encouraging residents of green building options for single-family and mixed-use projects as well as inform them of “energy wasters,” i.e. second refrigerators.

Discussion ensued regarding the LEED Green Building System and how to encourage builders to utilize these standards.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN then recommended the COUNCIL review the Ahwahnee Principles for water and livable communities for future adoption.

COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO DIRECT STAFF TO: 1) EXPEDITE PERMITS FOR ALL APPLICATIONS IN ORDER TO INCENTIVIZE APPLICANTS TO VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT THE LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (LEED) STANDARDS AND BRING BACK A RESOLUTION TO THE COUNCIL TO THAT EFFECT; AND 2) SUBMIT THE AHWAHNEE WATER AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES PRINCIPLES TO COUNCIL FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR ZUCKERMAN SO ORDERED.

**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 ZERUNYAN noted that the California Contract Cities Association Annual Business Seminar is upcoming and will install their elected officers at that time.

**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 ZUCKERMAN was pleased to report that the City has been awarded with the Government Finance Officers’ Association (GFOA) for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and once again congratulated Administrative Services Director Whitehead and the Administrative Services Department on their fine work.

B. MAYOR ZUCKERMAN reminded the public to attend the Street Fair on June 3 sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

C. MAYOR ZUCKERMAN announced that Saks Fifth Avenue at The Avenue will be closing its doors.

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At 8:43 p.m., the CITY COUNCIL convened into closed session.

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At 10:20 p.m. the COUNCIL reconvened with MAYOR ZUCKERMAN, MAYOR PRO TEM SEAMANS, COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN, COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL and COUNCILMAN ZERUNYAN present.

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**14. CLOSED SESSION**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 threatened litigation regarding weight limitation on Palos Verdes Drive North.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)  
City of Rolling Hills Estates v. Linares

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

- C. DISCUSSION WITH RESPECT TO PERSONNEL MATTERS  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

1. QUARTERLY CITY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:20 p.m., MAYOR ZUCKERMAN formally adjourned the City Council meeting to Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Approved by,

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Hope J. Nolan  
Deputy City Clerk

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Douglas R. Prichard  
City Clerk