

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION MEETING
LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 12, 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 Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem Mowles and Mayor Eng responding to roll call. Councilmember Sarega was absent.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

4.1 ORAL REPORT - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE PRESENTED BY ASSEMBLY MAJORITY LEADER IAN CALDERON

City Manager Boynton introduced Assembly Majority Leader Ian Calderon.

Assembly Majority Leader Calderon provided a legislative update. He reported on the budget from federal and state levels, the housing crisis, public safety updates, and funding for veterans, education, and transportation. He also reported on the gas tax increase. He said the gas tax increase would provide cities with additional revenue for transportation and road maintenance.

Members of the City Council asked questions regarding legislation and expressed its appreciation to Assembly Majority Leader Ian Calderon for providing the update.

4.2 ORAL REPORT - UPDATE ON THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR JOHN ALLEN

City Manager Boynton introduced Director John Allen of the Water Replenishment District (WRD) of Southern California.

Director John Allen provided an update on the WRD's recent activities. He said WRD worked with regulators to increase the permitted amount of recycled water at the spreading grounds by an average of 45 percent over a ten year period. He also reported on the Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project, the maximized storm

water capture, and the advanced treated recycled water injection at the Los Alamitos gap barrier.

Members of the City Council asked questions regarding the Water Replenishment District of Southern California.

4.3 UPDATE ON ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Senior Administrative Analyst Mark Rounds provided an update on animal control services. He said Animal Control Officers respond to approximately 50 to 70 service requests in La Mirada each month to retrieve deceased animals and investigate nuisance complaints such as barking dogs. He said animals are transported and sheltered at Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control animal shelter facility in Downey. He said the service also includes animal license enforcement and animal facilities inspections.

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds said in Fiscal Year 2016-17, expenditures for animal control services totaled \$234,308, while \$232,161 was generated in revenue. Therefore, the cost to the City for animal control services was \$2,147. He said over the last several years, the LADACC has increased its contract rates for services. He said the fees for services have increased by more than 100 percent over the past ten years for removing deceased animals and housing all animals. Additionally, the fees for field services, canvassing, licensing, deceased animal retrieval, and sheltering have increased. Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds said animal license revenues are not likely to be sufficient to recover costs in the future. He said if the cost of animal control services continues to rise, the City could consider an increase in licensing fees.

Members of the City Council reviewed and discussed the update on animal control services.

4.4 PROPOSED RESTAURANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Economic Development Manager Alison Moore provided information on the proposed Restaurant Assistance Program. She said the program would be a way to enhance the City's restaurant outreach efforts and grow the local business community. She said this item was previously discussed during the City Council Retreat.

Economic Development Manager Moore said the proposed Restaurant Assistance Program would provide financial assistance to business owners and property owners interested in opening a new sit down style restaurant in La Mirada. She said the proposed program loans would be available up to a maximum amount of \$30,000. Additionally, the assistance provided by the City could only be made in

the form of a loan, not a grant. She recommended tenants alone not be eligible for the program, because there would be no way to secure the loan against the value of property without a joint application with the property owner.

Members of the City Council reviewed and discussed the proposed Restaurant Assistance Program and requested staff speak with local property owners about their interest in this type of program.

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 6:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Leticia Revilla, Deputy City Clerk

Ed Eng, Mayor