

City Manager's Meeting Summary for February 26th

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The City Council meeting on February 26, 2019 precedes the municipal election on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 for three City Council members. As such, this City Council meeting was started with a community reminder to vote on Tuesday. It was noted that elections are fundamental to our democracy. With places in the world where people can't choose their leaders, the United States of America is fortunate to have a system of government with the opportunity to vote, a right provided by the Constitution that should not be taken lightly or for granted. Every vote counts.

On March 5, voters will elect City Council members, the leaders of Palos Verdes Estates, who develop policies, allocate resources, establish community priorities and achieve goals that affect the quality of life in our City. It is noted that precincts change, so voters going to the ballot box (rather than voting by mail) should verify their precinct location. General information about the election can be found on the City's website at www.pvestates.org on the elections page here, which contains information such as who is running for office, where to vote, and other important election information.

Los Angeles County is conducting the election. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m. When the polls close, the County Registrar-Recorder will be tabulating the results at their headquarters and posting them on line at www.lavote.net. In the Council Chambers from approximately 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., the community is welcome to gather for monitoring the County website as they report and post the results.

Based on the County's schedule for certifying the election results, it is expected that the City Council reorganization will be on March 26, 2019.

It was also announced that the City will be hosting a meeting for "bringing together our City family for fire prevention, preparedness and response." The meeting will be on Thursday, March 14th at the Palos Verdes Golf Club for Palos Verdes Estates residents. This will be an informative and educational session with a number of speakers, and the meeting will include time for residents to ask questions and receive answers.

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. The City plans to video tape the meeting and post it on our website for residents who can't attend.

The City will have a number of City speakers including a representative of the Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works Department for the presentation. The panel of experts will answer a variety of questions, including:

What does the City do for brush clearance and why?

What is the vegetation that is a fire hazard?

Where is the vegetation that is a fire hazard?

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

How does the City respond to a fire; the joint response by police and fire, and how police and fire communicate with the public?

For more information, the City has a flyer on the public counter and information on our website at www.pvestates.org.

In reference to the business on the agenda for the meeting, all items on the Consent Agenda were approved by the City Council without modification.

A public hearing was held in regard to the appeal filed for the 421 Via Media development application. Leading up to this hearing, the applicant and appellant collaborated through a mediation process to arrive at a mutually agreeable solution to their differences. The process resulted in a positive outcome. It was noted that this mediation process should be used in future situations as well. The resolution proposed for the development was unanimously supported by the audience in attendance as well as the City Council, and it was approved.

As new business, the City Council received a report from representatives of the Palos Verdes Estates City Council and Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) who attended a meeting with representatives of Rancho Palos Verdes (RPV). The meeting was about the role and function of the RPV FAC. With no action scheduled or intended by the City Council with this report, the comments were for understanding that the RPV FAC works as an advisory body. For an overview of the meeting, the staff report can be read [here](#). In summary, the City Council and FAC Chair and Vice Chair at the City Council meeting were in consensus that Palos Verdes Estates is working toward its FAC serving in an advisory role.

A discussion of the Room Use Policy for the City Council Chambers, as included on the meeting agenda, was postponed to a subsequent meeting after the March 5, 2019 election.

Finally, the City Council directed the City Attorney to conduct an analysis of the City of Torrance's rezoning of the property being considered for the proposed Butcher Solana Project. Noting that there would be limited time to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Report when it is published, this analysis could be conducted now.

The City Council meeting ended at approximately 9:00 p.m. It can be viewed [here](#).