

APRIL 26, 2017 – CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ching called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Ching, MPT/Su, C/Pacheco, C/Rodriguez, C/Tragarz
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Also present were City Manager Wishner; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; Community Development Director Weiner; Community Services Director Rooney; City Attorney Leibold; Deputy Community Services Director Jensen; Management Analyst Barcelo; City Engineer Gilbertson; Assessment Engineer Cody Howing, and City Clerk De Dios.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

- **Lighting and Open Space Maintenance Districts (LOSMD) Budget Workshop – Zones 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, 11 and 12**

CSD/Rooney introduced Cody Howing as the assessment engineer with RKA Engineering and provided a presentation highlighting the history and current state of the LOSMD subsidy including fund balances for each zone, the increased costs absorbed by the General Fund. She proposed different alternatives to Council to address the issue including: zone elections to increase taxes, a city wide overlay and restructuring of the districts, release of easements on slopes not visible from right of way to reduce costs, removal or shared costs for Arterial/Collector roads in LOSMD zones, and the reduction of service levels and subsidies of all zones.

Discussion took place regarding the alternatives proposed as well as the importance of educating residents of maintenance cost

C/Tragarz arrived at 5:48 p.m.to the meeting.

C/Rodriguez arrived at 5:55 p.m. to the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding specifics of an election held to increase landscaping taxes; CSD/Rooney explained that the increase fails if one quadrant does not vote for the increase.

CE/Gilbertson explained that a city wide overlay on all the zones would average the increased costs over all zones.

C/Pacheco suggested restructuring the zones.

Discussion continued amongst the City Council and staff on proposing the restructuring of the LOSMD zones, and concerns over not doing anything on this issue.

M/Ching proposed a safety ballot bond.

There was discussion on other alternatives to continue subsidizing; holding a special election of all zones at one time or individually and the estimated costs.

C/Rodriguez suggested forming a subcommittee to review the process and to conduct public outreach.

It was the consensus of the Council to bring back this item and to invite the stakeholders to share their opinions on the matter.

Rooney shared that staff holds an annual meeting prior to the LOSMD public hearing to allow residents to voice their concerns.

After discussion amongst the City Council and staff, M/Ching requested staff to have another study session after the upcoming budget session meeting to continue the discussion of subsidizing LOSMD zones.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There being no one present wishing to speak, it was the consensus of the City Council to close oral communications. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 24th day of May, 2017.

Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk