

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION MEETING  
LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 10, 2017 – 5 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eng 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 De Ruse, Councilmember Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem Mowles and Mayor Eng responding to roll call. Councilmember Lewis was tardy.

The following staff members were present: City Manager Jeff Boynton, City Attorney James Markman and Deputy City Clerk Leticia Revilla.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

4.1 LA MIRADA SYMPHONY FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

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 David Derks. President Derks thanked the City Council for its ongoing support. He provided information on the Symphony's budget, grant funding, and upcoming concerts.

The City Council reviewed and discussed La Mirada Symphony's funding request for Fiscal Year 2017-18. Members of the City Council expressed support for the La Mirada Symphony's funding request in the amount of \$5,000 and a \$40,000 in-kind contribution for house charges to use the La Mirada Theatre for performances and the Activity Center for rehearsals.

4.2 DISCUSSION REGARDING GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

City Manager Boynton provided information regarding General Municipal Elections. He said Senate Bill 415, which was signed by Governor Brown in September 2015, required general law cities that have a significant decrease in voter turnout, as defined by the State, to move their elections to either the statewide June Primary election or the statewide November General election in even years by November 2022.

City Manager Boynton said on September 17, Senate Bill 568 (SB 568) was signed by the Governor. He said SB 568 established the date for future California Primary elections as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of even years commencing in 2019. He said the passage of SB 568 would assist cities in their efforts to be in compliance with SB 415 without reducing councilmember terms. Additionally, a large number of cities in Los Angeles County with March and April odd year elections, like the City of La Mirada, were faced with reducing councilmembers' terms, by a minimum of four months in order to comply with SB 415.

The City Council reviewed and discussed the General Municipal Elections. Members of the City Council expressed support in moving the City's election date to the March Statewide Primary beginning in 2020. Councilmember Sarega expressed support for moving the election date to the November Statewide Election beginning in 2022.

#### 4.3 USE OF CITY FACILITIES BY LA MIRADA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC TEAMS

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Community Services Director Lori Thompson provided information on the use of City facilities by La Mirada High School (LMHS) athletic teams. She said for many years, LMHS athletic teams have used various City facilities on weekday afternoons for practices and games/swim meets. She said this is generally a time of limited demand, as use by the City's recreation programs and/or community youth athletic groups does not begin until later in the afternoon or early evenings. She said LMHS does not have sufficient space on its campus to completely satisfy the demand for athletic fields/gymnasiums.

Community Services Director Thompson said staff would prepare a standardized use agreement to be executed by the City and School District. She said separate agreements outlining usage at each separate City facility would likely be proposed, as Splash!, the Community Gymnasium, and Behringer Athletic Fields have unique features. She said the use of the City's athletic facilities would be offered at no cost to the School District or LMHS. Additionally, the City would continue to pay for maintenance, utilities, and other operating costs of its athletic facilities.

City Manager Boynton said he would work with the School District on formalizing the agreements and provide the City Council an opportunity to review the agreements.

Members of the City Council reviewed and discussed the use of City facilities by La Mirada High School athletic teams.

#### 4.4 "MY LA MIRADA" SERVICE REQUEST SYSTEM

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Senior Administrative Analyst Mark Rounds provided information on the “My La Mirada” Service Request System. He said within six months of the launch, 119 resident users had submitted 259 service requests. He said within the first year of the “My La Mirada” service request system, some 263 resident users have submitted 626 requests. He said graffiti removal is the most frequent service requested, followed by vacation security checks and property maintenance issues.

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds said all internal data and case information are only accessible by approved La Mirada City staff. He said staff members have created over 4,219 entries into the “My La Mirada” system. He said the majority of these are from the Code Enforcement Division. Additionally, staff intends to continue promoting “My La Mirada” to residents as an efficient and effective way to communicate with the City. He said information would continue to be included in the City’s newsletter, on the City’s website, and through social media.

Members of the City Council reviewed and discussed the “My La Mirada” Service Request system.

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 5:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Leticia Revilla, Deputy City Clerk

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Ed Eng, Mayor