

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF DIAMOND BAR
JANUARY 20, 2015**

STUDY SESSION: 5:45 p.m., Room CC-8

► Lighting and Landscape Assessment Districts 38, 39 and 41 – Discussion and Action.

Public Comments: None Offered.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tye called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the South Coast Air Quality Management District/Government Center Auditorium, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA.

M/Tye asked CM/DeStefano to report on the results of the Study Session held earlier in the evening.

CM/DeStefano reported that during tonight's study session the City Council looked for ways to raise revenue within the three Lighting and Landscape Assessment Districts to pay for the ongoing maintenance and operation. These districts have been subsidized by the General Fund for about eight years and for the past year the City Council has been looking at different options toward eliminating the subsidy. Council provided direction to staff at the conclusion of the study session to continue to subsidize the costs for the necessary operation and maintenance within District 38 (Citywide District). In District No. 39, (Longview/Summitridge area) staff was directed to begin the several-month process to return the assessment to its historic high; and, within District 41 (Ronald Reagan Park area) work with the private homeowners associations to return several of the parcels to the associations and/or change the per-parcel assessment by eliminating it or lowering it as negotiations progress toward a conclusion that outlines a path for the City Council to consider. Staff will be coming back to the City Council for several additional actions that must be undertaken over the course of the next six months as staff and the City Council work on the upcoming budget and the months beyond.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boy Scout Troop 730 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Pastor Tony Wong, Gateway Friends Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Herrera, Lin, Tanaka, Mayor Pro Tem Lyons, Mayor Tye.

Staff Present: James DeStefano, City Manager; Ryan McLean, Deputy City Manager; David DeBerry, City Attorney; Ken Desforges, IS Director; Dianna Honeywell, Finance Director; David Liu, Public Works Director; Greg Gubman, Community Development Director; Bob Rose, Community Services Director; Kimberly Young, Senior Civil Engineer; Anthony Santos, Management Analyst; Cecilia Arellano, Public Information Coordinator, and Tommye Cribbins, City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As Presented.

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATES, PROCLAMATIONS:

- 1.1 M/Tye presented a City Tile to Jen “Fred” Mahlke, former Traffic and Transportation Commissioner.
- 1.2 M/Tye presented a City Tile to Jimmy Lin, former Planning Commissioner.
- 1.3 M/Tye and Council Members; Peter Pirritano, President, Diamond Bar Community Foundation co-sponsor; Lauren Pong, representing Congressman Ed Royce; Jody Roberto, on behalf of Senator Bob Huff and Luigi Luciano, from the office of Assembly Member Ling-Ling Chang, presented Certificates of Recognition and cash prizes to the Winners of “Through My Lens” Photo Contest 2014.

2. CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Azan Barlas, speaking on behalf of SAPA (South Asian Parents Association), Diamond Bar High School, spoke about their fundraising event, the second annual “Evening of Colors” on March 6, 2015. SAPA is attempting to raise \$30,000 for academics, arts, athletics and activities for DBHS. The performers currently attend DBHS or are alumni of the school. He asked if the City would be willing to donate a sponsorship for the event.

M/Tye said the Council would take the matter under consideration.

C/Herrera explained that when community organizations request donations or money from the City to support their activity it is helpful for the organization to put the request in a letter to the City so that the City has a record of the request. The letter should be submitted to the City Manager.

Mr. Barlas said he believed a letter was submitted to the City about the event.

Pui-Ching Ho, Diamond Bar Library invited children and their families to visit the library for a musical on Wednesday, January 28 at 4:00 p.m. Literature will come to life and children will have fun as they are entertained by a professionally written musical that tells classic fables in a way that will entertain both children and adults. On Saturday, January 31st at 2:00 p.m., the Library will present a life planning workshop during which participants will learn to overcome obstacles, alter perceptions and set their desires into motion and keep moving. Participants will also learn how to determine if they have been aiming at the wrong goals and how to recognize the right goals. This workshop is suitable for teens and adults.

To learn more about the library and its programs visit the webpage at

www.colapublib.org

4. **RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

5. **SCHEDULE OF FUTURE EVENTS:**

5.1 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – January 22, 2015 - 7:00 p.m., Windmill Community Room, 21810 Copley Drive.

