

City Manager's Meeting Preview of the January 9th City Council Meeting

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Embracing 2019 with all that it has in store, the City Council starts the year with a full agenda for its meeting on January 9th. Please note that the first meeting of the City Council is actually on the second Wednesday of January instead of the second Tuesday. This is legislated by the Municipal Code (Section 2.04.010) to accommodate the Palos Verdes Homes Association annual meeting that takes place on the second Tuesday of January.

The City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. and convene in Closed Session to discuss the settlement of the Panorama Parkland lawsuit and the on-going labor negotiations with the Police Officers Association (POA). As listed on the City Council's agenda, settlement of the Panorama Parkland lawsuit will subsequently be discussed at the Council meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. Properties within 500 feet of 900 Via Panorama and Bluff Cove were mailed a notice, and signs were placed at 900 Via Panorama, to advise the public of this matter on the agenda. In reference to labor negotiations, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes the terms and conditions of employment and employee compensation. The City/POA MOU pertaining to all Police Department personnel below the rank of Captain (non-management) expired on June 30, 2018. In the meantime, the City and POA follow the terms of the expired agreement. Negotiations have been on-going to reach a mutually acceptable agreement that is in the long- and short-term interest of all parties.

At the outset of the Council meeting at 7:30 p.m., we will be honored by the attendance of the Montemalaga Elementary School Student Council that will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Assistant Fire Chief Scott Hale will also address the City Council and community about fire prevention.

Of note, the scheduled and noticed hearing that appeals the Planning Commission's decision regarding a Neighborhood Compatibility and Grading application for development at 629 Via Del Monte is being postpone to January 22, 2019.

The agenda will include:

The demonstration of the functionality of the City's OpenGov platform for financial transparency and the public's access to the City's financial data.

A demonstration of the City's new Document Portal that provides direct and easy access to the City's vital records, and

Discussion of a Public Engagement Toolkit prepared by the Davenport Institute.

As promised and on schedule, the City is pleased to provide historical and current revenue and expenditure information "on demand" for the public through OpenGov and demonstrate the functionality of the Questys platform for document accessibility and retrieval. The Public Engagement Toolkit is the product of the City's work with the Davenport Institute during the past year for demonstrating, developing and identifying strategies for successful public engagement in City affairs.

Finally, the Consent Agenda consists of items that are considered routine, non-controversial, past practice, and / or formalities for City business and continuance of operations. At the January 9th meeting, the Consent Agenda includes the recommendations of the Technology Advisory Committee

and the Law Enforcement Services Special Tax Oversight Committee, an appropriation for extending temporary consultant services for Planning services, a “receive and file” letter to the Public Utilities Commission regarding investor-owned-utilities and wildland fire mitigation efforts,⁴ and a Resolution formally approving the development conditions for 1509 Espinosa Circle (subject to an appeal heard by the City Council at its meeting on December 11, 2018).

There are many interesting topics on the agenda and we look forward to a productive meeting. To review the actual agenda and the support documentation, the material will be published on the City’s website at www.pvestates.org at the end of the day on Friday, January 4, 2019. In the future, please click <http://www.pvestates.org/how-do-i/sign-up-for-e-notifications> to receive direct notice of published agendas.

Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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