

City Manager Special Meeting Summary

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On Friday, January 11, 2019, the City Council held a special meeting to consider a settlement agreement for the Parklands (Via Panorama) lawsuit involving the City of Palos Verdes Estates, the Palos Verdes Homes Association (PVHA), John Harbison and the Citizens for Enforcement of Parkland Covenants (CEPC), and the Luglianis. Consideration of the settlement was originally scheduled for discussion at the January 9, 2019 City Council meeting, but postponed due to unresolved issues.

During Friday's meeting, the Council heard public input from varying points of view in reference to the settlement agreement. For the Staff Report, the City Attorney provided a comprehensive overview of the case history and explained the content of the proposed settlement agreement and reasons for the appeal. The City Council voted 4-1 to approve the settlement agreement. The meeting can be viewed on the City's website [here](#).

The City Council in its deliberations was mindful of the cost of further litigation, the possible potential pros and cons resulting from a trial, and the overall interests of bringing a divisive issue in the community to an amicable conclusion. As such, the City Council agreed to the plaintiffs' request that the City be part of a comprehensive settlement so that all disputes could be resolved once and for all. Detailed and factual information about the settlement agreement is [here](#). The City's obligations under the agreement are to

1. Accept the donation of any amount of parkland located in the City that is free of encroachments and otherwise complies with the applicable deed restrictions.
2. Cause deed restrictions commensurate with the Palos Verdes Estates 1940 Deed Restrictions to be imposed on the Bluff Cove Property so that it is subject to the same restrictions as other parkland held by the City.
3. Record a notice of vacation of duplicate open space easement imposed by Quitclaim Deeds referenced within the agreement.

The City pays no money under the agreement.

All other aspects of the settlement agreement pertain to matters among the Lugilanis, John Harbison (including the CPEC and ROBE) and PVHA; they don't involve the City, as appropriate, because the City was only responsible for the transferring of land to the PVHA which was not invalidated by the court.

The City Council reiterated its commitment to keeping parklands open and accessible to the public.

Please see the Mayor's statement and the City website [here](#) for more information.

Sincerely,

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