

**MINUTES
SAN MARINO CITY COUNCIL
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
JULY 28, 2017 – 8:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Richard Sun called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 2200 Huntington Drive, San Marino, CA 91108.

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Councilman Huang, Councilman Yung, and Mayor Sun
ABSENT: Council Member Talt and Vice Mayor Ward

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Sun led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shirley Jagels addressed the City Council regarding historic preservation. She advised that she attended the Planning Commission meeting and the Planning Commission has committed to giving more time to provide a good historic preservation ordinance. Ms. Jagels made several other suggestions toward the development of a historic preservation ordinance.

MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING Council Member Huang moved to waive further readings; second by Council Member Yung. The motion unanimously carried 3-0.

PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION BY DEBBIE PRIESTER REGARDING THE COMMUNITY TRIP TO THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

Debbie Priester of Titan Travel announced that the City was planning a community trip to the Republic of San Marino in October. She advised of the itinerary for the nine-day trip noting there were still openings available if anyone wished to go.

CONSENT CALENDAR

City Attorney Flower requested Item 2 of the Consent Calendar be pulled and placed on a later agenda, given the absence of the two council members.

Council Member Huang moved to pull Item 2 from the Consent Calendar and approve Items 3 and 4; second by Council Member Yung. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS HUANG AND YUNG AND MAYOR SUN. ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER TALT AND VICE MAYOR WARD.

3. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT FY 2017/2018 (N-17-03)

Award the contract to Hardy & Harper, Inc. for the Pavement Rehabilitation Project 2017/2018.

- 4. APPROVAL OF TREE MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT (N-17-04)**
Appropriate \$25,915 from the General Fund reserve to account 101-52-4150-0000 and approve the Agreement with Mariposa Landscapes, Inc.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT

- 2. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. O-17-1327 TO REPEAL RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS FOR REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (SECOND READING)**

STUDY SESSION

- 5. UPDATE REPORT FOR THE CELL TOWER RELOCATION**

Planning and Building Director Aldo Cervantes reiterated Council's direction at the July 12, 2017 Council Meeting. He advised a tentative meeting with the School District is being scheduled for some time in early August. Regarding the high school relocation efforts, Verizon and the owner of the cell site, Crown Castle, have come to terms with the financials for relocating the equipment of the cell tower to the existing tower which currently houses T-Mobile. He advised there are certain structural deficiencies on the existing tower at the County site that needs to be improved and Verizon has authorized funds to Crown Castle to make those Modifications, which should start soon. The improvements are crucial to holding additional equipment to the tower. It will be about a four to five-month period for completion and the equipment will be relocated shortly after.

He advised a walk-through meeting with Verizon was held at the middle school site and discussed alternative sites for permanent and temporary locations as well as other types of technology. Verizon will go back with staff's guidance to evaluate several scenarios and return to the City with alternative locations to discuss with staff.

Debbie Priester addressed council to ask if anyone has checked with the Environmental Protection Agency based on the fact Verizon wants to do co-existing because they would have to put in a second generator and that would go over the EPA requirements of what is allowed.

Mr. Cervantes said that it has already been approved by the County and he imagined the County has taken that into consideration.

Phillip Lao suggested locating the cell tower at the Huntington Library where there is open space and no homes.

Dennis Kneier advised that the Huntington Library already has at least two cell towers on Huntington Library property which are appropriately covering service and his understanding of the issue of putting another cell tower there is the radius that the tower reaches won't satisfy the needs of the community.

Mayor Sun reminded staff that the Council's direction at the last meeting was that a monopole was not an option, so staff needs to work toward that.

The City Council received and filed the report.

6. LACY PARK ROSE ARBOR UPDATE

Interim City Manager Collins reported that at the October 28, 2016, City Council meeting, the City Council discussed replacement of the Lacy Park Rose Arbor. At that meeting the City Council directed staff to meet with Jim Folsom at the Huntington Library to discuss best options of materials and design for the arbor and for staff to establish a fund-raising effort to offset the cost.

She advised that the previous Rose Arbors were constructed out of wood. After researching reconstruction efforts, staff recognized that approximately every 30 years the arbor needed to be replaced.

Staff and the Lacy Park Landscape Committee were given a tour of the Huntington Library's many different types of arbors by Jim Folsom who provided valuable information on the construction materials and on the longevity of each of the arbors.

Park and Public Works Director Dan Wall advised that to insure the longevity of the arbor that gets built, in consultation with Dr. Folsom, there was a recommendation that the vertical pillars be made of durastone material which is currently used at the Huntington. He discussed the structure of the current arbor and described the features of the new arbor using powder coated steel which would have a 100-year life span with little maintenance. Staff is recommending the center element be added with the sidewalk going into it to create a peaceful sitting area that is removed from the foot traffic. An important element is that staff is attempting to reuse the footings that are in the existing arbor, so the footprint will be the same and it will be a cost savings.

Interim City Manager Collins requested Council's input as well as input from the public. The design will be brought to the landscape committee on August 7th for more discussion and Finalization. The Committee has been working on fund-raising which will be finalized on the 7th. Former Mayor, Dr. Lin has committed \$200,000 toward the project over a four-year period and the committee anticipates another \$200,000 to complete the project.

Ms. Collins anticipated returning at the September 13th meeting for approval to go out to bid, start the fund-raising project and establish and announce a ribbon cutting date.

