

MINUTES
MALIBU ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2022
TELECONFERENCED - VARIOUS LOCATIONS
12:00 P.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to AB 361 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Pierson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance:

PRESENT: Councilmember Mikke Pierson and Councilmember Steve Uhring

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager Steve McClary; Interim Assistant City Manager/City Treasurer Ruth Quinto; Public Safety Manager Susan Dueñas; Assistant to the City Manager Elizabeth Shavelson; Finance Manager Renée Neermann; Media Technician Parker Davis; and Executive Assistant Mary Linden

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Councilmember Uhring moved and Councilmember Pierson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Executive Assistant Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on March 3, 2022.

ITEM 1 PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 2 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 3 NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2022

Recommended action: Approve the minutes for the Administration and Finance Subcommittee Special meeting of January 12, 2022.

MOTION Councilmember Uhring moved and Councilmember Pierson seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the Administration and Finance Subcommittee Special meeting of January 12, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Parking Citation Fines

Recommended Action: 1) Review the Public Safety Commission recommendation for increasing parking citation fines; and 2) Provide a recommendation to the City Council.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas presented the report.

Doug Stewart stated the Public Safety Commission's objective was to promote compliance and recover the cost of enforcement. He stated the fines penalized those who ignored public safety for their own convenience. He stated Malibu's visitor numbers were more comparable to other beach cities, as opposed to Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (COG) cities in the Las Virgenes Parking Authority. He explained that was why the Commission compared to coastal cities.

Councilmember Uhring asked what the City could do to mitigate potential court appeals. He suggested adding language that justified the higher fines. He agreed the increases were reasonable.

Councilmember Pierson agreed with Councilmember Uhring. He stated he was worried about some fines that were greatly different than either other beach cities or COG cities, such as 15.64.300 Obstructing Roadway or Lane, which was triple the other cities' fines.

Councilmember Uhring discussed the uniqueness of potential blocking of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), the main road in and out of Malibu. He expressed support for the increases with additional language to support the higher fines.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated she could research data for the prevalence of certain violations and the related public safety hazards. She discussed the possibility of adding signage to indicate the fines. In response to Councilmember Uhring, she stated there were photographs that could be included in the staff report.

MOTION Councilmember Uhring moved and Councilmember Pierson seconded a motion to present the Public Safety Commission recommendation for increasing parking citation fines to the City Council with consideration of language that would enable the City to identify that some fines are based upon the risks posed to residents and visitors, include additional language to consider signage that would identify potential violations and fines for visitors, and provide supporting materials.

In response to Councilmember Uhring, Finance Manager Neermann explained the appeal process. She confirmed there was no cost to appeal.

AMENDMENT

Councilmember Uhring amended his motion to add “and provide the Sheriff’s Department with the public safety data and reasoning that supports the fine.”

The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Oversized Vehicle Citation Fine

Recommended Action: 1) Review the Public Safety Commission recommendation to establish a fine for violations of Malibu Municipal Code (MMC) Section 10.18.030 (Oversized Vehicles), and 2) Provide a recommendation to the City Council.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas presented the report.

Doug Stewart stated the Public Safety Commission discussed using movable signs over the summer advising visitors of certain parking violations and fines. He stated the step-up fine schedule was based on the County’s camping ordinance fine schedule.

MOTION

Councilmember Uhring moved and Councilmember Pierson seconded a motion to provide a recommendation to the City Council to establish a fine schedule for violations of Malibu Municipal Code (MMC) Section 10.18.030 (Oversized Vehicles), as recommended by the Public Safety Commission.

Councilmember Pierson asked if the violator and the deputy issuing the citation would be aware of previous citations issued. Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated she was working with the Sheriff’s Department on the process.

Councilmember Pierson asked if this would require signage. Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated she would look into possibly adding a sign to currently posted signs.

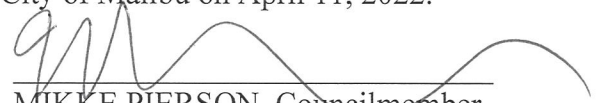
The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

At 12:25 p.m., Councilmember Pierson moved and Councilmember Uhring seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Administration and Finance Subcommittee of the City of Malibu on April 11, 2022.



MIKKE PIERSON, Councilmember

ATTEST:



MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant