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

September 22, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palos Verdes Estates was called to order this day at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Perkins.

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers Bird, Rea, Goodhart, Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey, Mayor Perkins

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Hoefgen, City Attorney Pannone, Public Works Director Rigg

CLOSED SESSION: Council recessed to Closed Session at 6:33 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Iannitti v. City of Palos Verdes Estates, Case No. BS117627

RECONVENE: Council reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Hoefgen, City Attorney Pannone, Assistant City Manager Smith, Police Chief Dreiling, Public Works Director Rigg, City Treasurer Sherwood, Administrative Analyst Davis, Minutes Secretary Monson

Mayor Perkins announced there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Chief Dreiling introduced Officer Sean Tomlins who served four years in the U.S. Coast Guard prior to being hired by PVE in May of 2009. Officer Tomlins has completed his training and Chief Dreiling administered the Police Officer’s Oath.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Matters of Community Interest

Mayor Perkins reported the League of Women Voters and PTAs will hold a candidates forum Wednesday, September 30th at 7:30 p.m. at the Peninsula Center Library Community Room. City residents will participate in November elections for School and Library District members.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Perkins asked to have Item 5a, PC-304-09, removed from the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Humphrey, seconded by Councilmember Bird, and unanimously approved that the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

• MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2009
• CITY TREASURER’S REPORT – AUGUST 2009
• ADOPT RESOLUTION R09-30; DENYING AN APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION’S DENIAL OF M-717-09; MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATION FOR NON-STANDARD STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY AT THE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 1809 PALOS VERDES DRIVE WEST
• ADOPT ORDINANCE 09-693; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES REPEALING CHAPTERS 1.08, 2.20, 3.16, 3.20 AND 5.16 OF THE PALOS VERDES ESTATES MUNICIPAL CODE

• PARKLANDS COMMITTEE MEETING ITEMS OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

  PC-305-09; Application to remove one Pine tree in the City parkway located adjacent and below 1364 Via Coronel on Via Romero for view restoration
  Applicant: Barbara Benveniste
  Action: Approved with modification

  PC-307-09; Application to remove 2 Pine trees in the City parkway located adjacent to 1905 Via Coronel for view restoration
  Applicant: John Wu
  Action: Approved with modification

  PC-308-09; Application to remove one American Elm tree in the parkway located adjacent to 521 Via Media for view restoration
  Applicant: Judith A. Holman
  Action: Denied

  PC-309-09; Application to remove 2 trees in the parkway located adjacent to 721 Via Somonte for view restoration
  Applicant: James W. Kinney
  Action: Approved

• PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

  M-727-09; Consideration of a Miscellaneous Application for a structure exceeding the maximum allowable height at the single family residence located at 3425 Via Palomino. Lots 15 & 16, Block 1901, Tract 6883.
  Owner: Scott Roppattee
  Action: Approved with conditions

  CDP-73/NC-1356/GA-1452/M-713-09; Consideration of Coastal Development, Neighborhood Compatibility, Grading and Miscellaneous Applications for a new single family residence located at 805 Paseo Del Mar. Lot 2, Block 1432, Tract 6886.
  Owner: Jim & Carol Flick
  Action: Approved with conditions

  NC-1359/GA-1455/M-724-09; Consideration of Neighborhood Compatibility and Grading Applications for a new single family residence located at 3617 Navajo Place. Lot 15 & a portion of 14, Block 6102, Tract 6887.
  Owner: Grant & Venita McLay
  Action: Approved with conditions

  NC-1361/GA-1456-09; Consideration of Neighborhood Compatibility and Grading Applications for a new single family residence located at 1916 Dalton Road. Lot 5, Block 1279, Tract 7140.
  Owner: Mohamad & Hannalore Chahine
  Action: Approved with conditions

  M-648/660-09; Consideration of Miscellaneous Applications for non-standard walls within the setbacks adjacent to the street at the single family residences located at 505 & 509 Palos Verdes Drive West. Lots 15 & 16, Block 1515, Tract 6886.
  Owner: 509 Palos Verdes Drive West
  Action: Denied – both applications
NC-1360/M-730-09; Consideration of Neighborhood Compatibility and Miscellaneous Applications for additions to the single family residence located at 805 Gatos Place. Lot 2, Block 1541, Tract 6884.
Owner: Attaollah Roham
Action: Approved with conditions

NC-1367-09; Consideration of a Neighborhood Compatibility Application for a new single family residence located at 2716 Via Elevado. Lot 12, Block 1730, Tract 7540.
Owner: Jim & Selmira D’Angela
Action: Approved with conditions

M-726-09; Consideration of a Miscellaneous Application for non-standard structures within the setback adjacent to the street at the single family residence located at 2832 Paseo Del Mar. Lot 9, Block 2235, Tract 7144.
Owner: Mark & Anne Severns
Action: Approved with conditions

M-728-09; Consideration of a Miscellaneous Application for non-standard encroachments at the single family residence located at 601 Via Del Monte. Lot 1, Block 1615, Tract 6884.
Owner: 6795 Vallon Dr.
Action: Approved with conditions

M-729-09; Consideration of a Miscellaneous Application for a structure exceeding the maximum allowable height at the single family residence located at 404 Via Alcance. Lot 10, Block 6315, Tract 7143.
Owner: Shawn Randolph
Action: Approved with conditions

PC-304-09; APPLICATION TO REMOVE ONE CAMPHOR TREE IN THE CITY PARKWAY LOCATED ADJACENT TO 4125 VIA NIVEL TO REPAIR AND WIDEN THE DRIVEWAY
This item was continued to the Regular City Council Meeting of October 13, 2009, to permit a review of the Parklands Committee minutes for this item.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – none

PUBLIC HEARINGS

MAP-109-08; APPLICATION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF VESTING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 70848 FOR THE DIVISION OF THE VACANT LOT LOCATED AT 3000 PASEO DEL MAR AND ASSOCIATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE DIVISION OF THE VACANT LOT LOCATED AT 3000 PASEO DEL MAR

The Public Hearing was continued to the Regular City Council Meeting of October 13, 2009, at the request of the applicant who was ill and unable to attend.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager’s Report - none

 DEMANDS

It was moved by Councilmember Goodhart and seconded by Councilmember Bird that the demands, as approved by a majority of the City Council, totaling $225,697.28 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.
It was moved by Councilmember Goodhart and seconded by Councilmember Bird that the demands, as approved by a majority of the City Council No. 516087V, 516130 to 516212 totaling $566,548.54 be allowed and it was unanimously approved.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Councilmember Bird reminded residents that the 85th Annual Meeting of the PV Homes Association will be January 12, 2010, and asked that they read the distributed materials and vote.

Councilmember Goodhart reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference in San Jose. He reported that attendance was down several hundred participants due to the economy. He noted that all of the League handouts were made available on the League’s website instead of being distributed at the conference. He said the presentation from the Orange County Fire Authority was eye-opening regarding how rapidly a fire can spread and the steps that can be taken to help prevent fires from spreading. He said the topics of California’s finances and water conservation were also highlighted at the conference.

Mayor Perkins discussed her attendance at the League Conference and also stressed the need to prepare ahead for fires and fire safety. She would like to see the City look at the Tree Management Policy regarding specific types of trees and fire safety. She said L.A. County Fire’s Ready, Set, Go program is a great way to help become prepared. She also believes the sessions on community engagement were very informative such as teaching the local high school students how local government works.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Council the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to Tuesday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MICHELLE D. MONSON, MINUTES SECRETARY

APPROVED:

ELLEN PERKINS, MAYOR