

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION MEETING  
LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 12, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Eng and Mayor De Ruse responding to roll call. 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

Jack Miranda thanked City staff and members of the Sheriff's Department for attending a meeting with representatives of the houses of worship.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

4.1 LA MIRADA HISTORY BOOK

Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya introduced members of the Historical Preservation Advisory Council who were in the audience. She also gave a brief report on the proposed La Mirada History Book. She said it was proposed to the Historical Preservation Advisory Council that Allen Carden write a follow up book to his *La Mirada, Silver Anniversary History*, to chronicle La Mirada's progress since 1985. Ms. Montoya said Mr. Carden's proposal and total estimated cost for services is \$15,000, in addition to approximately \$5,000 for publication costs. She also provided information on the City's proposed advertising and promotional opportunities to market the book.

Members of the City Council reviewed and discussed the proposed La Mirada History Book. Members of the City Council expressed support for the publication and promotion of the proposed book.

4.2 2016 FIREWORKS ENFORCEMENT

Senior Administrative Analyst Mark Rounds reported that the July 4 fireworks deployment consisted of eight deputies, three Public Safety Officers, and three Code Enforcement Officers. He said the number of vehicles deployed to

enforce fireworks decreased from 11 vehicles in 2015 to six vehicles in 2016 to allow for deputies to work in pairs for officer safety purposes. Mr. Rounds said the Public Safety team issued 31 administrative citations for fireworks violations. All of the citations were issued for possession or discharge of illegal fireworks. He said field observations indicated that the number of individuals celebrating the Fourth of July with fireworks had slightly decreased in some areas and increased in others compared to 2015. Calls for service were consistent throughout the night and subsided at approximately 10:30 p.m. He said the Fire Department reported there were no injuries or structure fires related to fireworks. He also provided information on the City's fireworks education efforts.

Members of the City Council reviewed and discussed the 2016 fireworks enforcement.

#### 4.3 PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO CHAPTER 9.04 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO UNNECESSARY OR LOUD NOISES

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Senior Administrative Analyst Mark Rounds presented a brief report on the proposed modifications to Chapter 9.04 of the La Mirada Municipal Code (LMMC) related to unnecessary or loud noises. He said LMMC Section 9.04.010(c) prohibits sound levels beyond the boundaries of any lot or parcel of land of any residential or commercially zoned property from exceeding 45 decibels. He said the section is inconsistent with Title 21 of the LMMC, which established 60 decibels as the maximum noise levels for residential and 70 decibels as the maximum noise levels for commercially zoned uses.

Mr. Rounds also reported that Section 9.04.010(b)(4) prohibits residents from making minor home repairs and conducting maintenance work on Sundays. He said in an effort to keep the LMMC consistent with current regulations, staff recommends the City Council consider adopting an ordinance amending Section 9.04.010(b)(4) to allow for minor home repairs and maintenance work on Sundays and repealing Section 9.04.010(c) of Title 9 of the LMMC.

Members of the City Council reviewed and discussed the proposed modifications to Chapter 9.04 of the LMMC. Members of the City Council expressed support for the adoption of an ordinance repealing Section 9.04.010(c) and amending Section 9.04.010(b)(4) to allow residents to make minor home repairs and conduct maintenance work on Sundays after 9 a.m.

#### 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 5:32 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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Steve De Ruse, Mayor