MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION MEETING LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL MARCH 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, Mayor Pro Tem De Ruse, and Mayor Mowles responding to roll call. Councilmember Sarega was absent.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

4.1 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Senior Accountant Melissa Pascual presented a report on the Fiscal Year 2018-19 mid-year budget review. She said that total General Fund Revenues at mid-year were \$15.52 million or 40.15 percent of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budgeted revenues. Conservative projections show General Fund Revenues at \$40.39 million, an increase of \$1.15 million or 2.94 percent above the budgeted revenue. She reported that General Fund Expenditures at the six-month mark were \$15.38 million or 43.18 percent of Fiscal Year 2018-19 budgeted appropriations. She said that expenditures are projected to decrease by approximately \$1.31 million or 3.69 percent below budgeted levels. She said the estimates reflect ongoing efforts to manage costs even with conservative budgeting.

The City Council reviewed and discussed the Mid-Year Budget Review for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

4.2 CITY HALL FOUNTAIN RENOVATION

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Mark Stowell provided information on the fountain renovation at City Hall. He said staff met with several pool contractors and consultants to explore various renovation options. He said after much investigation and review, it was found the existing original plumbing was leaking in several locations and the electrical system was damaged. He said both systems are beyond their normal life expectancy

Public Works Director/City Engineer Stowell reported on the three fountain renovation options and their associated estimated costs ranging from \$500,000 to \$2,250,000. He said irrespective of the option selected, the work would be a major project requiring funding through the Capital Improvement Program budget.

Members of the City Council asked questions regarding the fountain renovation and expressed support for Option 2, which would modify the pool structure to reduce the pool size and install landscaping features within the pool reduction areas.

City Manager Boynton said he would consider hiring a design consultant to discuss Option 2 and provide additional information at an upcoming City Council meeting.

4.3 PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TERMS OF OFFICE OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Assistant City Clerk Leticia Revilla provided information on the proposed revisions to terms of office for Community Services, Planning and Public Safety Commissioners. She said since the City Council terms were extended by one year, it would be appropriate to amend the bylaws of the Commissions to align the terms of the Commissioners with the Councilmember who nominated them for appointment.

Assistant City Clerk Revilla said the California Government Code requires the establishment of a Planning Commission and the terms of office are included in La Mirada Municipal Code Section 2.52.030. She proposed the City Council adopt an ordinance amending La Mirada Municipal Code Section 2.52.030 term of office and Section (e) of 2.52.050 regarding the removal of appointed members. She said overall, the proposed amendments would enable the terms of Commissioners to coincide with the terms of nominating Councilmembers and provide consistency among the bylaws and the La Mirada Municipal Code.

Members of the City Council asked questions and expressed support for amending the bylaws and the La Mirada Municipal Code to provide consistency.

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 5:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

Leticia Revilla, Assistant City Clerk

Lawrence P. Mowles, Mayor