

Post-Meeting Summary of the October 9, 2018, City Council Meeting

(Post Date: 10/10/2018)

If you were unable to attend the City Council meeting or watch the live-stream, the video can be found [here](#). The meeting started with an introduction and well-deserved recognition of our own PVE-CARES program, who had just concluded hosting the annual Senior Health & Wellness Fair at the Palos Verdes Golf Club earlier in the day. PVE-CARES is an acronym for PVE-Care, Assistance, Resources, Education, and Socials. The organization was established in 2004 by the City, through the Police Department, as a program to address the needs of our elderly in the community. It is free to residents 65 years and older and to dependent adults living in PVE. If you are not a member and are eligible to participate, we hope you will join. It is a fantastic group of 25 volunteers solely dedicated to helping our seniors. To date, there are approximately 500 registered PVE-CARES members. PVE-CARES hosts several events throughout the year including a spring consortium, social mixers, summer concerts, doctor talks, and a health and wellness fair. If you would like to know more about the organization, or interested in joining or volunteering, please visit the City's website (www.pvestates.org) or call Community Relations Officer Marcelle Herrera at the Police Department at 310-750-9788.

Then, we introduced three new City staff persons who have joined the City Team. We welcomed Alexandria (Alex) Schmainda as a Police Services Aide, Alexander (Alex) Merkel as the City's new Senior Accountant, and Erin Smith as the City's Financial Services Technician. It is clear from their introductions that they are enthusiastic and energetic additions to the City family and we are happy to have them on board and working with us.

In addition, Southern California Edison (SCE) provided a 20-minute overview about the improvements and reliability-of the electrical system in Palos Verdes Estates. Irrespective of the outages last week which were coincidental with this presentation, the figures and experience over the past few years show improvement in the delivery of service. The SCE presentation with details can be found on the City's website (www.pvestates.org). If you are interested in staying informed of outages in the area, SCE strongly encourages customers to download the "My SCE" app from the "App Store" on your cell phone or tablet device.

Also, the Mayor took a moment to mention that the Police Department is hosting their first ever Teens in Policing program, which is similar to a Citizen Police Academy, but geared towards teenagers. If you are a teenager living in Palos Verdes Estates, want to meet police officers, or are interested in learning what Police do, we hope you will attend. The six-week program will teach teens, about: traffic, patrol, dispatch, investigations, weapons safety, and active shooter training. The dates of the program are October 11, 18 and 25 and November 1, 8, and 15. The classes will run from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm and dinner will be provided. If you are interested in attending, you can RSVP by calling or emailing the Police Chief (310-378-4211 or mvelez@pvestates.org).

As for the business portion of the meeting, the entire "Consent Agenda" was approved. Most notably, Brad Boyd and Jeff DeLarme were appointed to service on the City's Investment Policy Advisory Committee and the City Council authorized the Lunada Bay Homeowners Association permit for its annual Harvest Festival at Lunada Bay Park. The festival will be on October 21

from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We hope you can attend this great community event hosted by the LBHOA.

The discussion of options for maintaining the City's Mirlo Gate Tower House (Via Valmonte) was postponed to a later meeting, so the only other discussion was on the City's agreement with Athens Services for refuse (trash, recycling, and greenwaste) collection. As provided by the existing agreement, the City Council authorized an extension of the agreement for three (3) years. No modifications were made to the terms or conditions of the agreement.

The next City Council meeting will be October 23, 2018. As a preview, there will be two appeals of decisions made by the Planning Commission on the agenda. One will be for 1509 Espinosa Circle and the other will be for 421 Via Media.

Thank you,

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