

Message from City Manager Tony Dahlerbruch regarding July 24, 2018, City Council Meeting

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With the summer well underway, the City looks forward to its annual mid-year break in August to provide officials and staff an opportunity to catch-up, recharge and begin planning for the upcoming months. If you are not aware, the Municipal Code ([Section 2.04.010](#)) calls for no City Council meetings during the month of August. This break is extended to our Committees with the exception of the Planning Commission which will still hold its monthly meeting on August 21. However, as a result, the City Council meeting on July 24 is projected to have a number of topics for consideration.

In the afternoon of July 24 beginning at 5:00 p.m., the City Council will be meeting with the Finance Advisory Committee for a workshop/study session. The primary focus of the study session is to discuss the work plan, goals and objectives for the Finance Advisory Committee. The Finance Advisory Committee has the very significant and valuable role to/for the City Council, post Measure E, to provide policy recommendations for strengthening the City's fiscal position. This is important for maintaining the quality of life and community attributes of Palos Verdes Estates that make this City a great place to live, play and work. This discussion will be about an hour-and-a-half. Thereafter, from 6:15 p.m.-ish to 7:15 p.m.-ish, HdL, the City's property tax consultant, will provide the City with a detailed explanation of property tax revenue.

The Council's business meeting at 7:30 p.m. will have many topics that may be of interest. One topic, after much delay due to other matters, the City Council will receive an economic analysis of Malaga Cove Plaza. The study is a result of a grant application supported by the City and the local business owners. The background can be read in the original staff report on the City website [here](#). The presentation will be to "receive and file" in recognition that any potential changes in the future for commercial and business activities in the plaza are contingent on actions and efforts of the private property owners. The City's sole interest in the plaza is simply the parking area.

Another topic is "Accessory Dwelling Units" known as "ADUs." The City is beholden to State law in regard to allowing ADUs. However, the City also has the ability to tailor State requirements to the individual characteristics of the City. As such, on June 12, 2018, and based on the recommendations of the Planning Commission, an ordinance was introduced to establish requirements for ADUs in Palos Verdes Estates. The staff report at the time can be read [here](#). The City Council had a number of changes ([viewed here](#)) to the draft ordinance, and at the meeting on Tuesday, a revised ordinance will be introduced to address the City Council's direction.

The other primary topic of discussion will be the PV Stables budget that will encompass how the City will move forward with the concession agreement. The concession agreement, expiring in March 2019, allows for one additional five-year extension.

There will be a variety of other items on the agenda. Two in particular will be a discussion about filling the vacancies on the Investment Policy Advisory Committee, and adopting the Finance Advisory Committee recommendations to include a cash-flow statement in the budget document and the format of the quarterly budget reconciliation.

Staff with audio-visual experts have been working to fix the wiring that appears to have caused the problem with the live webcast of the last Council meeting and subsequent meetings. If the live webcast fails, please be assured that the Council's business meetings are recorded, and it will be posted on the City's website within 48 hours after the meeting. We also welcome you to attend Council meetings; they are held in the Council Chambers at 340 Palos Verdes Drive West.

Thank you, Tony