

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION MEETING  
LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 11, 2018 – 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 LA MIRADA STRATEGIC PLAN 2020 UPDATE

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Senior Administrative Analyst Julie Herrera said the Strategic Plan 2020, adopted in June 2016, provides a guide for the City to identify priorities and achieve future goals and objectives. She said progress towards achieving the commitments outlined in the Strategic Plan 2020 continues to be monitored. She said City staff remains dedicated to achieving the plan's goals and significant progress was made this past year.

Senior Administrative Analyst Herrera provided an update on the key actions taken within each of the five core strategic areas, which include: Ensure a Well-Managed City Government; Provide a Safe Community; Promote a High Quality of Life; Provide Quality Planning and Infrastructure; and Support a Strong Local Economy.

Members of the City Council asked questions regarding the Strategic Plan 2020 and expressed appreciation to staff for making progress on its objectives.

4.2 REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS IN SELECT CITY PARKS

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Senior Administrative Analyst Marlin Munoz provided information on the video surveillance cameras at Frontier Park and Neff Park. He said the City received three proposals ranging in price from \$18,240 to \$93,478.11 for hardware and installation, and \$145 to \$780 for monthly maintenance costs. He said each design varies significantly in the number of cameras proposed and coverage areas. Additionally, the proposals do not include real-time active monitoring and are designed to be connected to a local server, which staff would access remotely to review and save footage after an incident has occurred.

Senior Administrative Analyst Munoz said although video cameras may assist with deterring criminal activity, it would not eliminate it completely. Additionally, the usefulness of video surveillance in solving crimes or identifying suspects would be highly dependent upon the clarity of the footage. He said other alternatives could include improved or increased lighting, contract with nightly security officers, and increased patrol checks by Sheriff's Deputies.

Members of the City Council asked questions and expressed concerns with the cost of video surveillance systems. The City Council requested staff to explore more cost effective video camera systems at parks.

#### 4.3 FIREWORKS ENFORCEMENT

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Senior Administrative Analyst Mark Rounds provided an update on increasing the fine amount for dangerous/illegal fireworks; exploring the use of drones to assist with enforcement efforts; and issuing administrative fines to property owners who allow other persons to discharge dangerous/illegal fireworks from their property.

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds said a few cities impose fines greater than \$1,000. He said based on the legal opinions of the former Attorney General and the City Attorney, he recommended the City maintain the \$1,000 fine amount authorized by Resolution No. 10-11.

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds said if the City were interested in utilizing drones on July 4, it could either operate a drone program directly or contract with a company to provide this service. He said if the City opted to directly provide a drone program, it would be required to purchase drones, train City staff or volunteers to use the drones and obtain a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) permit to operate drones on the night of July 4. He said general usage drones cost between \$1,300 and \$2,500. He said due to the costs associated with directly implementing a drone program and FAA regulations, he recommended the City explore a pilot program by contracting with a private company for drone services to be used in conjunction with existing fireworks enforcement.

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds said he reviewed the ordinances of surrounding cities that issue administrative fines to property owners for allowing dangerous/illegal fireworks and determined that their ordinances contained similar language to that proposed by the City Attorney. He said this past July 4, the City of Norwalk issued 15 administrative citations to property owners who permitted the discharge of illegal fireworks from their property. He said three of those citations were dismissed due to lack of evidence and three were appealed by the property owners. The citations that were appealed were ultimately upheld.

Members of the City Council asked questions and expressed support of issuing administrative fines to property owners who allow other persons to discharge dangerous/illegal fireworks from their property; they recommended no changes to the administrative fine amount of \$1,000; and requested additional information on the use of drones and possible implementation of a pilot program.

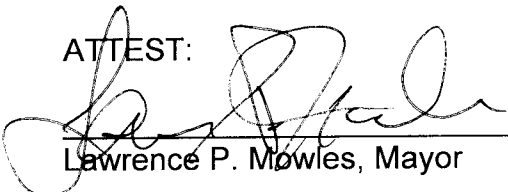
5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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 6:16 p.m.

ATTEST:



Lawrence P. Mowles, Mayor



Leticia Revilla, Assistant City Clerk