

(DRAFT MINUTES)

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEL REY OAKS CONVENED AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2007 IN THE CHARLES BENSON MEMORIAL HALL, CITY HALL

Present: Council Members Clark, Edelen, Cecilio, Allion and Mayor Russell

Absent: None

Also present: City Attorney Wellington, Redevelopment Project Manager Goblirsch, Acting City Manager Langford and Deputy City Clerk Carvalho

Meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Council Member Cecilio led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. MINUTES:

1. July 24, 2007, Regular City Council Meeting
2. August 8, 2007, Joint City Council and Planning Commission Workshop
3. August 8, 2007, Regular Planning Commission Meeting – *No Items*

B. MONTHLY REPORTS:

1. Claims, July 2007
2. Financial, July 2007
3. Fire Department Response Report, July 2007
4. Police Activity Report, July 2007

C. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Grand Jury Letter of July 12th, 2007 – Del Rey Oaks Emergency Operations
2. Proclamation: Childhood Cancer Awareness Week, August 26 – September 2, 2007
3. Proclamation: 5th Annual Sea Otter Awareness Week, September 23 – September 29, 2007

City Attorney Wellington: Item 3.A.2. Minutes should show that Vice Mayor Edelen and Commissioner Weir stepped down from the dais as they both live within 500 feet of the project.

Motion by Council Member Edelen to approve consent agenda as modified, seconded by Council Member Clark.

*There was no public comment received.
Motion passed 5-0*

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The City Council considered **ITEM 5.A.** City of Del Rey Oaks Preliminary Annual Budget Presentation.

Acting City Manager Langford: Stated that he had a presentation, but that first he hoped they would bear with him as he explained the preliminary budget. He stated that first and foremost, the cup is half full, not half empty. The City has come a long way, he's been with the City for 25 years, and the Mayor has been on the council for 33 years so they've seen the projects that have come to fruition such as Stonecreek, the largest Safeway in the state, and the acquisition of the former Ft. Ord property. He commended the citizens of Del Rey Oaks for seeing that the one cent sales tax was need after the public safety tax ended. He stated that there is a surplus of \$84,000 even with the raises to staff. He stated that he accepts full responsibility but also will accept full criticism.

He then explained in great detail the attached power point presentation focusing on the proposed salary increase, past and current spending and new revenue expected from the Safeway to open on October 5th, 2007.

Council Member Edelen: Wasn't in favor of the salary increase, but after looking at it again, realized that we can afford it, and appreciates the staff staying with the city through thick and thin.

Council Member Clark: Will cops grant continue?

Acting City Manager Langford: Yes, it has continued.

Council Member Clark: When we replace these cars can we get rid of the old ones?

Acting City Manager Langford: Yes, we sold 2 vehicles and have been asked to donate one to a museum.

Council Member Clark: Feels it's time to pay the employees what they deserve, we've put them off over and over again.

Council Member Allion: Past year 54% was salaries and benefits, this budget it's 55%. He noted a substantial increase in spending, but after looking at the past 3 years budgets, for example 04-05,1.4 million, 05-06, 1.6 million and 06/07 ,1.7 million. We recognized more money in sales tax then anticipated. The risk is will we recognize what we've projected? What is the risk and how can we mitigate this risk? Feels we should do this more responsibly, such as 10% 7-1-07, 5% at 1-01-08 and 5% 7-01-08.

Mayor Russell: The Safeway estimate is very conservative as Mr. Evans discussed with Council Member Allion.

Acting City Manager Langford: Mr. Evans stated that these figures are “realistically conservative”.

Council Member Edelen: Feels there is still a great deal of wiggle room at an increase of 86,000 in dollars for salaries, and the Safeway numbers.

Council Member Clark: Has the new Starbucks, Jamba Juice, etc been included?

