

DRAFT
MINUTES
RANCHO PALOS VERDES CITY COUNCIL
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 29, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Wolowicz at Fred Hesse Community Park, 29301 Hawthorne Boulevard, notice having been given with affidavit thereto on file, and was immediately recessed into Closed Session. The meeting reconvened at 7:09 P.M.

City Council roll call was answered as follows:

PRESENT: Campbell, Missetich, Stern*, and Mayor Wolowicz

ABSENT: Long (excused) and Stern* (excused)

*Councilman Stern was present for the Closed Session and absent/excused for the Regular Session.

Also present were Carolyn Lehr, City Manager; Carolynn Petru, Deputy City Manager; Carol Lynch, City Attorney; Dennis McLean, Director of Finance/Information Technology; Ara Mihranian, Principal Planner; and Carla Morreale, City Clerk.

Also present were the following: Steve Dorsey, Attorney, Richards, Watson & Gershon; Shiri Klima, Attorney, Richards, Watson & Gershon; Tim Schaefer, Financial Consultant, Magis Advisors.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Flag Salute was led by Ted Paulsen, former Planning Commissioner.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Councilman Missetich moved, seconded by Councilman Campbell, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Without objection, Mayor Wolowicz so ordered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Ken Dydá, Rancho Palos Verdes, stated that the Council should consider a policy regarding the submittal of late correspondence. He stated that any substantive item that receives a large amount of late correspondence after the distribution of the agenda packets should automatically be continued to the next meeting to allow for a more thoughtful review of the material.

Sunshine, Rancho Palos Verdes, stated that what is known as the California Coastal Trail from Oregon to Mexico was designated in 2000 as the State of California Millennium Trail. She noted that staff seems not to know the difference between a vertical and lateral trail.

CITY MANAGER REPORT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Clerk Morreale reported that there was a request to speak regarding Item No. 5.

Councilman Misetich moved, seconded by Councilman Campbell, to approve the Consent Calendar, with Item No. 5 (State of California Coastal Conservancy – Coastal Access Trails Grant) removed for separate consideration immediately after the Consent Calendar.

The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Campbell, Misetich, and Mayor Wolowicz
NOES: None
ABSENT: Long and Stern

Motion to Waive Full Reading

Adopted a motion to waive reading in full of all ordinances presented at this meeting with consent of the waiver of reading deemed to be given by all Council Members after the reading of the title.

Approval of the Minutes

Approved the Minutes of the May 18, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 510 - Planning Case No. ZON2007-00377 (Code Amendment, Zone Change & Environmental Assessment): Residential Development Standards Steering Committee Code Amendment and Zone Change

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ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 510, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES, ADOPTING MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 17 (ZONING) OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE AND THE CITY'S ZONING MAP TO ENACT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS STEERING COMMITTEE.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 511 - Amendment to Municipal Code Section 8.24.060 Making a Minor Amendment to the Regulations for the Storage of Trash Containers on Private Property

ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 511, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.24.060(A)(2) OF TITLE 8 OF THE RANCHO PALOS VERDES MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE STORAGE OF TRASH CONTAINERS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

State of California Coastal Conservancy - Coastal Access Trails Grant

This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

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ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:

State of California Coastal Conservancy - Coastal Access Trails Grant

City Clerk Morreale called the speaker on this item.

Sunshine, Rancho Palos Verdes, stated that she had concerns regarding the location of the trail, noting that it was inconsistent with the Coastal Conservancy's report to the California Legislature which states that the California Coastal Trail should be seaward of the most seaward road in the Coastal Zone, noting that trails should be separated from the roadways.

Principal Planner Mihranian stated that the trails that are identified as part of the grant application are in the Conceptual Trails Plan as well as the Coastal Vision Plan which was adopted by the Council. He reported that the trails, for the most part, are as close as possible to the coast without exacting easements from the private property owners, and noted that the trail runs between the Palos Verdes Estates and City of Los Angeles boundary lines along the bluff tops as much as possible, but is located closer to the road in areas where that is necessary due to private property boundaries. He noted that the City is in compliance with all Federal and California state laws.

Councilman Misetich moved, seconded by Councilman Campbell, to adopt the staff recommendation to authorize City Staff, via minute order, to file as co-applicant with the

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Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, a California Coastal Conservancy grant application for the construction of the City's segment of the California Coastal Access Trail.

