

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION MEETING
LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 12 – 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 INTERVIEW OF POTENTIAL PLANNING COMMISSIONER

Members of the City Council invited Matthew Morse to provide information on his interest, qualifications and experience, as they relate to the Planning Commission.

Members of the City Council asked Mr. Morse questions related to his potential role as a Planning Commissioner. The City Manager said an item regarding his potential appointment would be placed on an upcoming City Council meeting agenda.

4.2 2018 ANNUAL CRIME REPORT

City Manager Jeff Boynton introduced the item. Senior Administrative Analyst Mark Rounds and Captain James Tatreau were present to give a report.

Captain Tatreau said the City of La Mirada again experienced one of the region's lowest crime rates and remained among the safest cities in Los Angeles County. He reported that during the past year, La Mirada experienced the lowest number of Part 1 crimes in 2018 of communities in southeast Los Angeles County and northern Orange County. He said in 2018, there were 921 Part 1 crimes reported in La Mirada compared to 1,011 in 2017. He said the ten year crime analysis indicates that La Mirada has averaged 874 Part 1 crime incidents per year since 2009.

Captain Tatreau provided a detailed report on the number of homicides, rapes, larceny incidents, burglaries, automobile thefts, robberies, assaults and arsons. He provided information on response times and the number of

arrests. He said in an effort to keep response times low and enable Sheriff's Deputies to have additional time to patrol and make proactive arrests, Public Safety Officers were trained to respond to traffic collisions and write reports in 2018.

Senior Administrative Analyst Rounds said the Public Safety Team would continue its active involvement in the Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch programs and reach out to La Mirada residents and business owners to help reduce crime. He said through the Neighborhood Watch Program, the Team would also promote the Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Program, which works to involve residents in neighborhood emergency preparedness efforts.

Members of the City Council asked questions regarding the 2018 Annual Crime Report. The City Council expressed its appreciation to Captain Tatreau for the Sheriff's Department's efforts in keeping La Mirada a safe community.

4.3 DISCUSSION REGARDING SOLICITORS PERMITS

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Assistant City Manager Anne Haraksin provided information on the solicitor permit process. She said the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station staff and others have received inquiries about solicitors in La Mirada and, specifically, whether the City allows them. She said pursuant to La Mirada Municipal Code Chapters 9.108 and 9.109, persons going door-to-door or standing near stores selling items must obtain a solicitation permit from the City.

Assistant City Manager Haraksin said each solicitor must pay a fee, complete a Sheriff's information form and be fingerprinted. She said the Sheriff's investigator reviews the applications and provides the City with recommendations to approve or deny the applicant. She said if approved, the solicitor is issued an identification card and a Business License. She said very few solicitation permit applications are received. She said over the past 20 years, City records show 10 organizations/businesses that have applied for a solicitation permit.

Members of the City Council asked questions and made no changes to the solicitors permit process.


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 5:49 p.m.

ATTEST:



Lawrence P. Mowles, Mayor



Leticia Revilla, Assistant City Clerk