5.2 Planning Commission Meeting – January 27, 2015 – 7:00 p.m., Windmill Community Room, 21810 Copley Drive.

5.3 City Council Meeting – February 3, 2015 – 6:30 p.m., AQMD/Government Center, 21865 Copley Drive.

5.4 Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup – Saturday, February 14, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Gateway Corporate Center, 1300 Block of Bridge Gate Drive.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** MPT/Lyons moved, C/Herrera seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented Motion carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Herrera, Lin, Tanaka, MPT/Lyons, M/Tye

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

6.1 APPROVED CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:

6.1.1 Adjourned Regular Meeting of January 5, 2015.

6.1.2 Regular Meeting of January 6, 2015.

6.2 RECEIVED AND FILED TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MINUTES:

6.2.1 Regular Meeting of October 9, 2014

6.2.2 Regular Meeting of November 13, 2014

6.3 RATIFIED CHECK REGISTER – Dated December 31, 2014 through January 14, 2015 totaling \$986,081.06.

6.4 AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS/AGREEMENTS FROM WINDSTREAM FOR 36 MONTHS OF PHONE SERVICE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$50,000.

6.5 AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS/AGREEMENTS FROM SC FUELS FOR 36 MONTHS, FOR CITY VEHICLE FUEL CARD SERVICES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$100,000.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

8. **COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:** None.

9. **COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS/COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:**

C/Tanaka reported that last Wednesday he attended the Pomona Unified School District's Board Meeting for a presentation of "Clean and Green" Pomona regarding pollution from diesel buses. He witnessed Jeremy Tran, DRHS senior, being administered his Oath of Office as the Student Representative to the Board of Education. Jeremy also serves as the ASB President. He presented a report from the different high schools and academies in the Pomona Unified School District. The Board approved various consent calendar items and ended with a public hearing for a charter school petition, The School for Advanced Learning.

Last Thursday he attended the LA County Fair Junior Fair Board Advisory Committee meeting. Applications for high school sophomores for the Junior Fair Board Leadership Scholarship Program will be sent out in the near future.

Saturday, January 17th he attended the Winter Snow Fest at Pantera Park. He thanked CSD/Rose, CSC/Tarazon and other staff members for another wonderful family event. He thanked all of the volunteers and especially the Leo Club Members from Lorbeer Middle School, Chaparral Middle School and Diamond Bar High School.

C/Herrera congratulated the "Through My Lens" award winners. She thanked Boy Scout Troop 730 for attending tonight's meeting and for leading the Pledge of Allegiance. It lends a very nice touch to the City Council meeting.

She also thanked the Sheriff's Department for the good work in catching crooks and keeping the City safe. On January 5 the Diamond Bar 7-Eleven was robbed and as a result of the great work by the Diamond Bar detectives the suspects were apprehended in a nearby City. On January 10 there was a home burglary in progress and the detectives were able to catch one of the suspects, whom they arrested on two counts of burglary. The City thanks the detectives for their diligence and constant and hard work in solving crimes in Diamond Bar and for their help in keeping the City safe.

C/Lin said he had nothing to report at this time.

MPT/Lyons attended the LA County League of Cities meeting on behalf of M/Tye last week. A very interesting speaker spoke about the current and future state of the Port of Long Beach. The port is being expanded by more than 25 percent and when completed will be the largest port in North America. This fact affects the City of Diamond Bar because goods are transported along the City's contiguous freeways to the Midwest and east coast which means that the SR57/60 Confluence Project is even more important and needs to be pushed forward.

She said it was great to see Boy Scout Troop 730 members present in their uniforms and thanked them for coming to tonight's City Council meeting and leading the flag salute.

The Snow Fest was a wonderful event. There was so much snow, so much fun and so much sunburn! It was a great time for which she thanked staff.

M/Tye said the Snow Fest was a blast. It is the first event of the year and was very exciting. To C/Tanaka's point, the longest line he saw during the day was the check-in booth for the volunteers, the Leo's, the Interact kids, and Rotaract kids. It is a great problem to have more volunteers than were needed. What a great opportunity to serve in Diamond Bar.

M/Tye asked everyone to take note of the County Sanitation District's E-Waste event where they can recycle toxic trash such as paint, batteries, pool chemicals, etc.

Last week, as the City's representative to the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District he became President of the Board of 35 communities. It is always a pleasure to represent residents of Diamond Bar in different organizations. He will do his best to continue his representation.

Last week he participated with Contract Cities as immediate past president calling on legislators in Sacramento and learned that two-thirds of the representatives (80 Assembly Members and 40 Senators) have two years or no experience in government. He met with first-time legislators including Assembly Member Ling-Ling Chang. The trip served as an opportunity to introduce Contract Cities and how it operates and advocates for cities. Contract Cities represents many communities with one voice and everyone is stronger for the effort.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to conduct, M/Tye adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:13 p.m.

TOMMYE CRIBBINS, CITY CLERK

The foregoing minutes are hereby approved this ____ day of _____, 2015.

STEVE TYE, MAYOR