

## **City Manager's Meeting Summary for February 12, 2019**

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*The City Council agenda was discussed in front of a full house on Tuesday evening. Many topics were discussed, and much was accomplished at this meeting.*

*At the outset of the meeting, the Mayor welcomed the Chinese New Year, the year of the Pig, wishing the community good health and best wishes for the year ahead. The Mayor also announced an upcoming Town Hall meeting about fire protection, prevention and response to be held at the Palos Verdes Golf Club on March 14, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The community is invited to attend the meeting that is scheduled to answer the questions:*

*What does the City do for brush clearance and why?*

*Where is the vegetation that is a fire hazard?*

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*What do residents need to know for fire prevention and protection?*

*What is our response and communication in a fire?*

*The Police Chief also recognized the 25-year anniversary of the City's Police officers lost in the line of duty on Valentine's Day in 1994. To commemorate this event, a memorial will be held at Memorial Park at 3:40 p.m. on February 14 or the City Council Chambers, pending inclement weather.*

*On the Consent Agenda, the City Council discussed at length and approved a 3-year agreement for GovInvest software that will assist the City in projecting and monitoring the City's pension and retiree health liabilities. The value and purpose of this software platform can be read in the City Council agenda report here; the software will be applied for evaluating options to pay the City's long-term unfunded accrued liability. The cost and management of pensions has been and continues to be an important financial matter for the City, and cities throughout the State. Palos Verdes Estates has been addressing this matter for some time; information about it can be found on the City's Question and Answer page here or by typing "pension" in the search bar on the City's website at [www.pvestates.org](http://www.pvestates.org).*

*The City Council conducted two public hearings, the first being an appeal of the Planning Commission approval of a Neighborhood Compatibility Revision for 525 Via Almar. On this matter, the City Council concluded by affirming the Planning Commission's decision with specific additional conditions primarily focusing on landscaping requirements to mitigate privacy issues. The second public hearing was for introduction of an ordinance regarding onsite wastewater treatment systems (septic tanks) and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for management and oversight of the five properties in the City with septic tanks. The City Council introduced the ordinance, to be adopted on second reading along with formal approval with the MOU at the City Council meeting on February 26, 2019.*

*As the meeting got later in the evening, it was decided by the City Council that the scheduled discussion of the Rancho Palos Verdes' Finance Advisory Committee in relation to the Palos Verdes Estates Finance Advisory Committee would be continued to a subsequent City Council meeting. It is anticipated that this topic will be on the February 26, 2019 agenda.*

*The next topic of discussion was having a potential ban on leaf blowers, specifically gas-powered leaf blowers. After hearing public input and discussing the staff report, the City Council agreed that regulation is merited. As such, they directed staff to prepare a draft ordinance for discussion and consideration that includes the following:*

*A ban of gas-blowers in multi-family and single-family residential areas,*

*Allowing electric blowers citywide,*

*Adjusting the authorized time of operation for all blowers to be between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday,*

*An exclusion of the City concessions, commercial areas, City services and City contractors from the prohibition of gas-powered blowers, and*

*A multi-month, phased-in implementation for ease of residents.*

*An ordinance will be prepared and calendared for the City Council's consideration at a meeting in the near future. Please follow the City Council agendas to see when it will be on the agenda.*

*The City Council next discussed a policy for use of the Council Chambers. It was noted that many cities have policies for use of City facilities like the Council Chambers, however PVE currently does not. Subsequently, after public input and much discussion, the City Council determined that the Council Chambers should only be used for City-related purposes that include Commission/Committee meetings and City sponsored organizations such as Neighborhood Watch. As such, staff was directed to update the draft policy accordingly and return to the City Council for its approval.*

*Finally, consistent with the Parklands lawsuit settlement, the City Council approved (4-0-1) deed restrictions on the City's bluff cove properties. For more information about this, please see the staff report here.*

*Much was accomplished at this meeting that ultimately concluded a little after midnight; it was a full agenda. The next City Council meeting is February 26, 2019, and we hope you can watch on the City's website at [www.pvestates.org](http://www.pvestates.org) or attend.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tony Dahlerbruch*