

Pre-meeting Summary of the December 11th City Council Meeting

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2018 has been quite a year. Culminating with the topics to be addressed at this last upcoming regular meeting of the City Council on December 11, 2018, the matters before the City during the past 12 months have been numerous and important for navigating the City's future.

Among the many accomplishments of the City:

- *Three key resident Committees were established, the Technology Advisory Committee, Finance Advisory Committee, and the Law Enforcement Services Special Tax Oversight Committee.*
- *Disaster Preparedness planning and training was initiated.*
- *Several critical staff positions were filled including the Police Chief and Finance Director.*
- *Construction started with the gateway entry to the City at Palos Verdes Drive North and Palos Verdes Drive West (the triangle); donations are being accepted!*
- *Voters approved a parcel tax (Measure E) filling a 25% gap in the City's budget that supports the Police Department caused by the failure of Measure D in 2017.*
- *The Davenport Institute was engaged to train and educate the City about public engagement strategies which were employed for discussion for the City's future, the Palos Verdes Stable services, the proposed Butcher-Solana development in Torrance, and preparation of a public engagement manual.*
- *Organizational evaluations (assessments) of the Police Department and the City's administrative functions were completed.*
- *Several applications for residential development were reviewed and resolved through the Planning Commission and City Council.*
- *Several significant crimes were solved by our Police Department.*

With the April 2018 election, the City also recognized and appreciated an exceptionally high level of voter participation at 58% that served as a great indication of resident's interest in our Police Department.

On December 11, 2018, the City Council will consider a few more significant matters that may interest the community.

For the complete agenda, [click here](#). On the agenda will be three concession agreements. The City's concessions provide recreational opportunities for residents and the public. Information about the concession facilities for golf, tennis, pool, and stable activities can be found on the City's website [here](#). On the City Council's Consent Agenda is the approval of the Palos Verdes Tennis Club budget with an amendment to allow for an increase in non-resident memberships under certain conditions. This is routine in that the budget is relatively consistent with past budgets, and the amendment is consistent with the approach for increasing non-resident members of the Palos Verdes Golf Club. As Old Business on the agenda, the City Council will consider a concession agreement with a new operator for the operation, maintenance and facility improvement of the Palos Verdes Stable. This

has been a reoccurring topic of deliberation by the City Council since September 2018. Based on the City Council's discussion at its meeting on November 27, 2018, and subsequent negotiations, an agreement will be presented for the City Council's review and approval. Finally, the City Council will consider as "New Business" an extension of its concession agreement with the Palos Verdes Golf Club. At its meeting on November 13, 2018, the City Council directed that City staff and the Golf Club develop a 20-year agreement for consideration on December 11, 2018. As presented on November 13, 2018, the agreement addresses substantial facility upgrades budgeted and scheduled for the facility.

On the Consent Agenda, as the typical practice for the second review and for the approval of ordinances, is an ordinance establishing Palos Verdes Estates' requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units in conformance with State law. Since the review of the ordinance at the City Council meeting on November 27, 2018, there have been several questions about the ordinance on a range of topics including requirements pertaining to hillside and fire zones, garages, setbacks, and the restrictions on Junior Accessory Dwelling Units. The questions that have come to the City's attention will be addressed in a "Frequently Asked Questions" document accompanying the staff report for this item.

Four other items are also scheduled for the City Council meeting as follows:

The appeal of the residential project at 1509 Espinosa Circle will be reconsidered.

A discussion of a pest management policy will commence.

The City Council will consider if the Finance Advisory Committee should meet offsite (not in the City Council Chambers) for its meeting in January, and thus not videotaped and live-streamed on the City's website.

Finally, City staff and the external auditor will present the annual financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. We are again proud to say that the external auditor has provided an "unmodified" opinion (formerly known as an "unmodified" or "clean" opinion).

The City Council will be meeting in Closed Session for discussion of legal matters. Thereafter, the regular meeting to address the topics herein will begin at 7:30 p.m. We hope you can attend, but if not, the meeting is live-streamed on the City's website or the recording can be watched on our website at any time thereafter [here](#).

Thank you and happy holidays.

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