

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 11, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor De Ruse called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was delivered by Jeff Deal.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cub Scout Pack 919.

4. ROLL CALL

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

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Bob DAusilio addressed the City Council and expressed concern with recent coyote activity in La Mirada.

Resident Virginia Alarcon addressed the City Council and expressed concern with recent coyote activity in La Mirada.

Resident Jo Ann Dobson addressed the City Council and expressed concern with recent coyote activity in La Mirada.

6. APPEARANCES, PRESENTATIONS, AND PROCLAMATIONS

6.1 RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEE FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

The City Council recognized Amanda Ponce de Leon for her years of service and the Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, presented her with a service award pin and a Certificate of Recognition.

7. APPOINTMENTS

7.1 APPOINTMENTS TO YOUTH COUNCIL

Councilmember Deal moved and Mayor Pro Tem Eng seconded to reappoint Karis Chun, Fabian Lee, Noemi Muñoz, Adriana Perez, David Ramirez Michael Salazar, and Karim Sologuren, and appoint Emeth Pittle and Maximo Vazquez, to the La Mirada Youth Council for the term expiring in October 2017.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Councilmember Deal, Councilmember Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem Eng, Mayor De Ruse
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Mowles
ABSTAIN: None

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Eng moved and Councilmember Deal seconded to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

8.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The City Council approved the minutes of the regular meeting of September 27, 2016.

8.2 APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The City Council approved the warrant register dated October 11, 2016 in the total amount of \$1,675,871.20.

8.3 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2015-04, SPLASH! AQUATICS CENTER ENTRY LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AND IRRIGATION BOOSTER PUMP REPLACEMENT - ACCEPTANCE OF WORK

The City Council accepted the improvements constructed by Green Giant Landscape, Inc.; authorized the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder; and authorized the payment of retention monies pursuant to the agreement.

8.4 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2016-07, CIVIC CENTER PEDESTRIAN ACCESS RAMP – AWARD OF CONTRACT

The City Council awarded the contract for Capital Improvement Project No. 2016-007, Civic Center Pedestrian Access Ramp, to Ruiz Concrete & Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$56,813.65; authorized the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City; and authorized the City Manager to approve additional work up to 20 percent of the total project cost including construction, and construction testing and inspection.

8.5 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2014-17, IMPERIAL HIGHWAY AND TELEGRAPH ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS - APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2

The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute Change Order No. 2 in an amount not to exceed \$135,290.31.

8.6 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2015-13, SLURRY SEAL AND STRIPING OF IMPERIAL HIGHWAY FROM LA MIRADA BOULEVARD TO EASTERLY CITY LIMITS, AND LEFFINGWELL ROAD FROM LA MIRADA BOULEVARD TO EASTERLY CITY LIMITS – ACCEPTANCE OF WORK AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

The City Council accepted the improvements constructed by Pavement Coatings, Co.; authorized the City Manager to execute Contract Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$102,203; authorized the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the County Recorder; and authorized the payment of retention monies pursuant to the agreement.

8.7 LA MIRADA SYMPHONY FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

The City Council approved the La Mirada Symphony's Fiscal Year 2016-17 funding request in the amount of \$5,000 and in-kind contribution of \$25,050.

8.8 PHANTOM PROJECTS FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

The City Council approved the Phantom Projects' Fiscal Year 2016-17 in-kind request in the amount of \$46,500.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Councilmember Deal, Councilmember Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem Eng, Mayor De Ruse

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Mowles

ABSTAIN: None

9. PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 CERTIFICATES OF COMPATIBILITY NOS. 51-56, REQUESTS TO DEVELOP SIX SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES WITH ATTACHED GARAGES (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE "PROJECT") ON A VACANT PARCEL (APN 8041-009-021) LOCATED AT 13400 BIOLA AVENUE, WITHIN THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1-7,500) ZONING DISTRICT

Mayor De Ruse opened the Public Hearing.

Associate Planner Eric Garcia reported that a Certificate of Compatibility (CofC) is required for the development of any new single-family residence in the City. He said the CofC process provides a means to review the design and site layout of new structures to ensure that the proposed development is compatible with the existing neighborhood's design and physical attributes as well as a means to ensure compliance with all applicable provisions of the City's Zoning Code and General Plan's land use designation.

Mr. Garcia provided information on the proposed six single-family parcels to be located at 13400 Biola Avenue. He provided information on the project site, adjacent residential properties, floor plans, and architectural styles. He said the single-family parcels would range in size from 7,500 square feet to 9,100 square feet. Three parcels would be developed with single-story residences and three parcels would be developed with two-story residences. Mr. Garcia said at the conclusion of the September 15 Planning Commission public hearing, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. P-05-16 recommending that the City Council approve the project.

City Manager Boynton informed the City Council that two residents submitted letters expressing concerns with the proposed project.

No members of the public spoke in support or opposition to the item.

Mayor De Ruse closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Sarega moved and Mayor Pro Tem Eng seconded to affirm the CEQA Exemption and adopt Resolution No. 16-33 approving Certificates of Compatibility Nos. 51-56 to develop six (6) single-family residences with attached garages at 13400 Biola Avenue, within the Single-family Residential (R-1-7,500) Zoning District.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Councilmember Deal, Councilmember Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem Eng, Mayor De Ruse
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Mowles
ABSTAIN: None

9.2 CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT MAPS

Mayor De Ruse opened the Public Hearing.

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Dr. Justin Levitt gave an overview of the City Council District mapping tool on the City's website, District mapping criteria, and draft District maps.

City Attorney James L. Markman provided an explanation of the purpose of the Public Hearing. He said an agreement was executed with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). He said MALDEF asserts that racially polarized voting has occurred in La Mirada.

Resident Tim Escobar said he was offended by MALDEF and expressed opposition to the City having District elections.

City Attorney Markman said two additional Public Hearings were scheduled and he encouraged the public to get involved in the interactive process.

Dr. Levitt said he was available to speak with the public regarding the interactive mapping process. He said residents could call him.

Councilmember Sarega said he was disappointed that only one member of the public spoke on the item. He encouraged the public to give their input on the matter.

Councilmember Deal encouraged the public to get involved and ask questions.

City Attorney Markman said he was available to meet with the public and answer questions. He explained the Voter Rights Act and the risks to litigating with MALDEF.

Mayor De Ruse closed the Public Hearing.

CITY COUNCIL ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY
TO THE LA MIRADA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Sarega moved and Mayor Pro Tem Eng seconded to approve the following Consent Calendar item:

10.1 APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

The Successor Agency approved the warrant register dated October 11, 2016 in the total amount of \$2,043.23.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

**AYES: Councilmember Deal, Councilmember Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem Eng,
Mayor De Ruse**
NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Mowles
ABSTAIN: None

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11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS FROM STAFF

There were no administrative reports from staff.

12. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of the City Council reported on meetings and events they attended.

13. CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no City Attorney announcements.

14. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Boynton reported that he attended the League of California Cities conference and said maintaining local control continues to be a discussed priority.

At this time, the City Council adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:44 p.m. and convened to Closed Session.

15. CLOSED SESSION

15.1 CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8 – CONFERENCE WITH CITY OF LA MIRADA REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (PROPERTY: 14515 ALONDRA BOULEVARD, LA MIRADA; CITY NEGOTIATOR: JEFF BOYNTON, CITY MANAGER)

No action was reported.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. in memory of Mary Abbott.

Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

Attest:

Steve De Ruse, Mayor