



**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL: Directors Casey, Kahlert, Maynard, Nitikman,
President DeMarco

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PRESENTATIONS:

**a. Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA)—Daniel Road and Chris Boucly Re:
Presentation on I-605 Katella Interchange Project**

Daniel Rhodes discussed the I-605 Katella Interchange Project. He stated that the project was paid for by OCGo, formerly known as Measure M and passed by Orange County voters. Lengthy discussion ensued relative to the rebranding of Measure M, how the funds were allocated, land acquisitions and project design options.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—None

C. PUBLIC FORUM:

Doug Davert, President of the East Orange County Water District, introduced himself to the Board of Directors, and stated EOCWD, like Rossmoor is one of the 27 Independent Special Districts in Orange County. He stated that he currently represented Rossmoor on the Executive Committee at ISDOC and was seeking one of the two Special District seats at Orange County LAFCO. He added that this was the first time in 24 years that the seat had become available, as Director John Withers has decided not to seek reappointment. He provided the Board with his background and asked for their vote. He added that the election was very important as LAFCO was beginning their next round of Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) and in their briefings they made it clear that they would be pushing hard for consolidations, mergers and forced annexations. He stated that he was not a fan of any of those measures and believes it should be up to the Special Districts themselves as to whether they want to remain independent and any consolidations should be done

cooperatively. He stated that the ballot submission deadline was April 9th at 3:00 p.m. He warned that LAFCO has broad and almost unregulated powers that could affect the future of Rossmoor. He concluded that Rossmoor needed to be represented and encouraged the Board to be sure to qualify to vote by the deadline, even if it meant calling a special meeting.

Kevin Pearce opined relative to community parking overflow problems since November 2017 due to the Shops at Rossmoor property owners enforcing parking restrictions on the Seal Beach Condominium owners. He stated that he has brought the issue to Supervisor Michelle Steel's Office and requested the Board's support in requesting parking permits from the County. Mr. Pearce stated that he has also met with the residents of the Seal Beach Condominiums and they are also interested in going to the Seal Beach Council to request that they purchase land from the Shops at Rossmoor Center in order to remedy their parking problem (i.e. bond measure). He didn't think it was fair that Rossmoor residents had to absorb the resulting overflow issues due to the Seal Beach Condo owners 260 parking space short-fall. President DeMarco asked if Mr. Pearce knew of any other unincorporated County areas that had parking permits. Mr. Pearce stated that there were a few; however, not specifically like Rossmoor. According to the County it would require a vote of the RCSD Board as well as RHA and community support. He requested a future meeting with the Board President and General Manager to discuss the issue further. He stated that his former organization known as the Coalition Against LAFitness has been renamed the West District 2 Community Coalition with the organizational goal of ensuring that all community development in or near Rossmoor have the opportunity for public comment. He further opined relative to street sweeping, which he classified as a major issue he had also brought to the attention of Supervisor Steel's office. Mr. Pearce stated that the current method of street sweeping is an ongoing issue which has upset many residents and needed to be fixed. He opined that the Sheriff's Department has been ticketing illegally parked cars remaining on the street, but argued that most resident's driveways could not accommodate all their vehicles. He concluded that there was no place to park and suggested the Rossmoor Community discuss possible adjustments to the all day parking restrictions such as alternating schedules and funding options with the County. President DeMarco complimented Mr. Pearce on his activism and reminded him that Rossmoor was not a city.

Michael Donahue opined relative to his dissatisfaction with the current street sweeping schedule. He opined that his neighbors had warned him about the unique street sweeping schedule in the community. As a new resident he was confused as to why the sweeping wasn't divided into two separate days like the City of Long Beach who had 15000 miles of pavement and were in the process of shortening the street sweeping time and increasing efficiency. He stated that if they could do it so could a much smaller community like Rossmoor. He stated he was going to push the Board to push the County for a common sense answer. He was upset at the Orange County Sheriff's Department ticketing practices and stated that the issue needed to be addressed. President DeMarco stated that the only power that the RCSD has is to negotiate with the County, as they are not a city and do not have jurisdiction over the street sweeping program. RCSD has limited resources and options, however they had been in discussions with the County and R.F. Dickson exploring all options to improve.

Diane Rush opined relative to the poor condition of Rossmoor's roads. She had observed many potholes that could pose a risk to vehicles and cyclists. She added that she had brought this issue up

about a year ago and has contacted Supervisor Steel's office to get a timeline for the repairs. She wanted to know if the County could expedite the road repair.

