

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION MEETING
LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 9 – 5 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

4.1 FRIENDS OF THE LA MIRADA THEATRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

City Manager Boynton introduced the item. Theatre Director BT McNicholl and President of the Friends of La Mirada Theatre Shirley Russo were present to give a report.

Theatre Director McNicholl provided information on the Friends of the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts. He said the Friends was originally organized by the City Council with the inception of the Theatre in 1977 and its members have served as ushers since the Theatre's opening weekend. He said the Friends have also raised money through fundraisers and used the proceeds to make gifts to the Theatre and represent the Theatre at various community functions.

Ms. Russo said the Friends of the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts would be entering its 41st year and its members remain active with the Theatre. She said membership has expanded from La Mirada residents only to include participants from surrounding communities. She said new members continued to be recruited to meet the increased demand for ushers due to the increased programming at the Theatre by the McCoy Rigby Series and special presentations, dance groups, Phantom Projects productions, Symphony concerts and City events. She thanked the City for allowing the Friends to serve as ambassadors for the Theatre and for being a part of the Theatre's successful operation.

Members of the City Council reviewed and discussed the Friends of the La Mirada Theatre's activities and future plans. The City Council expressed its appreciation to the Friends for volunteering as ushers at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

4.2 LA MIRADA SYMPHONY FUNDING REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

City Manager Boynton introduced the item. Theatre Director BT McNicholl and La Mirada Symphony President David Derks were present to give a report.

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

Theatre Director McNicholl provided information on a new approach for Symphony concert tickets. He said tickets would remain free and the Theatre would charge a very modest ticket processing fee of \$2, similar to other presentations, for the Symphony concerts. He said the Symphony concerts attract about 800 patrons and the annual amount generated would be approximately \$6,400. He said the revenue could be dedicated for additional Symphony funding, if the Council chose to do so. Additionally, Theatre staff indicated when a nominal service fee is charged, attendance increases among patrons.

The City Council reviewed and discussed La Mirada Symphony's funding request for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and the new processing fee for Symphony concert tickets. 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, and the new processing fee for Symphony concert tickets.

4.3 UPDATE ON ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Senior Administrative Analyst Mark Rounds provided an update on the contract with the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (LADACC). He said over the past several years the cost for services have continued to rise. He said cities have been informed that the County Auditor Controller increased the service rates and changed the billing methodology in order to achieve greater cost recovery. He said Fiscal Year 2018-19 rates were increased to capture costs for providing veterinary services to all sheltered animals.

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds said that staff met with representatives from LADACC to discuss the additional service fee increases and new billing methodology that would be implemented on July 1, 2019. He said in an effort to mitigate the impact to the City for animal control services, staff recommended increasing animal license fees. He said the proposed license fees would increase revenue by approximately \$64,000. Additionally, in combination with license canvassing efforts, mandatory microchipping of dogs and cats, and providing additional vaccination and microchipping events during the year would assist in reducing the impact of the service cost increases.

Members of the City Council reviewed and discussed the update on animal control services. The City Council expressed concerns with the fee increases from the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control and requested further research on other animal control services providers. City Manager Boynton said staff would research alternatives for animal control services and no adjustments would be made to the license fees until alternatives for animal control services are presented to the Council.


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 5:47 p.m.

ATTEST:



Lawrence P. Mowles, Mayor



Leticia Revilla, Assistant City Clerk