



# MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

## **REGULAR MEETING**

RUSH PARK 3021 Blume Drive Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

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# A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL: Directors Barke, DeMarco, Nitikman,

**President Casey** 

Director Maynard had an excused absence

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Youth Center, Lina and Daniel Lumme

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS:

## a. ROSSMOOR WINTER FESTIVAL SPONSOR APPRECIATION AWARDS

President Casey presented awards to the 2019 Rossmoor Winter Festival Sponsors. Recreation Superintendent Chris Argueta gave a brief overview of the upcoming Rossmoor Winter Festival Event on Friday, December 13, 2019 and reminded everyone that \$5 wristband presales were underway for access to the snow zone, petting zoo, pony rides and inflatable attractions. Photos were taken. Applause ensued. The report was received and filed.

## b. MCAULIFFE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR ACAPELLA PERFORMANCE

McAuliffe Middle School gave an acapella performance of some holiday favorites. Applause ensued. The report was received and filed.

# c. ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

Orange County Fire Authority Community Relations/Education Specialist Brandi Najm gave a timely presentation on holiday fire safety and the three top causes of fires inside the home. She reminded everyone to make sure all rooms in the home were equipped with working smoke alarms, some carbon monoxide detectors and at least two fire extinguishers (between 5 and 7 years old or recently recharged) placed in the kitchen and the garage. The report was received and filed.

#### **B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—None**

#### C. PUBLIC FORUM—None

#### D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

# 1. REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER REGARDING CITIZEN POLL RESULTS OF ROSSMOOR STREET SWEEPING ALTERNATIVES

The General Manager reported that the Rossmoor Community Services District held a public stakeholders meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Rush Park Auditorium to discuss alternative options to the current street sweeping schedule in Rossmoor. There were approximately 125 attendees. During the meeting a paper poll was conducted, and 98 attendees responded. Subsequently, the Board directed staff to obtain as many additional responses as possible with a goal of at least 300 total respondents.

Rossmoor residents who were unable to attend the October 3, 2019 Street Sweeping Solutions Stakeholders meeting, were given another opportunity to take the poll by visiting the Rossmoor Community Services District website and clicking on the Spotlight poll link. Feedback was accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 29, 2019. An additional 268 responses were collected using this method. The Rossmoor Street Sweeping Poll concluded with a total of 366 respondents. The majority, 64%, chose the proposed alternative schedule: First and third Monday (even addresses); first and third Tuesday (odd addresses), 27% voted to keep the schedule as is; and 9% chose other variations ranging from shorter hours and alternative days. The data will be analyzed by district staff and shared with County Supervisor Michelle Steel's Office in mid-January to discuss scheduling options. Discussion ensued relative to next steps. The report was received and filed.

## E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

# DIRECTOR DEMARCO REQUESTED THAT ITEM E-1b BE PULLED FROM THE AGENDA TO BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY

1a. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING—October 8, 2019

## 1b. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING—November 12, 2019

## 2. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT—October 2019

Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director Barke to approve Items E-1a Minutes of the October 8, 2019 and E-2 October 2019 Revenue and Expenditure Report as submitted. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director Barke to approve Item E-1b, Minutes of the November 12, 2019 regular board meeting as submitted. Motion passed 3-1. Director DeMarco abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

#### F. PUBLIC HEARING—None

#### **G. RESOLUTIONS:**

1. RESOLUTION NO. 19-12-10-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR PER CAPITA GRANT FUNDS

Approve by roll call vote, Resolution No. 19-12-10-01 by reading the title only and waiving further reading as follows:

# A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR PER CAPITA GRANT FUNDS

Discussion ensued relative to application deadlines and approval opportunities. Director Nitikman asked if approval of the resolution committed the District to accepting the grant funds. The General Manager replied that approval of the resolution did not commit the District to anything. He stated that General Counsel would be reviewing the grant application and a special meeting may have to be scheduled in the future to vet the details as they pertain to CIP Projects. Motion by Director Barke, seconded by Director DeMarco, to approve Resolution No. 19-12-10-01 Approving Application(s) for Per Capita Grant Funds. The motion passed by roll call vote 4-0. Director Maynard was absent.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 19-12-10-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT FORMALLY REQUESTING FAIR VOTING AND GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION ON THE LOS ALAMITOS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Recommendation to approve Resolution No. 19-12-10-02 formally requesting fair voting and geographic representation on the Los Alamitos School District Board of Education.

The General Manager reported that on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 LAUSD announced in an email that the Board of Education had begun the process of changing the current at-large voting system to a voting system based on five trustee areas. Instead of voting for all five members of the school board at large, a voter will select one trustee to represent their area of the school district. To solicit feedback from the community on these draft maps, the School District held a series of outreach meetings. Discussion ensued relative to maps and boundary lines and which map would ultimately provide Rossmoor with the best voter representation scenario. It was the consensus of the Board that a brief community poll be prepared and sent out in order to obtain input and feedback from Rossmoor residents and encourage them to provide input at the January 14, 2020 regular meeting. This item was tabled until the January 14, 2020 regular board meeting when additional feedback could be obtained.