PRESIDENT DEMARCO MOVED REGULAR CALENDAR ITEM H-2 RENEWAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT—HTGROUP AHEAD IN THE AGENDA AT THIS TIME.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: RENEWAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT—HTGROUP

The General Manager reported... This year he stated that the focus would be on infrastructure grants, the Rush Park parking lot project, Rossmoor Park play area, fees and charges, lighting project for District parks and preparation of bids and specs. Discussion ensued relative to any change in the scope of services and the missing Exhibit A. Tarquin Preziosi stated that the Board could grant the General Manager the authority to approve the description and scope of work. Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director Maynard to approve the contract with the stipulation that the General Manager obtain Exhibit A and enter it into the final agreement. Motion passed 5-0.

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD—None

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

DIRECTOR KAHLERT REQUESTED THAT ITEM E-1a MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018 BE PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR TO BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY.

Motion by Director Maynard, seconded by Director Nitikman to approve Item E-2 Revenue and Expenditure Report of January 2018. Motion passed 5-0.

1a. MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING—February 13, 2018

Motion by Director Maynard, seconded by Director Nitikman to approve Item E-1a. Minutes Regular Board Meeting of February 13, 2018. Motion passed 3-0-2, with Directors Kahlert and Casey abstaining from the vote as they were not present at the February 13th Board Meeting.

2. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT—JANUARY 2018

Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director Maynard to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as submitted. Motion passed 3-0.

F. PUBLIC HEARING—None

G. RESOLUTIONS—None

ORDINANCES—None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR:

1. ADOPTION OF FY 2018-2019 BUDGET CALENDAR.

Recommendation to approve the 2018-2019 Budget Calendar. Brief discussion ensued. Motion by Director Kahlert, seconded by Director Casey to approve the 2018-2019 Budget Calendar as submitted. Motion passed 5-0.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: RENEWAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT—HTGROUP

This item was moved ahead of the Consent Calendar.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: APPROVAL OF CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS JFTB 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS FUNDING REQUEST

Recommendation to Authorize General Manager to contribute \$8,700 in funds to the 31st Annual 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular event at the JFTB. The General Manager reported that in 2016, the Board approved the requested contribution of \$6,200. The 2017 request was for an additional \$2,500 to cover a shortfall in the events' budget. The District Board consented to a one time increase in the amount of \$8,700. The budget shortfalls for this event continue to be a challenge, so the City of Los Alamitos is once again requesting a contribution in the amount of \$8,700.

City Manager, Brett Plumlee, Recreation Manager Ron Noda and Colonel Lalor were present to address the Board. Discussion ensued relative to the rationale behind the City of Los Alamitos' subsequent request for an increase in Rossmoor's contribution. City Manager Brett Plumlee explained that, by order of the Judge Advocate General (JAG) the Joint Forces Training Base was no longer allowed to charge event parking fees, nor were they allowed to accept church donations. Director Kahlert had questions relative to the cost of the event, the amount Los Alamitos and participating cities contributed in comparison to Rossmoor. Recreation Manager Ron Noda replied that the event costs \$70K, Los Alamitos contributes \$18K, City of Seal Beach contributes \$8,000, however, Garden Grove contributed zero dollars.

Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director Casey to approve a one-time contribution of \$8,000, request that the City of Los Alamitos and JFTB reach out to the cities of Seal Beach and Garden Grove to share the cost more equitably and increase their contributions accordingly.

Substitute Motion by Director Kahlert to contribute \$7,450 or not to exceed the contribution by the City of Seal Beach. Motion died for lack of a second.

President DeMarco took a vote on the original Motion to approve a one-time contribution of \$8,000 with the stipulation that the City of Los Alamitos reach out to additional city donors. Motion passed 3-1-1, Director Kahlert opposed the motion and Director Maynard abstained.

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: RENEWAL OF CHILDREN'S GARDEN PRESCHOOL AGREEMENT AT ROSSMOOR PARK COMMUNITY

CENTER.

Recommendation to renew the Children's Garden Preschool Contract Service Agreement at Rossmoor Park for an additional 3 years (2018-2021). At the February 13th Board Meeting, Director Nitikman had questions relative to insurance requirements, background checks for parental volunteers, Exhibit A and Exhibit B. General Counsel Tarquin Preziosi stated that tonight the Board would be voting to approve Amendment number 2 on page 91 and 92 as well as Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

Director Kahlert asked if anything significant had changed in the agreement. The General Manager replied that there were no significant changes. Director Maynard praised the preschool for providing quality care to the community. Motion by Director Nitikman, seconded by Director Maynard to approve Amendment 2, Exhibit A and Exhibit B. Motion passed 5-0.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS:

