

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION MEETING  
LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL  
LA MIRADA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
NOVEMBER 17, 2009**

Mayor/Chairman Tripp called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room I, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. The City Council/Redevelopment Agency was present with Council/Agency Member Garcia, Council/Agency Member Jones, Council/Agency Member Malkin, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dames and Mayor/Chairman Tripp responding to roll call. The following staff members were present: City Manager/Executive Director Thomas E. Robinson and City Clerk/Agency Secretary Anne Haraksin. Other staff members were also in attendance to present their items.

**ACTION ITEMS – REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**1. WARRANT REGISTER**

**Agency Member Jones moved and Agency Member Malkin seconded to approve the warrant register dated November 17, 2009 in the total amount of \$1,108,134.35.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: Agency Member Garcia, Agency Member Jones, Agency Member Malkin, Vice Chairman Dames and Chairman Tripp**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

**ACTION ITEMS – CITY COUNCIL**

**2. WARRANT REGISTER**

**Mayor Pro Tem Dames moved and Councilmember Malkin seconded to approve the warrant register dated November 17, 2009 in the total amount of \$649,330.78.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Malkin, Mayor Pro Tem Dames and Mayor Tripp**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

## **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION – CITY COUNCIL**

### **3. PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AND AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 10 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE**

City Manager Robinson introduced the item. A presentation was given by Senior Code Enforcement Specialist Mark Rounds.

Staff reported that the City has contracted with the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control since 1989. In July 2004, the contract expired. The County of Los Angeles is currently providing services in La Mirada on a month-to-month basis. The City has received a service renewal contract from the County of Los Angeles. Staff indicated that the contract is similar to past animal control service agreements and no significant changes have been made. Upon execution of the agreement by both parties, the termination date of the agreement would be June 30, 2014.

Staff reported that the City received notice by the County that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors recently approved amendments to Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code. The amendments are related to the imposition of a new fee for issuing or renewing animal licenses in the field and modifications to the delinquency charge assessed for untimely renewals or failure to timely procure the required animal license. The new field enforcement fee of \$40 will be assessed for animal licenses issued or initiated in the field by County staff. The fee has been established to recover costs associated with license canvassing. The modification to the delinquency charge simply changes the previous flat \$20 delinquency charge to an amount equal to the amount of the animal license. Staff recommended the City adopt amendments to Title 10 of the Los Angeles County Code.

### **4. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 21.62 OF THE LA MIRADA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO FENCES AND WALLS**

City Manager Robinson introduced the item. A presentation was given by Community Development Director Reuben Arceo and Administrative Analyst Arturo Cervantes.

Staff reported that current zoning guidelines require fence and wall plans to undergo review by the Planning Division for administrative approval. Although special design provisions are established for properties that abut major or minor arterial roadways, the requirements are vague in that they do not specify a specific material type, texture, or color. This has resulted in the construction of consistent fence and wall styles that are visible along the City's major roadways.

Staff presented a proposed Ordinance that would amend the Zoning Code to provide specific guidelines for the installation of new fences and walls. The proposed amendment to Chapter 21.62 of the La Mirada Municipal Code would identify design standards for fences and walls and would require that residents obtain Planning Division approval and building permits. It would also set specific design criteria for fences and walls adjacent to major and minor arterial roadways.

Members of the City Council directed staff to develop a plan for the replacement of existing walls and to explore funding sources for residents.

## **5. PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF ALARM SYSTEMS**

City Manager Robinson introduced the item. A presentation was given by Assistant to the City Manager Anne Haraksin, Administrative Aide Danielle Hefte and Lieutenant Pat Valdez.

Staff reported that a survey was conducted of area cities regarding burglar alarm permits and false alarm response fees. The results indicate that seven of the eight cities require businesses and residents to obtain a burglar alarm permit. The alarm permit provides the cities with current, accurate information that enables law enforcement agencies to respond more effectively to alarm calls. Five of the eight cities have also adopted fees for burglar alarm permits. The fees range from \$9.90 to \$50.

Staff reported that at the Study Session meeting on August 4, 2009, the idea of a proposed Burglar Alarm Permit Program was introduced. During the August 4, 2009 meeting, the City Council requested additional information pertaining to the administration of the program and asked staff to review the proposed fees.

Staff presented a proposed Ordinance that would provide for the regulation of alarm systems and a proposed Resolution establishing fees.

Members of the City Council commented they do not support the establishment of an annual fee for permits. They requested additional information pertaining to the number of alarm companies operating in the City and the number of residents served by these alarm companies. They also recommended modifications to the proposed false alarm fee structure and penalties.

## **6. HALLOWEENFEST DEBRIEFING**

City Manager Robinson introduced the item. A presentation was given by Community Services Director Lori Thompson.

Staff reported that Halloweenfest was held at Neff Park on October 31 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Approximately 2,000 people attended the event and enjoyed crafts, games, a haunted house maze, haunted flashlight tours of the Neff Estate and jack-o-lantern and costume contests. The event was well received by the community. During the upcoming months, staff will evaluate all community events and make a recommendation as to which should continue to be scheduled.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Larry Mowles addressed the City Council to report that Halloweenfest was a good event. He recommended the City provide additional lighting at the event.
2. Chris Pflanze addressed the City Council regarding the proposed alarm system requirements, and reported on a Halloween event he attended that utilized a "Phone Home" program.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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Susan Tripp, Mayor