



MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

A. ORGANIZATION

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

2. ROLL CALL: Directors Casey, DeMarco, Nitikman, Kahlert
President Maynard had and excused absence

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PRESENTATIONS:

FOR SCHEDULING PURPOSES, ACTING PRESIDENT RON CASEY MOVED ITEM A4-b, AWARDING OF PROCLAMATION TO EAGLE SCOUT OWEN PEARCE, AHEAD OF ITEM A-4a AT THIS TIME

b. Presentation of Proclamation by 1st Vice President Ron Casey Re: Outstanding Achievement, Rossmoor Troop 658 Eagle Scout, Owen Pearce

Acting President Ron Casey presented a proclamation to Troop 658 Eagle Scout Owen Pearce for outstanding achievement. Photos were taken. Applause ensued.

a. Orange County Fire Authority, Division 1 Chief, Robert Acosta & Public Education Officer, Randy Harper- Re: Paramedic Response Time and Holiday Fire Safety.

Public Information Officer Randy Harper announced that due to the many wildfires raging in the state of California, Chief Robert Acosta was unable to present tonight. His portion of the presentation regarding Paramedic Response Time, would be postponed until the January 9, 2018 regular board meeting. Mr. Harper gave a timely PowerPoint presentation on Holiday Fire Safety. Brief discussion ensued. The presentation was received and filed.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA—None

C. PUBLIC FORUM—None

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD—None

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

DIRECTOR KAHLERT REQUESTED THAT ITEM E-1a. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 27, 2017 BE PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND VOTED ON SEPARATELY, AS HE WAS ABSENT FROM THAT MEETING.

1a. MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING—November 14, 2017

2. REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT—September 2017

Motion by Director Nitikman seconded by Director DeMarco to approve Items E-1a and E-2 on the Consent Calendar as submitted. Motion passed 4-0.

1b. MINUTES SPECIAL BOARD MEETING—November 27, 2017

Director Kahlert noted a typo in the roll call which mistakenly indicated his presence at the meeting. Motion by Director Nitikman seconded by Director DeMarco to approve the Items on the Consent Calendar with the correction requested by Director Kahlert. Motion passed 3-1, with Director Kahlert abstaining.

F. PUBLIC HEARING—None

G. RESOLUTIONS—None

ORDINANCES—None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR:

1. FIRST READING OF REVISIONS TO DISTRICT POLICY NO. 3025 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT

Staff recommendation to give first reading to proposed revisions of Policy No. 3025 Annual Financial Audit.

The General Manager reported that the provisions for engaging an audit firm to conduct an audit are provided in Section 12410.6 of the State of California Government Code. At the request of the Board at their regular meeting of November 14, 2017 Policy No. 3025 has been revised to include more specific guidance to the District regarding engagement of an auditing firm.

In the General Manager's discussion with CSDA Legislative Analyst Mustafa Hessabi, Esq. he stated that in addition to the provisions outlined in Government Code 12410.06 that agencies who reach the six year threshold—commencing in the 2013-14 Fiscal Year—would have required their auditing firm to conduct a peer review after three years by another qualified accounting firm and to remove the lead audit partner or coordinating partner having primary responsibility for the audit from the audit process.

Discussion ensued relative to contrasting and interpreting the language in the Government Code to the proposed District Policy. Director Nitikman had questions relative to Section 12410.6 (b) "A local agency shall not employ a public accounting firm to provide audit services if the lead audit partner, or coordinating audit partner having primary responsibility, or the audit partner responsible for reviewing the audit has performed audit services for that local agency for six consecutive years."

Director Nitikman had questions regarding the last sentence of proposed Policy No. 3025.02 as to whether the word after the last comma should be “and” rather than “or”. General Counsel Tarquin Preziosi asked him if adding “and/or” after the final comma would be satisfactory. Director Nitikman agreed. Director Nitikman also requested a correction in a typographical error in the third line of Section 3025.02 which reads: “Any California licensed public accounting firm engaged by the District to perform an audit shall comply with the peer review requirements set *for...*” but should be “set *forth*”. General Counsel agreed to make the correction.

