

Message from City Manager Tony Dahlerbruch regarding July 10, 2018, City Council Meeting

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I hope you had a nice July 4th holiday and at some point, had an opportunity to enjoy some time off to relax and participate in holiday festivities. It is a fun opportunity to celebrate, remember and appreciate the values that are created and exist in our country.

This post is to provide you with a snapshot of topics on the City Council agenda. It's a rather short agenda packed with several important items of note that you might find interesting.

First, the City Council will recognize that this year, our own PVE-CARES program won the Van Dine Family Americanism Award. The recognition was announced at the July 4th event at Malaga Cove School. This award recognizes those that make a positive contribution to their community and it is the first time a program, and not an individual, has received this award. PVE-CARES was selected due to the many contributions the PVE-CARES Program and Volunteers have made to the quality of life for the senior residents of PVE and the PVE community. If you are not aware, the PVE-CARES program was started in 2004 to address the needs of our residents 65 and over and dependent adults. It was created to provide education, available resources and socialization for Palos Verdes Estates' senior residents so that they may avoid becoming victims of elder abuse and live independently, in their own homes, for as long as possible by supporting them with Care, Assistance, Resources, Education and Socials (CARES). It is a partnership between the Police Department, its volunteers and the community.

Second, the City Council will discuss organization-related matters. Specifically, the Council will continue dialogue that has occurred over the past months on several topics related to the organization of the City. The primary focus of the discussion will be about reorganizing the Planning Department and Public Works Department inclusive of a new structure, revised job classifications and changes in positions. The highlights of the proposed changes are:

Combining and renaming the Planning and Building Director and the Public Works Director / City Engineer to Community Development and Public Works Director. Accordingly, the recommendation is to combine and rename both Departments into the Community Development and Public Works Department.

Converting the Planning and Building Director position into a Planning Manager position.

Reducing the full-time City Planner position to part-time.

Expanding the part-time Code Enforcement position to a full-time Code Enforcement position.

In addition, the staff report talks about other positions including the recruitment for a Police Support Services Manager, continuing to rely on attrition for reducing positions, retaining an in-house Urban Forester position, and modifying the Administrative Analyst job description to include budget-related functions.

Finally, the agenda includes a discussion about how to proceed with landscaping the Triangle where PV Blvd, PV Drive West and PV Drive North intersect. The Triangle is a focal point of City ingress and egress, and mindful of the drought and budget, we are now going to make it more beautiful and representative of Palos Verdes Estates. State law precluded the City from maintaining turf so the City is committed to

enhancing this important feature. The City is currently proceeding with an in-house design and the question for the City Council is whether they are interested in reconsidering extending the process into some type of design competition.

All of the reports for these items will be published on the City's website tonight if you are interested in reading more about them, or any other items before the Council.

I hope you stay cool in this heat and have a great weekend.

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