

## **Pacifica City Council Meeting, June 11, 2018**

We had a **Closed Session** at 5:30 p.m. regarding labor negotiations and potential lawsuits. Closed-session topics typically involve labor or personnel, legal proceedings, or real estate negotiations. Because of the sensitive nature of the topics, participants are prohibited from talking about them.

We opened the **City Council** meeting at 7 p.m. with a **Proclamation** honoring Amateur Radio Week. No one was present to receive the proclamation.

The **Consent Calendar** was next. The items on the consent calendar are thought to need no discussion and are all approved together, unless anyone has an objection or comment.

**1. Approval of Disbursements for 5/01/18 through 5/15/18.** Checks issued.

**2. Approval of Minutes for May 14 and May 29, 2018.**

**3. Proclamation Confirming Existence of Local Emergency of the Pacifica Coastline from Westline Drive (at the far north end of Pacifica) to the End of Beach Boulevard.**

This is required by certain state grants to repair damage from winter storms in January 2016 that we proclaim each month (with photos) a State of Local Emergency.

**4. Agreement with the Pacifica School District for Rental Space for Child Care Services.**

This is for 13 classrooms and portables at four schools at \$0.95 per square foot, totaling \$142,000.

**5. Amendment to the Agreement for Tree Maintenance and Emergency Tree Maintenance Services for FY17-18.**

This amendment is for \$70,000 to the Davey Tree Expert Company for work already completed. It is paid for with savings from vacancies in Public Works.

**6. Second Reading of an Ordinance Relating to the Rotational Tow Program.**

This regulates non-consensual towing, for example, for impaired drivers or abandoned vehicles.

## **7. Second Reading of an Ordinance Relating to Short-Term Rentals.**

This ordinance requires a permit and payment of the Transient Occupancy Tax (12% of the daily rental rate) for short-term rentals. It prohibits short-term rental of accessory dwelling units, RVs, trailers, and garages, and requires safety measures.

## **8. Resolution to Levy the Annual Assessments for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the Business Improvement District (BID) Program.**

The assessment is \$1 per hotel room per day, with the Chamber of Commerce being the managing agency. The city collects no fee for administering the BID and transferring the funds. Revenues are expected to be about \$57,000, and proposed expenditures are \$68,000. Uses include PR and press tours, and \$28,000 to the Chamber to help staff the visitor center, among other things.

## **9. Resolution to Accept the Sewer Service Charges for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and Direct Their Collection by the County Controller.**

Last year council approved a new method of calculating sewer charges, and an increase of 8% for that year. It also set increases at 8% for the next two years, and 7% for the two years after that, pending approval each year by council.

The justification for this year's 8% increase was twofold – needs for revenue and comparison to other communities. The needs include eventual payment of the Equalization Basin bond, the numerous collection system projects, and upgrades and replacements to parts of the wastewater treatment plant to extend its useful life. By comparison to other San Mateo County communities, Pacifica's sewer fees are near the median, and several of them are increasing their rates or plan to.

Council voted 5-0 to approve items 1-8 of the **Consent Calendar**. Item 9 was pulled for discussion, and then passed 5-0.

**Oral Communications**, for members of the public to comment on items not on the agenda, **Council Communications**, and **Staff Communications** came next.

Followed by two **Public Hearings**.

## **10. Resolution Adopting the 2018-2023 Capital Improvement Program.**

The Capital Improvement Program was approved 5-0 by City Council. It can be viewed in the agenda for this meeting on pages 157 to 345.

## **11. Recommended 2018-2019 Fees and Charges.**

These were first seen by council on May 3 of this year. They are generally set to reflect the staff time spent on the service. They can be viewed in the agenda for this meeting on pages 350 to 376.

Council voted 5-0 to approve the 2018-2019 fees and charges.

And finally, two **Items for Consideration**

## **12. Illegal Fireworks Task Force Recommendations.**

Changes in enforcement strategies this year include abandonment of the Nail 'Em reporting application, because it mostly duplicated reports received by phone. Also, officers will not respond to every call, because there are so many that they soon get behind, and when they do arrive on the scene, often the violator has moved on or is not currently exhibiting the behavior that generated the call. They will still respond to public safety issues, for example, illegal fireworks being discharged in a dry-brush area.

Instead officers will use calls as intelligence and will focus their efforts on previously identified problem areas. This will be coupled with advance visits to potential illegal-fireworks violators identified from past years.

I strongly agree with a quote from one of the members of the Illegal Fireworks Task Force. They believe that this is not a problem that we can enforce our way out of, rather, strong community outreach and communication is needed to try to change the culture.

Council accepted the report 5-0.

## **13. Final Presentation of the 2018-2019 Budget.**

This was the final presentation of the budget before it is put up for approval on June 25. Council has seen and commented on portions of it in prior meetings, and made a few comments to be incorporated in it for June 25.

And we **adjourned** at 10:35 p.m.

John Keener, Mayor