Mayor Sun and Council Member Yung commented on the beauty of the project and thanked staff and the committee for their hard work.

Gretchen Shepherd Romey. A Rose Arbor Landscape Committee Member suggested slowing the process down and hold a community group meeting to give the community a

chance to participate and be a part of it. She suggested the City Council and community members go to the Huntington and see some of the pillars there.

A discussion between Mayor Sun and Interim City Manager ensued regarding holding a community meeting, making sure the public is informed and the time frame for bringing it back to the City Council.

Shirley Jagels expressed her opposition to the project and her anxiety over demolishing the current Rose Arbor structure.

Dennis Kneier addressed the City Council in favor of the design of the Rose Arbor and discussed other issues relating to the Rose Arbor including obtaining an accurate estimate of the costs.

Phillip Lao agreed with Ms. Jagels in keeping the current Rose Arbor and staying within the \$200,000 cost range.

Ms. Collins explained the reason for the center arch was to recognize Dr. Lin's parents who use to sit in the old Rose Arbor to think and relax. She also explained that the budget would be close to the same if a wood structure was rebuilt and Dr. Lin wanted to fund half of the project so that other members of the public would have an opportunity to participate as well.

Ms. Collins confirmed the direction of Council is to meet with the Landscape Committee on the 7th and, in addition, staff will hold a community meeting to propose this project, get additional input and come back to the Council on the 13th of September with what the final project will look like. Ms. Collins added that the City does have all the plaques of the past donors that will be included at the new Rose Arbor. Staff will reach out to as many of the past donors as can be located and invite them to that meeting.

Mayor Sun suggested staff have some type of eternal plaque in which names of past and future donors can be added to recognize them for their contributions.

Mitch Lehman, San Marino Tribune, asked if the City Council discussed the City contributing any funds toward this project.

Ms. Collins replied that whatever the City does not receive in contributions, staff will return to Council for support or further direction.

Thereafter, a discussion between Mr. Lehman and the City Council continued regarding a proactive contribution from the City. Interim City Manager Collins reiterated that the City has budgeted \$400,000 for the project, \$200,000 of which has been pledged by Dr. Lin, with a plan to fund raise for more. The City will contribute the balance out of the budgeted funds.

Dr. Yung suggested including the walk way through the arbor on both sides of the center arch.

Mr. Lao felt the City should spend the money budgeted for the arbor on public safety.

Dennis Kneier explained his understanding of the Rose Arbor funding and the amount the City included in the budget. He also addressed historic preservation cautioning individuals from requesting a historical landmark on a piece of property without the owner's consent because of the constraints placed on the property.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gene Ruckh addressed Council in agreement with Mr. Kneier's comments regarding historic preservation without the owner's consent. He also addressed the issue of placing an Environmental Impact Fee on the Huntington Library explaining his reasons.

Dennis Kneier addressed the Council opposing an Environmental Impact Fee on the Huntington Library as suggested by Mr. Ruckh.

Ms. Collins indicated that once the Long Term Strategic Planning Committee is formed, the Huntington Library will be part of their discussion.

Mr. Lao addressed the tear downs of homes and suggested the City tighten up the rules for people that want to tear down and rebuild.

Mayor Sun addressed Mr. Lao's concerns indicating the City relies on property tax for 75% of its revenues. If too many restrictions are placed on people's property, investors will not come, and people will not move to San Marino.

Michelle Lumley addressed Council regarding the tear down of houses, stating that 82 houses have been torn down since 2003; 52 of them since 2011; 15 in 2016. There are 72 houses currently for sale, most of which are smaller homes on large lots and expressed her concerns about investors coming in and changing the community.

Council Member Yung addressed Ms. Lumley's concerns and expressed his thoughts on rebuilding homes that are aesthetically beautiful and compatible to the neighborhood.

Council Member Huang expressed his view that if more restrictions are enforced, it is better for the City.

Gretchen Shepherd Romey followed up on the demolitions mentioned by Ms. Lumley, indicating there seems to be a heightened rush and she wondered whether it was because a historical preservation ordinance is in the works. She suggested that the City look at some type of slow down or moratorium along with the historical preservation ordinance and the survey.

Mayor Sun addressed the issues raised by the public regarding the age of homes, historical preservation, slowing down the demolition process using code enforcement if a house becomes a nuisance.

Council Member Yung and Mayor Sun continued discussion regarding the issue of tearing down and rebuilding new houses in the City.

7. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF MAKING SAN MARINO BETTER

Interim City Manager Collins reviewed some of the items on the Making San Marino Better list starting with Stoneman indicating she will be discussing with Council some issues staff will be bringing forward. Activity on Huntington Drive will resume in the fall; the restrooms at Lacy Park will be brought to Council in September; the vacancy ordinance is in place and there are currently 38 homes registered. Ms. Collins then highlighted some of the items on the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations that are in the works and that have been completed.

Mayor Sun asked to see some progress on the Huntington Library issue on the list.

CLOSED SESSION

The city council recessed to closed session at 9:30 a.m. to discuss:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT—PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957:


Title: City Manager

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council reconvened to open session at 10:00 a.m., at which time the City Attorney announced that there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council the Meeting was adjourned at 10:01a pm to the Regular Meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.


CAROL COWLEY, CMC
ACTING CITY CLERK