

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR STUDY SESSION MEETING
LA MIRADA CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 9, 2019 – 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

4.2 SENATE BILL 1383 – SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS: ORGANIC WASTE METHANE EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Senior Administrative Analyst Marlin Munoz provided an update on Senate Bill 1383. He said the bill established methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants. He said these pollutants consist of greenhouse gasses that impact climate change more severely than carbon dioxide. He said methane is generated and emitted when organic waste decomposes in landfills. He said organic waste includes food, green waste, landscaping debris, wood, fiber and biosolids.

Senior Administrative Analyst Munoz said the City's regulatory responsibilities would include random quarterly examination of solid waste containers on all of the City's refuse collection routes to verify that organic waste is placed in the correct container; identifying violators and issuing notices to account holders for placing organic waste in the wrong container; and examination and violation record reporting to CalRecycle. He said the City has submitted a comment letter to CalRecycle expressing concerns regarding the regulations.

Members of the City Council asked questions and expressed concerns regarding the City's regulatory responsibilities from Senate Bill 1383.

4.1 PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL REFUSE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Public Works Director/Engineer Mark Stowell, Senior Administrative Analyst Marlin Munoz and Chief Executive Officer Steve South with EDCO were present to give a report.

Senior Administrative Analyst Munoz said that on July 1, 2009, the City entered into a franchise agreement with EDCO Waste and Recycling Services for the collection of refuse, recyclables and green waste. He said EDCO successfully implemented an enhanced collection program, which includes an automated residential refuse, recycling and green waste program, an unlimited bulky item, e-waste, u-waste, and Sharps curbside collection program, a commercial recycling program, and a senior discount program.

Senior Administrative Analyst Munoz said that pursuant to the franchise agreement, EDCO submitted an adjustment request for the billing period beginning July 1, 2019. He said the adjustment included increased costs to collect materials based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the cost to dispose of materials collected (landfill tipping fees). He said EDCO requested a 4.10 percent collection increase for residential accounts and a 4.04 percent increase in commercial collection rates. He said the adjustments would result in a monthly increase of \$0.88 for residential accounts and \$0.53 for seniors. Additionally, for commercial accounts, a typical three-yard bin serviced once weekly would increase by \$7.40 per month to \$190.55.

The City Council discussed the proposed adjustments of residential and commercial refuse rates.

4.3 PROPOSED STRIPING SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS ON ALONDRA BOULEVARD, FOSTER ROAD, ADELFA DRIVE, BIOLA AVENUE AND STAGE ROAD

City Manager Boynton introduced the item.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Mark Stowell P.E. said the City continues its ambitious program to improve the City's infrastructure. He said many arterial roadways and collector streets have been repaved and with the completion of Measure I, Phase 5 this year, over two-thirds of La Mirada's neighborhood streets would have recently been rehabilitated. He said traffic signal upgrades on the Imperial Highway and La Mirada Boulevard corridors are complete with a third traffic signal project to be underway this fall on the Rosecrans Avenue corridor.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Stowell proposed striping enhancements on several streets which include Alondra Boulevard, Foster Road, Adelfa Drive, Biola Avenue and Stage Road. He said the proposed street enhancements would simplify the layout for a cleaner overall look, while other streets would receive safety enhancements through the addition of center turn lanes and/or narrowed travel lane width to reduce the likelihood of speeding.

Members of the City Council asked questions and expressed support for the proposed striping safety enhancements.

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 5:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



Steve De Ruse, Mayor



Leticia Revilla, Assistant City Clerk