Acting City Manager Langford: The numbers are from Safeway, so doesn’t know if Starbucks, Jamba Juice are included.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Koster: Presentation was very well done, and also need to replace the kids equipment at the park, they are very run down.

Kathi Smith: Everyone knows how valuable the police are.

Irene Barlich: Third year with no budget study session and feels there should be one. Road project: Last year had \$60,000 and it was taken out and doesn’t show anywhere.

Acting City Manager Langford: TAMC holds the funds, the \$60,000 is within the \$219,263.00 that TAMC holds.

Mayor Russell: This money is held by TAMC until it’s used, and we have to have the funds to spend in order to TAMC to reimburse us for the work.

Linda Richardson: Asked for an explanation of the Special Supplies Police category.

Acting City Manager Langford: It’s a catch-all, such as rain coats, flares, cell phone replacements, barricades, etc.

Kathi Smith: Webmaster needs to keep things up to date, old minutes, presentation from Federal Development is not on the website, etc.

Karen Minami, Assistant Deputy City Clerk: Corrected Ms. Smith indicating that the Federal presentation is on the home page in large letters that read “The Resort at Del Rey Oaks”.

Bob Cayce: Will cal-am lines be replaced with the road projects?

Acting City Manager Langford: Yes, that is the plan.

Mayor Russell: Stated the preliminary budget will be brought back at the next meeting.

Council Member Clark: How will the logistics work with cars on the street for street sweeping?

Acting City Manager Langford: Has yet to be worked out, with the storm water phase 1 project there is also a requirement to sweep the streets.

Council Member Clark: Is there an allowance for The Acorn?

Acting City Manager Langford: Stated Yes, it is included.

Mayor Russell: A lot of work has gone into the storm water plan.

Council Member Allion: Invited public to comment on the budget, and appreciates the amount of work that was put.

Acting City Manager Langford: Suggested Tuesday, September 11th be the deadline for a comments period, and to direct comments to the Acting City Manager Langford.

Motion by Council Member Edelen to approve the preliminary budget, seconded by Council Member Clark to approve preliminary budget.

There were no further public comments received.

Motion passed 5-0

The Council heard **Item 5.B.** Monterey Peninsula Waste Management District Fee Increase, Jack Conner

City Attorney Wellington: Stated that the rules have been framed in the MPWMD franchise agreement, and does provide that the proposed fee increases be provided to the public 60 days prior to being heard, which has been done.

Jack Connor: Explained the tipping fee increase that hasn't been increased in quite a while. Asking for \$45.00 per ton. They can also ask increases for gas, etc.

Council Member Edelen: The Mayor is a director of the Waste Management district.

Council Member Allion: What percent of the overall expense is the fuel?

Jack Conner: 4% of the total is gas cost.

Council Member Edelen: Have all other cities been presented to?

Jack Conner: Yes they have.

Council Member Allion: What is the cost of recycling?

Jack Conner: High and the cost fluctuates. Other programs starting are sharps disposal and florescent light disposal.

Motion by Council Member Allion to approve the rate increase as stated, seconded by Council Member Cecilio

There was no public comment received

Motion passed 5-0

STAFF REPORTS:

Acting City Manager Langford: Applying for a grant to the Monterey Regional Park Grant to repair a walkway. Monument sign should break ground around the picnic. SCRAM meeting coming up, and will be requiring them to approve a fire engine to staff the races. Looking into a free shredding day so that document shredding can be offered to the residents.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Clark: Reported on MST, the picnic is Sunday Sept. 30th, with more entertainment, more food, and lots of sunshine.

Council Member Edelen: Hoping to get media at the picnic. Reported on TAMC.

Council Member Cecilio: No report

Council Member Allion: Announced that on September 7th it would be the Mayor's 50th wedding anniversary and his 33rd wedding anniversary.

Mayor Russell: Reported on MRWPCA.

8:30 p.m.: Adjourned to next regular meeting (there was no closed session).

Next meeting: September 25, 2007

Approved:

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