Motion by Director Nitikman seconded by Director DeMarco to waive full reading of revised Policy No. 3025 and introduce revised Policy No. 3025, the Annual Financial Audit by title only and give first reading thereto, with the amendments suggested by Director Nitikman; bring back for second reading at the January 9, 2018 regular meeting of the Board. Motion passed 4-0.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS:

The General Manager reported that OCTA Representative Christina Byrne has been meeting with Rossmoor residents and responding to their specific noise, safety and traffic congestion concerns surrounding the I-405 Freeway Project. She had responded to approximately half the residents and provided the District with a public link to the complete I-405 Project EIR, which was shared with the Board. Once Ms. Byrne completes the responses the General Manager will share them with the Board as well. He further reported that District Staff, in cooperation with the District Auditor was in the process of working on the Quarterly Cash Flow Report as requested by the Board. The General Manager stated that RHA Neighborhood Watch Organizer, Dorothy Fitzgerald had notified him about a new committee she had formed to improve the Neighborhood Watch signage in the community. She was working with the County Traffic Division regarding logistics and funding. She wanted to be sure the committee had the support of the District prior to proceeding. He opined that it was a worthwhile project that benefitted everyone and helped to raise awareness and deter crime. He agreed to keep the Board informed as to the project’s status. On December 18th, long-term renters Calvary Church were scheduled to paint the interior of the auditorium building at Rush Park at no cost to the District. The General Manager concluded with comments on the status of the LED Lighting Improvement Project and the OBF Program, stating that he would be scheduling a Budget Committee meeting soon in order to analyze the cost benefits prior to proceeding.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

Director Nitikman had questions relative to the I-405 Project. He had received inquiries from those wanting to see the previous EIR; the 22 Fwy EIR/EIS to see the original noise projections and get answers about the current noise mitigation efforts to address those noise levels that had been exceeded. Director Nitikman went on to praise the success of this year’s Rossmoor Winter Festival. He remarked that the event was great, it was a bigger festival than the previous year with snow, and a petting zoo and as a result enjoyed even better attendance than last year. He congratulated Director Kahlert, District Staff and everyone who made the event possible. He hoped for even more success next year. Finally, Director Nitikman acknowledged that tonight marked the first night of Hanukkah and wished everyone Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He encouraged all to drive safely.

Director Kahlert thanked fellow Board Members, District Staff, volunteers and all the unsung heroes who helped make this year's winter festival such an enormous success. He was extremely pleased with the selection of food trucks, vendors, entertainment, activities and the outstanding attendance of more than 3500 people; more than double last year's attendance. He gave special thanks to the event's Title Sponsor, Chamberlain Realty for their contributions and remarked that he looked forward to their sponsorship next year as well. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and encouraged them to drive safe and sober.

Director DeMarco echoed Director Nitikman's comments relative to the I-405 Project EIR, stating that he would like to see the documentation addressing the freeway noise mitigation for this new project; he would like to get some feedback from Caltrans regarding decibel readings being exceeded and mitigation strategies going forward. He had questions relative to the LED Lighting status. General Manager Ruth replied that they were still in the financial analysis stage in order to verify the savings from the OBF program. Director DeMarco praised District Staff and volunteers for their dedication and outstanding work on the Rossmoor Winter Festival. He remarked that the event was incredible and still had a capacity for even more growth. The amount of people who attended and the variety of things to do was impressive. He received many compliments and positive feedback. He hoped more businesses in the area could see the benefits of sponsoring the event and contributing to its future growth. He added that the snow was fantastic.

Director Casey had comments related to the I-405 freeway and related noise. He stated that he had done some additional research on the matter. He had also spoken to District Representative Tim Whitacre, who understands the community's concerns, as does Supervisor Michelle Steel. He would be following up with them both in the coming months. He also shared his research regarding traditional asphalt versus rubberized asphalt, the latter of which was successfully used by the Minnesota Department of Transportation to mitigate freeway noise; lowering the decibel readings by about eight decibels when traveling at approximately 60 mph. It was also purported to be more effective to noise reduction than sound walls. Whether this is fact or not remained to be seen, however it was food for thought and he would be sharing the research with the County. He encouraged the residents to share their concerns with the County as well. Director Casey thanked OCTA for their response to resident's questions related to the EIR. Director Casey echoed his fellow Board Member's pleasure regarding the huge success of the Rossmoor Winter Festival. The snow kept the children engaged all evening long. He praised Recreation Superintendent and District Staff and Rossmoor Winter Festival founder, Director Bill Kahlert for their hard work in putting the event together and stated that each year gets even bigger and better than the last. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Hanukkah.

K. CLOSED SESSION—None

L. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Director DeMarco, seconded by Director Kahlert to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

James D. Ruth
General Manager