

City Manager's Meeting Preview for February 12th

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We have not seen the likes of this much rain in many years. Our ground is soaked and for the sake of our urban forest and hillsides, we hope this week begins a period to dry out. Please remember that at our homes, it will probably be weeks before landscaping will need to be watered. Please also stay tuned to the City's website, as next month we will be hosting a fire preparedness meeting for residents.

The next City Council meeting is February 12th at which time we will be welcoming in the Chinese New Year followed by the 25th commemoration of the Palos Verdes Estates Police Officers lost in the line of duty.

Thereafter, the City Council will consider the Consent Agenda. Along with the "receive and file" of the January 15, 2019 Planning Commission Actions and the acceptance of donations. There will be a recommendation of the Finance Advisory Committee to subscribe to GovInvest and a request by the Palos Verdes Golf Club to adjust their Capital Improvement Fund budget. The GovInvest software is a three year cost of approximately \$36,000; it is a tool for calculating pension costs and payment options. CalPERS, at no cost, also provides cities with tools for this purpose however it is not as user friendly. The Palos Verdes Golf Club is projecting that their facility improvements will exceed \$3 million and as such, is requesting to appropriate an additional \$300,000 from their reserves for the project.

The City Council is scheduled to have two public hearings on February 12th. The City Council will hear the an appeal of a Neighborhood Compatibility Revision at 521 and 525 Via Almar, and an Ordinance adopting the Los Angeles County Health and Safety Code (and associated Memorandum of Understanding) regarding septic tanks. The previously scheduled appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of the development application and permits for 421 Via Media will be continued. It will be calendared for February 26, 2019 while the parties are working together to resolve the matters of interest about the proposed project.

Then, there will be several New and Old Business topics for discussion and consideration as follows:

Discussion of an update to the Municipal Code pertaining to the use of leaf blowers, in particular reference to gas-powered leaf blowers. Several neighboring cities have banned gas powered leaf blowers. The City Council will discuss and provide direction to staff about potentially changing the City's provisions and initiating an Ordinance update. The Municipal Code currently states the following here:

8.28.040 Leaf blowers.

A. General Prohibition. The use or operation or allowing the use or operation of any portable machine powered with combustion, gasoline or electric-powered engine used to blow leaves, dirt or other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns and other surfaces that creates a noise level more than seventy decibels of noise at a distance of fifty feet is prohibited.

B. Permitted Hours. No person shall operate a weed and debris blower at any time other than the days, times, or hours permitted in PVEMC 8.28.030. (Ord. 701 § 2 (Exh. 1), 2012; Ord. 528 § 2, 1991; Ord. 442 § 1, 1987)

Discussion of the Finance Advisory Committee in reference to its function and role with the City Council. Last December, Palos Verdes Estates and Rancho Palos Verdes representatives met to discuss the function and role of the Rancho Palos Verdes Finance Advisory Committee in reference to their City Council. A report of this meeting will be provided for considering the applicability of the Rancho Palos Verdes model to Palos Verdes Estates.

At the request of the City Council, a meeting room use policy will be considered for the Council Chambers.

In reference to the City's Bluff Cove property, the City Council will consider deed restrictions consistent with and applied to parklands throughout the City. The deed restrictions maintain the current use of the property, affirm the constraints that preclude other use of the property, complete the City Council's long-standing plans for the property, and fulfill a condition of the multi-party settlement agreement concerning the Panorama Parkland for the protection of parklands.

If you can't attend, the meeting can be viewed live or at a later time from the City's website at <http://www.pvestates.org/government/city-council/city-meetings>.

Thank you.