The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Campbell, Misetich, and Mayor Wolowicz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Long and Stern

REGULAR NEW BUSINESS:

Benefits of Becoming a Charter City

City Attorney Lynch introduced Steve Dorsey, Attorney/Senior Partner, Richards, Watson and Gershon and Shiri Klima, Attorney, Richards, Watson and Gershon. City Attorney Lynch provided a staff report and PowerPoint presentation regarding the process and benefits of becoming a Charter City with input from Attorney Dorsey and Attorney Klima.

Council, staff, and legal counsel discussion ensued during and after the presentation.

Ken Dyda, Rancho Palos Verdes, reported that one of the reasons why the City did not originally consider becoming a Charter City was based on the a factor of time that would have been required to become a Charter City vs. a General Law City. He encouraged the City Council to consider the formation of a Charter Commission consisting of two Council Members and five members of the community to ensure that the City's actions continue to reflect the goals of the community. He stated that the detriments seem to be regarding the costs to create a Charter City, the time needed for community outreach, and the potential for abuse. He opined that a Charter should be created that would allow the community the greatest input while minimizing the possibility of the opportunity for abuse.

Councilman Misetich moved, seconded by Councilman Campbell, to continue the item to the July 6, 2010 Council meeting.

Without objection, Mayor Wolowicz so ordered.

RECESS AND RECONVENE:

Mayor Wolowicz called a brief recess from 8:53 P.M. to 9:03 P.M.

New Civic Center Financing Options

City Manager Lehr provided opening remarks and reported that Deputy City Manager

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Petru was the Project Manager for the New Civic Center Project. She noted that Deputy City Manager Petru was being assisted by Senior Administrative Analyst Singer in this effort and introduced Tim Schaefer, Financial Consultant with Magis Advisors.

Mayor Wolowicz disclosed that the Civic Center Subcommittee consisting of Councilman Campbell and himself met the prior week with staff for a preview of this report.

Deputy City Manager Petru provided background information and a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Civic Center site and a status update on the progress of the New Civic Center Project.

Mr. Schaefer provided a report and PowerPoint presentation of the costs associated with the New Civic Center Project and the possible financing options.

Discussion ensued between the Council, staff and consultant.

Mayor Wolowicz suggested the preparation of a matrix listing the various uses at the Civic Center with possible funding mechanisms associated with each.

Councilman Campbell stated that it would be important to have further information and analysis of Charter City status and financing options.

Ken Dyda, Rancho Palos Verdes, stated that there was a Contract Cities Conference approximately one year ago regarding P3 partnerships where several questions from the audience were less than satisfactorily answered, and noted that he wished Mr. Schaeffer had been present at that meeting. Mr. Dyda inquired as to the ramifications if a private entity defaults or goes out of business and the translation of risk to the City. He stated that he believed that was a consideration to be evaluated.

Sunshine, Rancho Palos Verdes, stated that an analysis and site evaluation was performed regarding the possible development of the Civic Center approximately six years ago at a cost of \$125,000 to no avail. She inquired as to the future location for the maintenance yard, noting that she did not see it accommodated on the proposed plans.

Discussion continued between the Council and staff.

Councilman Missetich moved, seconded by Councilman Campbell, to receive and file the report on options to finance a new Civic Center.

Without objection, Mayor Wolowicz so ordered.

Submittal of Written City Council Oral Reports

Mayor Wolowicz provided a brief oral report regarding this item and proposed the option of submitting a brief written report under City Council Oral Reports.

Council and staff discussion ensued.

Mayor Wolowicz moved, seconded by Councilman Misetich, to allow Council Members the option to submit written summaries of their reports regarding the meetings which they have attended, as late correspondence prior to the meeting, and the option to highlight as many of the items as they wish during the City Council Oral Reports section of the meeting.

The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Campbell, Misetich, and Mayor Wolowicz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Long and Stern

CITY COUNCIL ORAL REPORTS:

Each Council Member present reported on his attendance at various organization and association meetings since the last City Council Oral Reports were provided on April 20, 2010.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:

City Attorney Lynch reported that Councilman Stern participated by phone in the Closed Session from San Diego, which was listed as a remote location on the agenda. She reported that the Council discussed the settlement proposal which was submitted to the City by Ms. Joannou and unanimously voted to reject the proposal and appointed Mayor Pro Tem Long and Councilman Stern to a subcommittee to further negotiate with Ms. Joannou and return to Council with a report within the next 30 days, with Mayor Pro Tem Long absent and Councilman Stern participating by phone.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 11:48 P.M., Mayor Wolowicz adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

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