

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION MEETING  
LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 9, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor De Ruse called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. in Conference Room I, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

2. ROLL CALL:

The City Council was present with Councilmember Deal, Councilmember Mowles and Mayor De Ruse responding to roll call. Mayor Pro Tem Eng was tardy and Councilmember Sarega was absent.

The following staff members were present: City Manager Jeff Boynton, City Attorney James Markman and Deputy City Manager/City Clerk Anne Haraksin.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pastor Jack Miranda expressed his appreciation for the services provided by Straight Talk, Inc. He also expressed his support for La Mirada Symphony's funding request.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

4.1 STRAIGHT TALK, INC. FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Community Services Director Lori Thompson provided information on counseling services provided by Straight Talk, Inc. She said that Straight Talk provided 7,285 hours of counseling sessions to La Mirada clients in the past year for individual and group sessions.

Ms. Thompson introduced Executive Director Diana Wydo and Office Manager Meg Kalugin. Ms. Wydo provided information on counseling services provided by Straight Talk for Fiscal Year 2015-16. She said the funding request remains the same as in prior years. She said since the inception of the Beyond Program, Straight Talk has generated \$30,000 in additional revenue for the La Mirada site. Ms. Wydo said the additional revenue would assist with the purchase of new computers and the implementation of an electronic medical record software system.

The City Council reviewed and discussed Straight Talk's funding request for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Members of the City Council expressed support for Straight Talk's Fiscal Year 2016-17 funding request in the amount of \$58,381 and in-kind contribution of \$47,688.

4.2 LA MIRADA SYMPHONY FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Theatre Director BT McNicholl provided information on the funding request from La Mirada Symphony. He also introduced the Symphony's President Joseph Yakovetic.

President Yakovetic thanked the City Council for its ongoing support. He provided information on the Symphony's budget, grant funding, and upcoming concerts. He said the Symphony established a marketing team to help seek funding opportunities. He also provided information on its fundraising Gala event on August 20 at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. He said the event would honor Shirley Jones, Paul Williams, Roy Disney, Jr., and Supervisor Don Knabe.

The City Council reviewed and discussed La Mirada Symphony's funding request for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Members of the City Council expressed support for the La Mirada Symphony's funding request in the amount of \$5,000 and \$25,050 in-kind contribution for house charges to use the La Mirada Theatre for the Performances and the use of the Activity Center for rehearsals.

4.3 CALIFORNIA JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROPOSAL

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Administrative Analyst II Tony Moreno provided information on the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Assistance Program proposal. He said the CJPIA recently entered into a partnership with Disability Access Consultants (DAC), a consulting firm specializing in accessibility requirements, to provide ADA assistance programs. He said DAC has extensive experience working with state and federal agencies as well as private businesses to achieve compliance with the ADA.

Mr. Moreno said City representatives met with DAC to discuss a preliminary review of the City's ADA Transition Plan with regard to public right-of-way as well as programs, policies and procedures. DAC submitted a proposal in an amount not to exceed \$85,700 for the services. He said City staff recommends the City enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) directly with CJPIA. He said the CJPIA has offered funding in the amount of \$26,300 to help offset the costs of this project, including the first year of

DacTrack licensing fees, which is approximately \$2,000. He also said funding for the proposal is included in the City's Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget.

Members of the City Council discussed the CJPIA's ADA Assistance Program proposal. The City Council expressed support in working with the CJPIA and DAC to assist the City with its ADA compliance efforts and ADA Transition Plan.

#### 4.4 PARTICIPATION IN GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EDUCATION EFFORT REGARDING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S PROPOSED TAX

City Manager Boynton provided an update on the Gateway Cities Council of Governments' (Gateway Cities COG) education efforts regarding the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's proposed tax.

Mr. Boynton said the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) approved its Expenditure Plan, part of the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan Ordinance, on June 23. He said Metro also approved placing a measure on the November 2016 ballot that would raise sales taxes in the County by half a percent in exchange for \$120 billion in transportation projects over the next 40 years. Mr. Boynton said due to concerns regarding project funding levels and timelines, the I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority, along with the Gateway Cities COG, opposed the Expenditure Plan.

Mr. Boynton said on August 3, the Gateway Cities COG approved the engagement of a consultant to assist with educating residents on the local impacts of Metro's proposed tax. He said the Gateway Cities COG would administer the agreement with the consultant for the duration of the project. He said the total cost of the project would be approximately \$400,000, and each city would be requested to contribute approximately \$10,000.

Members of the City Council discussed the Gateway Cities Council of Governments' education efforts regarding the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's proposed tax. The City Council expressed support in participating with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments in an educational effort to communicate the local impacts of a proposed tax by Metro.

#### 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager had no reports.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Leticia Revilla, Deputy City Clerk

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Steve De Ruse, Mayor