

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION MEETING
LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 10, 2018 – 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, Councilmember Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem Mowles and Mayor Eng responding to roll call.

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 PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL REFUSE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

City Manager Boynton introduced the item. Public Works Director/Engineer Mark Stowell, Senior Administrative Analyst Marlin Munoz and Chief Executive Officer Steve South with EDCO were present to give a report.

Senior Administrative Analyst Munoz said that on July 1, 2009, the City entered into a franchise agreement with EDCO Waste and Recycling Services for the collection of refuse, recyclables and green waste. He said EDCO provides an enhanced collection program, which includes an automated residential refuse, recycling and green waste program, an unlimited bulky item, e-waste, u-waste, and Sharps curbside collection program, a commercial recycling program, and a senior discount program. He said EDCO also began funding street sweeping services for the City in July 2012 in exchange for an extension to the franchise agreement.

Senior Administrative Analyst Munoz said that pursuant to the franchise agreement, EDCO submitted an adjustment request for the billing period beginning July 1, 2018. He said the adjustment included increased costs to collect materials based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the cost to dispose of materials collected (landfill tipping fees). He said EDCO requested a 4.31 percent collection increase for residential accounts and a 4.26 percent increase in commercial collection rates. He said the adjustments would result in a monthly increase of \$0.89 for residential accounts and \$0.53 for seniors. Additionally, for commercial accounts, a typical three-yard bin serviced once weekly would increase by \$7.48 per month to \$183.15.

Mr. South said that on January 1, 2017, businesses that generate four cubic yards or more of organic waste per week were required to implement a food recycling program. He said very few La Mirada businesses were affected by this requirement. However, beginning on January 1, 2019, businesses that generate four cubic yards or more of commercial waste per week would be required to implement a food recycling program. He said this State mandate would affect approximately 100 businesses in La Mirada.

The City Council discussed the proposed adjustments of residential and commercial refuse rates.

4.2 RESIDENTIAL PARKWAY TREE PLANTING

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Public Works Director/Engineer Mark Stowell provided information on residential parkway tree planting. He said parkway trees are a valuable asset to the community. He said they enhance the quality of life and contribute significantly to the City's natural environment. Additionally, these important natural resources replenish oxygen, control soil erosion, absorb storm water, and protect wildlife habitat.

Public Works Director/Engineer Stowell said the City's urban forest totals more than 13,000 trees. He said as the City's trees age and grow to maturity, conflicts with public and private property could become more prevalent causing an increase in claims and complaints. He said as part of the 2018-19 Fiscal Year budget, staff proposed an annual funding for the replacement of missing trees through a systematic approach. He said parkway trees would be replaced in accordance with the Master Plan of Parkway Trees with potential exceptions of tree varieties commonly susceptible to insect infestation or disease.

Public Works Director/Engineer Stowell said upon approval of funding, Public Works would begin to plant trees in areas where they have been removed over time and not replaced. He said property owners would be notified in advance of upcoming plantings.

Members of the City Council asked questions regarding the residential parkway tree planting. The City Council expressed support for the replacement of missing residential parkway trees.

4.3 2018 CONCERTS UNDER THE STARS

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Community Services Director Lori Thompson said preparations for the 2018 Concerts Under the Stars series are underway. She said the weekly concerts include live music, crafts, games and food offerings for purchase. She said the

concerts are held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and are free to the public. She said the 2018 season begins June 14 and continues through August 9.

Community Services Supervisor Oliver Osuna said in an effort to meet the community's request for more varied food options, staff is recommending to add a farmers market to the weekly events. He said participants could include vendors selling prepackaged, ready-to-eat foods as well as vendors cooking food on site at the farmers market. Additionally, produce vendors and a small number of craft vendors could also be part of the market.

Community Services Supervisor Osuna said staff met with representatives of Enriched Farms, a group which organizes farmers markets and similar events throughout Southern California, and currently organizes a weekly farmers market for the City of Cypress. He said the representatives of Enriched Farms were receptive to working with the City of La Mirada. Enriched Farms requested to operate its farmers market for a minimum of five hours from 3 to 8 p.m. Community Services Supervisor Osuna said the proposed typically hours would not have a significant impact on the City as the event supervisors arrive at Regional Park by that time to prepare for the event.

Members of the City Council asked questions regarding the 2018 Concerts Under the Stars. The City Council expressed support for adding a farmers market to this year's Concerts Under the Stars.

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 5:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Leticia Revilla, Deputy City Clerk

Lawrence P. Mowles, Mayor