

January 23, 2018
7:30 P.M.
Council Chambers of City Hall
340 Palos Verdes Dr. West
Palos Verdes Estates



**AGENDA
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA**

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NEXT RESOLUTION NO. R18-14

NEXT ORDINANCE NO. O18-728

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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ROLL CALL (7:30 PM)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MAYOR’S REPORT – MATTERS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- i. Swearing in of Police Chief Velez

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

(Speakers shall be provided up to 3 minutes to speak regarding all topics on the Consent Agenda.)

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 1 – 3)

All items under this heading are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion, unless a Councilmember or staff requests that an item be removed for separate discussion. Any item removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered immediately following the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- 1. Demands of January 23, 2018

Recommendation: Approve payment of Motions #1 and #2.

- a. Motion #1 – Payroll Warrant of January 12, 2018
- b. Motion #2 - Warrant Register of January 23, 2018

- 2. Resolution R18-12; Denying the Appeal and Affirming the Planning Commission Denial of M-1153-16; Miscellaneous Application for Non-Standard Encroachments in the City Right-of-Way at the Single Family Residence Located at 702 Via Horcada

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution R18-12; denying the appeal and affirming the Planning Commission denial of M-1153-16; Miscellaneous application for non-standard encroachments in the City right-of-way at the single family residence located at 702 Via Horcada. This project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to California Administrative Code Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15303.

- 3. Parklands Committee Meeting Items of January 11, 2018

Recommendation: Review and Approve.

- a. PC-482-17; Application to remove 1 New Zealand Christmas tree located in the parkway adjacent to **2736 Paseo Del Mar**

Applicant: Lori O’Hern
2736 Paseo Del Mar
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

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Action: Recommended approval to remove 1 New Zealand Christmas tree located in the parkway according to the 'Standard Conditions for Tree Removal Approvals'. Payment of \$500 to the 'Tree Bank' and removal of the stump are required. (4-0-1 in favor, Richie-Bray absent).

- b. PC-485-18; Application to remove 1 American Elm tree located in the parkway adjacent to **448 Via Media**

Applicant: Jennifer Brown
448 Via Media
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Recommended approval to the City Council to remove 1 American Elm tree located in the parkway adjacent to 448 Via Media according to the 'Standard Conditions for Tree Removal Approvals'. Mitigation payment of \$500 to the 'Tree Bank' for removal of the American Elm and removal of the stump are required. Payment of \$1000 to the 'Tree Bank' for the planting of 2 Little Gem Magnolias on Via Media is required. (4-0-1 in favor, Richie-Bray absent).

After hearing Agenda Item #3, Committee member Leach motioned seconded by Rubincam to reconsider the action for PC-485-18. (4-0-1 in favor, Richie-Bray absent).

Action: Recommended approval to the City Council to remove 1 American Elm tree located in the parkway adjacent to 448 Via Media according to the 'Standard Conditions for Tree Removal Approvals'. Payment of \$1,000 to the 'Tree Bank' for the planting of two Little Gem Magnolias on Via Media and removal of the stump are required. (4-0-1 in favor, Richie-Bray absent).

- c. PC-486-18; Application to remove 1 Japanese black pine located in the parkway adjacent to **353 Palos Verdes Drive West**

Applicant: Ravi Sreerama
353 Palos Verdes Drive West
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Action: Recommended approval to the City Council to remove 1 Japanese Black pine tree located in the parkway adjacent to 353 Palos Verdes Drive West according to the 'Standard Conditions for Tree Removal Approvals'. Payment of \$500 to the 'Tree Bank' and removal of the stump are required. (3-1-1 in favor, Leach dissenting, Richie-Bray absent).

- d. PC-487-18; Application to retain 2 fruit trees located in the Parklands adjacent to **2912 Via De La Guerra**

Applicant: Christopher Moerman
2912 Via De La Guerra
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Action: Recommended approval to the City Council to retain 2 fruit trees located in the Parkway adjacent to 2912 Via De La Guerra. A legal contract between the City and the property owner defining a maintenance schedule and standards that runs with the property in perpetuity are required. (2-1-1-1 in favor, Wade dissenting, Richie-Bray absent, Leach recused).

- e. PC-488-18; Application to remove 3 Canary Island pine trees located in the parkway adjacent to **1609/1613 Via Zurita**

Applicant: Yelena and Boris Gelman
1608 Via Zurita
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Action: Recommended to continue the application to allow a survey to determine ownership of the trees. (4-0-1 in favor, Richie-Bray absent).

