

MINUTES
MALIBU CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 27, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Mayor Laura Rosenthal; Mayor Pro Tem Lou La Monte; and Councilmembers Joan House and Skylar Peak

ABSENT: Councilmember John Sibert

ALSO PRESENT: Reva Feldman, Assistant City Manager; Trevor Rusin, Assistant City Attorney; Craig George, Acting Environmental Sustainability Director; Bob Stallings, Parks and Recreation Director; Bonnie Blue, Planning Director; Ruth Piyaman, Finance Manager; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Marianne Riggins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Councilmember House moved and Mayor Pro Tem La Monte seconded a motion to approve the agenda, adjourning in memory of Ozzie Silna. The motion carried 4-0, Councilmember Sibert absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Executive Assistant Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on April 22, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Assistant City Attorney Rusin stated the court had decided in favor of the City in regards Malibu High School lights case against the City. He stated the Malibu Community Alliance could ask for reconsideration or could appeal the decision to the California Supreme Court.

Councilmember Peak announced a Zoning Ordinance Revisions and Code Enforcement Subcommittee meeting on May 9, 2016, 3:30 p.m., regarding the model lighting ordinance.

Mayor Rosenthal stated Ozzie Silna had passed away, and asked that all keep his family and friends in their hearts.

ITEM 1 NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017
Staff recommendation: Provide direction to staff on the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget, General Fund Grants and Annual Work Plan.

Assistant City Manager Feldman presented the staff report and summarized general fund revenues, expenditures overview, law enforcement expenses, capital improvement projects and the General Fund Grant program.

In response to Councilmember Peak, Assistant City Manager Feldman explained the process to increase the funds allocated for General Fund Grants. Councilmember Peak suggested allocating \$200,000 to General Fund grants.

Mayor Pro Tem La Monte discussed difficulty in selecting the grant recipients with the limited funds.

Councilmember Peak suggested using transient occupancy tax revenue to increase General Fund Grants.

Councilmember House suggested holding funds in abeyance until revenues exceeded expenditures before committing funds

Assistant City Manager Feldman explained the use of General Fund revenue.

Councilmember Peak suggested increasing General Fund Grants to \$175,000.

Mayor Pro Tem La Monte supported an increase to \$175,000 but stated it was important to find a way to assist applicants in working together to remedy similar problems.

Councilmember Peak suggested earmarking a specific amount in the budget to aid the homeless.

In response to Mayor Rosenthal, Assistant City Manager Feldman confirmed the Boys and Girls Club had a special budget line item of \$30,000. She stated a line item for homeless services could be added, and suggested the Administration and Finance (A&F) Subcommittee review all of the General Fund Grant applications and make a recommendation to the Council with the knowledge that the Council may wish to award additional funds.

Councilmember House stated the purpose of the General Fund Grants was to be seed money and should be clarified if there was a change in philosophy.

Mayor Rosenthal indicated support for increasing the General Fund Grant allocation. She suggested the A&F Subcommittee consider the appropriate amount for each organization.

Councilmember La Monte suggested increasing the funding to \$175,000.

Councilmember Peak stated it was important to fund organizations that provided services that the City did not provide.

Assistant City Manager Feldman clarified the General Fund Grant program was intended to provide seed money for organizations that were funded 50% or more from fundraising or another source. Councilmember Peak suggested capping General Fund Grants to no more than 25% of the funds raised by the organization.

Mayor Pro Tem La Monte stated additional funds would be helpful.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Council agreed to increase General Fund Grant allocation to \$175,000.

Assistant City Manager Feldman continued the Budget presentation, including personnel information, General Fund reserves, State Revolving Fund payments, fund balance information, and the proposed Budget Schedule.

In response to Councilmember Peak, Assistant City Manager Feldman explained the City's investment policy, and stated 50% of the City's operating budget had to remain liquid.

Councilmember House expressed concern with the increase to the Sheriff's Department budget and provided historical information on previous enforcement.

Mayor Pro Tem La Monte explained the Liability Trust Fund and increased Sheriff's Department costs. He stated the City would continue to negotiate the

contract. Assistant City Manager Feldman stated discussions would occur with the Sheriff and Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

In response to Councilmember Peak, Assistant City Manager Feldman confirmed the Liability Trust Fund legal fee applied to all cities that contract with the Sheriff's Department, including unincorporated areas of California.

Councilmember Peak discussed the Sheriff's substation in the new Santa Monica College campus and questioned whether services from the substation would extend outside Malibu. Assistant City Manager Feldman stated she intended to discuss the matter with representatives from Supervisor Kuehl's office.

Councilmember House suggested the Sheriff's Department should pay for the substation.

Councilmember Peak suggested a captain be allocated to the substation.

Mayor Rosenthal clarified that the college bond was paid for by Malibu and Santa Monica. She stated the City would get advantages by having services within the City.

In response to Councilmember Peak, Assistant City Manager Feldman discussed the Beach Team costs and use of parking tax revenue. She stated she would discuss the matter with the County and provide an update to Council.

Councilmember House discussed the issues on the beach and initial need for the Beach Team.

Mayor Rosenthal explained patrol by the Beach Team and alternative patrol during poor weather.

Councilmember Peak recommended providing the Beach Team with more specific direction regarding the needs of the City.

In response to Mayor Rosenthal, Assistant City Manager Feldman explained the estimate spent on PCH Signal Synchronization Improvements.

In response to Mayor Rosenthal, Assistant City Manager Feldman stated the current budget did not include funding for a specific plan.

In response to Councilmember House, Parks and Recreation Director Stallings provided an overview of the Bluffs Park Master Plan. Assistant City Manager Feldman stated the funding source had not yet been identified.

In response to Mayor Rosenthal, Assistant City Manager Feldman stated the Recreation Budget included funding for the Arts Commission. She clarified the

public art fund was for commercial development. Councilmember Peak suggested projects over \$100,000 be required to contribute to the public art fund.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Council directed staff to bring back consideration of the Public Art funds.

In response to Councilmember Peak, Parks and Recreation Director Stallings stated funding for the Concert on the Bluffs event was currently adequate.

In response to Councilmember Peak, Assistant City Manager Feldman stated she would reincorporate gateway signs into the work plan.

In response to Councilmember Peak, Assistant City Manager Feldman stated the City Hall solar project would not be paid for by the City.

In response to Councilmember House, Assistant City Manager Feldman stated formula retail would be discussed at the Council's May 9, 2016 meeting. Assistant City Attorney Rusin explained litigation related to Measure R.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 7:13 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem La Monte moved and Councilmember Peak seconded a motion to adjourn in memory of Ozzie Silna. The motion carried 4-0, Councilmember Sibert absent.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the
City of Malibu on May 23, 2016.



LAURA ROSENTHAL, Mayor

ATTEST:



LISA POPE, City Clerk
(seal)