#### **ORDINANCES:**

3. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING POLICY NO. 3098, ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS, THAT GOVERNS THE IMPOSITION, ENFORCEMENT, COLLECTION, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINES OR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF DISTRICT POLICY

Recommendation to approve by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2019-01 by reading the title only and waiving further reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING POLICY NO. 3098, ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS, THAT GOVERNS THE IMPOSITION, ENFORCEMENT, COLLECTION, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINES OR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF DISTRICT POLICY

Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director DeMarco, to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-01, by reading the title only and waiving further reading, and set the date of the public hearing to January 14, 2020. Motion passed 4-0.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AND REVISING POLICY NO. 3080, PARKWAY AND ROSSMOOR WAY MEDIAN TREE MAINTENANCE, AS THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN THE MAINTENANCE OF PARKWAY AND ROSSMOOR WAY MEDIAN TREE MAINTENANCE

Recommendation to approve by roll call vote, Ordinance No. 2019-02 by reading the title only and waiving further reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AND REVISING POLICY NO. 3080, PARKWAY AND ROSSMOOR WAY MEDIAN TREE MAINTENANCE, AS THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN THE MAINTENANCE OF PARKWAY AND ROSSMOOR WAY MEDIAN TREE MAINTENANCE

General Counsel Tarquin Preziosi introduced Ordinance No. 2019-02 for first reading. Discussion ensued relative to the development of an approved tree trimming permit and vendor list. Discussion ensued. Mary Kingman stated that the approved vendor list was a work in progress. Motion by Director DeMarco seconded by Director Nitikman, to give first reading to Ordinance No. 2019-02 by reading the title only and waiving further reading and set the date of the public hearing to January 14, 2020. Motion passed 4-0.

## H. REGULAR CALENDAR: None

I. GENERAL COUNSEL ITEMS: None

# J. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS:

General Manager Joe Mendoza thanked Director Barke for his instrumental efforts toward resolving trash pickup service issues with CR&R. The District is no longer receiving complaints and service and consistency have improved. He added that he will be meeting with CR&R management in the next week. The General Manager stated that he would have a schedule regarding Orange County Public Works upcoming spring street repair/slurry sealing schedule at a future meeting and would prepare notifications for the public. The General Manager stated that he had scheduled a meeting with Orange County Supervisor Michelle Steel and District Director Tim

Whitacre, Director DeMarco and Director Barke in mid-January to discuss the District's street sweeping proposed alternative. He updated the Board regarding the progress on various CIP projects and grant funding. The General Manager invited the community to the Rossmoor Winter Festival this Friday, December 13, 2019 and thanked the staff and the many generous sponsors and volunteers for their contributions. Wristbands were being sold this year to recover at least 50% of the event costs; next year's goal was 75% and the year after that, 100% recovery. In conclusion, he wished everyone a Happy Holiday. The report was received and filed.

## K. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

Director Barke wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah. He referenced the District's past meeting with Assemblyman Tyler Diep's office to address the freeway sound wall issue and as a follow up requested that a meeting be scheduled with Senator Umberg's office to discuss its impact on Hopkinson Elementary school in Rossmoor. He opined that it was important to obtain input to present to our representatives and that he was eager to find a path forward and ultimately forge a closer relationship with our representatives in Sacramento. Director Barke stated that he looked forward to seeing everyone at the Rossmoor Winter Festival.

Director Nitikman stated that he also looked forward to seeing everyone at the Rossmoor Winter Festival and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Director DeMarco wished everyone Happy Holidays and encouraged everyone to attend the Rossmoor Winter Festival. He thanked Director Nitikman, Mary Kingman and General Counsel Tarquin Preziosi for their work in developing the tree ordinances. He remarked that the ordinances and policies contained big changes that were responsive to residents. Director DeMarco encouraged Rossmoor residents to attend the January 14, 2020 regular board meeting to opine regarding the LAUSD Board of Education maps and street sweeping issues.

President Casey seconded Director Barke's comments related to the meeting with Assemblyman Tyler Diep and recalled plans to meet with Senator Umberg regarding the sound wall issue. General Manager Joe Mendoza replied that a meeting request had been submitted to Senator Umberg's office and he was waiting for a response. President Casey stated that he was encouraged by the Senator's past responsiveness. He thanked the Youth Center for donating the beautiful 13' noble fir tree for the winter festival stage, the tree committee and general manager for developing the tree policies and ordinances, and Directors Barke and DeMarco for their efforts to resolve the community's street sweeping issue. President Casey expressed appreciation for all the fine winter festival sponsors. He wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and stated that he looked forward to seeing everyone at the Rossmoor Winter Festival this Friday.

## L. CLOSED SESSION—None

#### M. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Director DeMarco seconded by Director Nitikman, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:13 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

# **SUBMITTED BY:**

Joe Mendoza General Manager