

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL  
LA MIRADA, CALIFORNIA  
MAY 18, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. on May 18, 2018 in Community Room AB, La Mirada City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California. City Council was present with Councilmember Eng, Councilmember Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem De Ruse, and Mayor Mowles responding to roll call. Councilmember Sarega was absent. City Manager Jeff Boynton and Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Anne Haraksin were also present.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Mowles called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

Assistant City Manager Haraksin conducted roll call.

**City Council Workshop**

**(1) Code of Ethical Conduct & Council Procedures.**

City Manager Boynton led the discussion regarding the Code of Ethical Conduct. He said that Section 18 provides that the Code of Ethical Conduct shall be annually reviewed by the City Council to consider any updates. He said the annual review has traditionally taken place during the City Council's Retreat meeting.

The City Council reviewed and discussed the Code of Ethical Conduct. There were no suggested revisions to the Code of Ethical Conduct.

**(2) Pension Obligations.**

City Manager Boynton provided an overview of the four different CalPERS tiers for City staff. He reported on the changes CalPERS has made to shore up its unfunded liabilities that will affect employer retirement costs and the measures the City Council has taken to address the rising retirement benefit costs. Mr. Boynton reported on the City's total unfunded liability and approximate funded ratios for the CalPERS and PARS plans and provided information on several alternatives available to proactively address rising pension costs.

The City Council reviewed and discussed the CalPERS contribution projections and the suggested alternatives. Members of the City Council expressed an interest in establishing a pension trust that when combined with the assets already invested by CalPERS would achieve a funded ratio of 80 percent. Direction was given to explore alternatives for creating a section 115 trust.

**(3) Department SWOT Analyses.**

City Manager Boynton presented a report on the State of the Departments. The report included information on Department strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and potential threats (SWOT) for Administration and Administrative Services, Community

Development, Community Services, Public Safety, Public Works, and the Theatre. As part of the Public Safety analysis, Mr. Boynton presented proposed modifications to the Sheriff's Department deployment and recommended changes to contracts. During the Public Works update, Mr. Boynton reported that it has been the City's practice to consider any contract change order amount approved by the City Council to not be considered as part of the City Manager's 20 percent authority. He said the City Council's concurrence on this practice was requested.

The City Council reviewed and discussed the Department SWOT analyses. Members of the City Council concurred with the proposed Public Safety changes to deployment and contracts. Additionally, the City Council concurred that the practice of not including the contract change order amount approved by the City Council as part of the City Manager's 20 percent authority was appropriate.

**(4) Capital Projects Update.**

City Manager Boynton provided an update on the status of capital projects including Phase 4 of Measure I, the La Mirada Boulevard Corridor Traffic Signal Upgrades, and the I-5 Freeway Widening. He provided an update on projects pending construction, work currently in design and projects recently completed.

Members of the City Council reviewed and discussed the status and funding of capital projects. There was concurrence on completing neighborhood improvements more gradually using available state and county funds following the sunset of Measure I.

**(5) Proposed Future Projects.**

City Manager Boynton presented some of the project and program ideas proposed that would require additional capital, and potentially ongoing operational, funding. The following projects were discussed:

- **Privately Owned Perimeter Block Walls.**  
The City Council requested staff conduct a comprehensive citywide survey of the conditions of privately owned arterial block walls. There was discussion regarding the possible consideration of a project after neighborhood street improvement projects are completed.
- **Creek Park Design Improvements.**  
The Master Plan will be reviewed by the City Council in June. City Manager Boynton reported that staff would seek grant funding to complete the design. Following the completion of the design, consideration will be given to project funding and phasing.
- **Stationary Automated License Plate Recognition System (ALPRS).**  
This project was rated as a low priority by the City Council. Two mobile ALPRS units are available within the Sheriff's Department's vehicle fleet.
- **Passive Park on the Northwest Slope of Hillsborough Drive and Alicante Road.**

Members of the City Council requested staff determine the potential cost of maintaining the property.

- **Installation of Security Cameras in City Parks.**  
City Manager Boynton said staff would research the idea of installing cameras at City parks and present information at a future Study Session meeting.
- **Major Energy Efficiency Project.**  
Members of the City Council expressed an interest in the installation of solar panels on City facilities. City Manager Boynton said staff would explore the idea and determine any potential cost savings to the City. He also said he would provide additional information on the status of an ongoing energy efficiency audit.
- **Restaurant near Regional Park Lake.**  
City Manager Boynton reported that there were land use restrictions requiring the location to be kept as open space or for recreational use.
- **Real Estate Acquisitions.**  
This project was rated as a low priority by the City Council.
- **City/Chamber of Commerce Partnership.**  
Members of the City Council expressed an interest in the City paying a membership fee to the Chamber as a good will gesture. The City was previously acknowledged as a Lifetime Member by the Chamber. The idea of a Business Roundtable was suggested to be a Chamber-driven initiative.
- **Community Sheriff's Substation at Frontier Park.**  
The City Council reviewed the crime statistics per Reporting District. Members of the City Council expressed an interest in a Deputy Bike Patrol being deployed in the Foster Park area. The City Council also requested additional information pertaining to the installation of cameras and the use of a predictive policing tool to analyze data and predict the locations of crime incidents. Additionally, the City Council expressed an interest in scheduling a Town Hall meeting in the area.
- **Ring.com or Home Security Rebate Program.**  
Members of the City Council expressed an interest in developing a security rebate program. City Manager Boynton said a report would be presented at the Study Session meeting to be held on July 10, 2018.

**(6) Economic Development Update.**

City Manager Boynton provided an update on the City's Economic Development efforts and the proposed Restaurant Assistance Program. He also presented information pertaining to three potential programs that could be included in a La Mirada Business Assistance Plan including a Restaurant and Business Assistance, Expansion and

Modernization Program; a Commercial Façade Improvement Program; and an Adult Beverage Licensing Assistance Program.

Members of the City Council expressed an interest in a Commercial Façade Improvement Program that would offer loans to assist with design plans as well as improvement costs to the exterior of commercial buildings. Members also recommended considering economic development assistance for businesses on a case-by-case basis. The idea of an adult beverage licensing assistance program was rated as a low priority. Members of the City Council also emphasized that a restaurant at the Theatre Center remains a high priority.

**(7) City Advisory Bodies.**

City Manager Boynton provided an update on advisory bodies and current vacancies.

Members of the City Council recommended staff contact active retirement communities such as Breezewood and Landmark Adult Community to make them aware of vacancies on the Senior Council and Historical Preservation Advisory Council. Additionally, the status of the La Mirada Community Foundation was briefly discussed.

**(8) Athletic Fields.**

City Manager Boynton presented an update on field use agreements with the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District (School District). He said the proposed Master Recreational Use Agreement, Los Coyotes Individual Site Agreement, and an Agreement for Use of City Facilities have previously been forwarded to the School District for its review.

Members of the City Council discussed the agreements for athletic fields and facilities. The City Council concurred that any agreements for use of school athletic fields by community youth athletic groups should be executed by the School District and community youth athletic groups, since the City is not the tenant and should not be a party to those agreements. The City Council directed staff to proceed with the creation of a maintenance agreement for Los Coyotes Middle School with the School District and a Facility Use Agreement for La Mirada schools in the School District to use City of La Mirada facilities. Ensuring the City's recreational Friday Night Flag Football program could continue to use La Mirada High School's stadium was also recommended.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Mowles adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

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Lawrence P. Mowles, Mayor