

Message from City Manager Tony Dahlerbruch Regarding September 4, 2018, City Council Meeting

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As we return from the summer break, beginning with the City Council meeting on September 4th, we look forward to many opportunities to engage with the community over the next several months. We have much going on in the near future. Also, in case you are wondering, the September 4th meeting is taking the place of the cancelled meeting on September 11th, in recognition of the second and closing night of the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashana.

The September 4th City Council meeting is primarily comprised of ceremonial and Consent Calendar items. The Old Business and New Business items of note will be consideration of an amendment to the HR Green contract in reference to the consultant's fees, a discussion of pursuing construction of the Paseo Del Sol turnaround in light of the expiring grant received and appropriating the needed CIP funds to close the gap, the annual investment report, and consideration of applying the requirements of Form 700 to all of the City's Committee members.

Some of the highlights are as follows:

Of community interest, the City Council will acknowledge the Disaster District Preparedness Program and its volunteers, a vital program and component of the City's disaster preparation and response structure. The City is grateful of the volunteers' efforts to educate and inform residents about disaster preparedness and appreciative of their support of the City's response plan. As a matter of community interest, Chief Velez will also swear-in Officer Chuck Reed into the promotional position of Corporal. The assignment of Corporal results from implementing one of the recommendations of the McCrary Study of the Police Department. It establishes four shift/operational teams for serving the community. At the outset of the meeting, the City will recognize a local student, Joey Graziano, who volunteered his time to improve the temporary holding facility for peacocks, and will also recognize the 17 student interns that volunteered with the City over the summer.

Of particular interest on the Consent Agenda will be the 2018 Fiscal Health Report to receive and file. New this year, the Fiscal Health Report is the format and content promulgated by the League of California Cities' as the "The California Municipal Health Diagnostic." Similar to past years, the City is represented in a positive position, however it also recognizes, as has been discussed, that the City is not allocating funds toward capital assets in an amount equal to the depreciation of the assets. This is a matter that the Finance Advisory Committee is addressing through development and preparation of a multi-year budget and fiscal needs projection.

HR Green is the City's consultant for reviewing, permitting, and inspecting plans and construction in the City. As with other cities that contract for the service, HR Green receives a percentage of the fees charged for the services provided by the City. When the City adjusted its fees earlier this year, the City Council directed that the agreement with HR Green be reviewed. This was because HR Green anticipates a fee adjustment, the City's fees provided an adjustment, and the amount of the adjustment needed be evaluated. Before the City Council will be an

amendment to the agreement restructuring the compensation formula and amount of compensation. The proposed modifications results from many meetings between City and HR Green representatives to establish a fair and equitable arrangement.

A turnaround at Paseo Del Sol was approved by the City Council many years ago. When it was approved, the City also received a grant from Los Angeles County to offset the cost. The project has not commenced for a variety of reasons. One has been the high cost of construction and another is the PVHA not advising if they have determined the turnaround is consistent with the CC&Rs. In the meantime, the City is on the verge of losing the grant. The City Council will be asked if the project should be pursued.

Finally, the City Treasurer will be providing an annual report on the City's investments, and the City Council will consider whether or not to require all their appointed Committee members to complete FPPC Form 700. Form 700 is a document intended to alert public officials and members of the public to the types of financial interest that may create conflicts of interest. State law establishes that elected officials, certain appointed officials, like the City Manager and Planning Commissioners, must complete Form 700. Some staff and Committee members have been designated by the City Council as having to complete this form. The question before the City Council will be who else should be required to submit Form 700.

We hope you can attend the meeting; it will be held in the Council Chambers at 340 Palos Verdes Drive West. If not, it will be broadcast on the City's website at www.pvestates.org. Click on "Meetings and Agendas" and "view meeting live" to watch. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Please also don't hesitate to call City Hall.

Sincerely,

Tony