

## **JUNE 28, 2017 – CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Ching, C/Pacheco, C/Tragarz, C/Rodriguez

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: MPT/Su

Also present were City Manager Wishner; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; Community Development Director Weiner; Community Services Director Rooney; City Attorney Leibold; City Engineer Gilbertson; and City Clerk De Dios.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

#### **1. LOSMD**

CSD/Rooney began her presentation by providing information on a survey taken from 10 years ago in which residents expressed opposition to increasing assessments. She spoke of the costs involved in conducting outreach and campaigning to the community on increasing assessments in the LOSMD zones. She explained it would be costly to hold an election and the property owners currently oppose the increase on the assessments to each zone; the consequences would involve reducing the levels of service to each zone. She mentioned there have been no increases in the assessments for each zone since 1983.

There was discussion on alternatives such as restructuring, reducing levels of service, polling residents before considering an election of the property owners living in the LOSMD areas.

M/Ching suggested utilizing the new Public Information Officer to conduct more outreach in the community to bring awareness of the LOSMD issue which would help obtain feedback from the residents.

CSD/Rooney explained that staff needs to be clear on what is being asked of residents.

During discussion there were suggestions about forming volunteer groups or creating Ad Hoc Committees per zone or have the current Parks and Recreation Commission discuss the matter at their meetings in order to obtain feedback from the community.

After discussion, CSD/Rooney reported that staff will bring back alternatives and suggestions on the matter in a couple of months for the City Council to consider.

## 2. **Friendship City**

ASD/Ogawa presented an overview on the friendship city policy that was adopted in 2003 by the City Council. She noted that there is no formal application process; the City would prepare a proclamation, which is not a binding document, that would state the friendship city status. She shared that the city has two friendship cities in total since 2004.

CM/Wishner explained that the Mayor had requested to place this item for discussion in order to embrace friendship cities. He explained there was a friendship city policy and the process consisting of a Council member or member of the community proposing a city or country to become a friendship city before a proclamation is issued.

There was discussion about the process amongst the City Council and staff with an understanding that there is a mechanism in place explaining the process for having a friendship city.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

There being no one present wishing to speak, it was unanimously moved by Council to close oral communications. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED on the 26th day of July, 2017.**

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Mary Su, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa De Dios, City Clerk