The General Manager reported that he would be meeting with the Brightview Landscaping Contractor in order to either negotiate more satisfactory terms, or go out to bid. Recreation staff was working with Bev Houghton to plan this year's Rossmoor Community Festival on Sunday, May 6, 2018. Everything was going well. He announced that Lieutenant Puckett had been promoted and would be leaving Rossmoor. His replacement had already been selected and he would be introducing him soon. The General Manager stated that Lt. Puckett was a rising star and he wished him well in his career. Regarding street sweeping, he would be meeting again with RF Dickson, OCSD and Tim Whitacre to explore any and all options to improve. The committee had already discussed increased tree trimming to reduce leaf litter, but that isn't feasible. According to the County there weren't a lot of options, but they would receive our input. More financial resources were needed to change the parking restrictions and the way Rossmoor is geographically configured limits and complicates the possibility of dividing streets and sections.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

Director Kahlert requested that a comprehensive, downloadable document be added to the website regarding street sweeping and have something available in printed form to hand out. He announced that in addition to Arbor Day, tomorrow was also National Walk-Out Day at the high schools and Los Alamitos High School students planned to participate in honor of the recent victims of the school shooting in Florida. The activity was open to the public; although it was not sanctioned by the school district. He encouraged everyone to be safe.

Director Nitikman had questions regarding whether there had been any changes to the policy of ticketing vehicles parked on the street after the street sweeper had already passed. The General Manager stated there had been no policy change. It was difficult for law enforcement to know when the streets had been swept, since there is no dedicated unit assigned to issuing tickets. Any policy change would have to come from the County Board of Supervisors. Director Nitikman requested a community survey, either in the newsletter or in an e-blast, to determine how many Rossmoor residents attend the 4th of July Fireworks event at the JFTB. Director Nitikman had comments relative to the feasibility of permitted parking options in Rossmoor as suggested by

resident Kevin Pearce. The General Manager stated they would explore the option with the committee and County Representative Tim Whitacre. Finally, Director Nitikman requested that staff publish a link to the CalTrans draft EIR when it becomes available as well as the dates and times of upcoming key meetings and public hearings. He agreed with Michael Maynard that Rossmoor was the most affected community as it related to land acquisitions and should be kept in the loop. He requested that the General Manager ask CalTrans to change the date of the public hearing so it didn't conflict with the RCSD Board meeting. Furthermore he requested that a noise mitigation letter be drafted and placed on a future agenda.

Director Casey announced that he had recently attended the CalTrans/OCTA Second District Mayor's Forum where the I-405 Project was discussed. He raised many issues with the project on behalf of Rossmoor and assured OCTA that Rossmoor would not relent. Director Casey stated that he'd established an open dialogue and would be following up regularly. Also discussed at the Mayor's Forum was the SB-1 Road Repair and Accountability Act targeted toward the Fix-It First Projects as well as road rehabilitation, maintenance and traffic control devices consistent with CTC guidelines. These funds were available for infrastructure improvements and encouraged the District to explore these options. Director Casey concluded by saying that the street sweeping service in Rossmoor was really very good. There were minor issues from time to time involving the enforcement of citations but overall it was successful. He opined that the harassment by some residents was unwarranted.

Director Maynard indicated that he was interested in attending the JFTB Base Tour later in the month. He agreed with resident Diane Rush regarding the road conditions in Rossmoor; since we are a donor to the County we should be able to get more money from the County to improve street sweeping and trash service. It takes more money to solve the issues the District is being asked to deal with; more money solves more problems. With HTGroup on board again, perhaps it was a task for him. Many residents think the solutions are simple, however they are not so simple as the District is limited financially and jurisdictionally. He concluded by saying he would not be present for the April Board Meeting.

President DeMarco reported that the Budget Committee met with Southern California Edison regarding the proposed 20 year term, LED Street Lighting contract. He was moving the item to the May 8, 2018 agenda to discuss the pros and cons of entering into a 20 year contract. The Board doesn't have to take any action; the District is already in the queue. He thanked CalTrans for their presentation and added that it was important for residents to attend their public hearings and participate and make their voices heard. President DeMarco announced that Lieutenant Jeff Puckett has been promoted and will be reassigned. Lt. Puckett has been with us for two years. He was a big advocate for Rossmoor and helped a great deal with the homeless issue. He stated that he wanted to formally recognize Lt. Puckett with a proclamation and directed staff to coordinate. President DeMarco stated that the Board acts on behalf of residents when a multitude of residents take a position. For every person who doesn't like the street sweeping tickets, there are just as many who welcome the enforcement so their streets can be swept properly. He stated the District is exploring many options and is working with R.F. Dickson to see if they can route a copy of their schedule to the Orange County Sheriff's Department in order to make the route and the ticketing more consistent. The 259 street sweeping tickets recently issued were in response to resident

complaints. Additional parking enforcement was assigned much like the task force that deals with burglaries. Finally, he wished his son Anthony, a Happy 20th Birthday.

K. CLOSED SESSION—None

L. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Kahlert to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:00 p.m.
Motion passed 5-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

James D. Ruth

General Manager