- f. PC-489-18; Application for a waiver of planting the ‘Designated Street Tree’ adjacent to **2440 Via Anacapa**

Applicant; Sally Young
2440 Via Anacapa
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Action: Recommended denial to the City Council of PC-489-18, an application to waive the planting of the ‘Designation Street Tree’ unless it is determined by the Director and Urban Forester that the tree(s) cannot be planted safely in which case, the waiver will be authorized and the Parklands Committee will be advised of the findings. (4-0-1 in favor, Richie-Bray absent).

- g. PC-490-18; Application for a waiver of planting the ‘Designated Street Tree’ adjacent to **504 Paseo Del Mar**

Applicant: Mark Paullin
504 Paseo Del Mar
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Action: Recommended approval to the City Council to waive the planting of the ‘Designated Street Tree’ adjacent to 504 Paseo Del Mar. Payment of \$2000 to the ‘Tree Bank’ for the 4 trees waived is required. (4-0-1 in favor, Richie-Bray absent).

- h. PC-491-18; Application to top 2 Peruvian pepper trees located in the parkway adjacent to **1712 and 1716 Palos Verdes Drive West**

Applicant: John and Feng Readyhoff
1705 Via Boronada
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Action: Recommended approval to the City Council to reduce the height of the trees adjacent to 1712 and 1716 Palos Verdes Drive West to 22-23 feet above grade with an annual no-fee permit, issued to a qualified contractor at the applicant's responsibility, at the direction of the Urban Forester. (4-0-1 in favor, Richie-Bray absent).

- i. PC-CTP-07-16; Final planting plan to restore a portion of Parklands located adjacent to **990 Paseo La Cresta**

Applicant: Jason and Wendy Moskowitz
990 Paseo La Cresta
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Action: Recommended approval of PC-CTP-07-16, a Final Plan to restore a portion of Parklands located adjacent to 990 Paseo La Cresta with native plants with the following conditions: 1. all encroachments identified by the Parklands Committee and City Council are removed as a condition precedent before any work is done and 2. a ten foot wide path marked on the plan is required to provide for public access to the tree and retaining wall. (4-0-1 in favor, Richie-Bray absent).

- j. PC-492-18; Application to remove 1 Deodar Cedar and 1 Aleppo pine located in the parkway adjacent to **537 Via Del Monte**

Applicant: Jim Dutton
536 Via Del Monte
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Action: Recommended approval to the City Council to remove 1 Deodar Cedar and 1 Aleppo pine tree located in the parkway adjacent to 537 Via Del Monte according to the 'Standard Conditions for Tree Removal Approvals'. Payment of \$1,000 to the 'Tree Bank' for the planting of 2 Little Gem Magnolias trees at the Urban Forester's direction and removal of the stumps are required. (4-0-1 in favor, Richie-Bray absent).

- k. PC-493-18; Application to remove 1 Italian Stone pine located in the parkway adjacent to **1332 Via Gabriel**

Applicant: Alan Haven
2400 Via Sobrante
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274

Applicant: Robert Moest
2530 Wilshire Boulevard, 2nd floor
Santa Monica, CA 90274

Action: Recommended denial to the City Council of PC-493-18, an application to remove 1 Italian Stone pine tree located in the parkway adjacent to 1332 Via Gabriel. (3-1-1 in favor, Wade dissenting, Richie-Bray absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

This portion of the agenda is reserved for comments from the public on items which are NOT on the agenda. Due to state law, no action can be taken by the Council this evening on matters presented under this section. If the Council determines action is warranted, the item may be referred to staff or placed on a future Council agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Consideration of Parklands Committee Recommendations of November 9, 2017 for Update to the Tree Management Policy

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council review and approve the Parklands Committee Recommended Actions of November 9, 2017 with additional modifications requested by City Council and adopt Resolution R18-13 approving amendments to the Tree Management Policy.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Presentation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Period Ending June 30, 2017

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2017.

6. Quarterly Report of Cash & Investments – December 31, 2017

Recommendation: Receive and File.

7. Determination of Discussion Items for January 25, 2018 Special Meeting with Planning Commission, Palos Verdes Homes Association and Art Jury

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council consider and determine agenda topics for the January 25, 2018 Special Meeting with the Planning Commission, Palos Verdes Homes Association and Art Jury.

STAFF REPORTS

8. City Manager's Report
 - a. OpenGov Presentation

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MAYOR & CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

9. Ad Hoc Committee Reports

ADJOURNMENT TO THURSDAY JANUARY 25, 2018, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE MALAGA COVE LIBRARY FOR THE PURPOSE A SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION, PALOS VERDES HOMES ASSOCIATION AND ART JURY.

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Lauren Pettit, Deputy City Clerk