

MINUTES
MALIBU CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 25, 2018
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mullen 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 Rick Mullen; Mayor Pro Tem Jefferson Wagner; and Councilmembers Lou La Monte, Skylar Peak, and Laura Rosenthal

ALSO PRESENT: Reva Feldman, City Manager; Lisa Soghor, Assistant City Manager; Heather Glaser, City Clerk; Jesse Bobbett, Community Services Director; Craig George, Environmental Sustainability Director; Bob Brager, Public Works Director; Ruth Piyaman, Finance Manager; Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Deputy Director; and Rob DuBoux, Assistant Public Works Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lloyd Ahern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Councilmember Rosenthal moved and Councilmember La Monte seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

City Clerk Glaser reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on April 20, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Peak announced a Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education meeting on April 26, 2018.

ITEM 1 NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Staff recommendation: Provide direction to staff on the proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget, General Fund Grants and Annual Work Plan.

Assistant City Manager Soghor presented the staff report.

In response to Councilmember La Monte, Assistant City Manager Soghor stated \$200,000 had been dedicated to the budget line item Homeless Outreach and Support Services.

In response to Councilmember Rosenthal, City Manager Feldman discussed the costs associated with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Liability Trust Fund. She stated the three percent increase was a flat increase to all cities.

In response to Councilmember Peak, Assistant City Manager Soghor stated electric vehicle charging stations and the solar carport for City Hall were included as Capital Improvement Projects. She stated funds had been included for the purchase of one electric vehicle. City Manager Feldman discussed a statewide grant program for the purchase of electric vehicles.

Councilmember Peak stated he would like to see the City's part-time staff minimum wage raised to \$15.00 per hour.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Wagner and Mayor Mullen, Assistant City Manager Soghor discussed the minimum wage increases through 2020. She stated the increase to \$15.00 per hour for all part-time staff would cost an additional \$97,000 with the addition of a cost-of-living adjustment.

Councilmember La Monte indicated support for raising the minimum wage for part-time City staff to \$15.00.

Councilmember Rosenthal indicated support for raising the minimum wage for part-time City staff to \$15.00. She discussed the importance the part-time positions.

City Manager Feldman stated staff would look at increasing part-time wages to \$15.00 while maintaining a balanced budget.

In response to Councilmember Peak, Assistant City Manager Soghor discussed the possibility of using less of the water budget for Legacy Park and Bluffs Park once the reclaimed water from the Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility (CCWTF) was available.

In response to Councilmember Rosenthal, City Manager Feldman stated the intention was to irrigate as much City property as possible with reclaimed water.

In response to Councilmember Peak, Assistant Public Works Director DuBoux stated minor costs would be incurred from connecting reclaimed water to the irrigation system.

Councilmember Peak stated he would like to increase the General Fund Grant Program by \$100,000 or add a budget as a line item for funds to go to the Malibu Boys & Girls Club.

In response to Mayor Mullen, City Manager Feldman stated the Malibu Boys & Girls Club had submitted a General Fund Grant application for \$300,000.

In response to Councilmember La Monte, Assistant City Manager Soghor stated \$40,000 had been granted to the Boys & Girls Club in Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Councilmember Rosenthal discussed additional funds allocated to the Malibu Boys & Girls Club from Library funds throughout the year. She indicated support for supporting the Malibu Boys & Girls Club core programs. She discussed the option of adding funding as a line item instead of the General Fund Grant Program.

City Manager Feldman suggested the Council provide a list of all line items it would like changed or increased. She stated staff would make an effort to incorporate as much as possible.

Mayor Mullen stated the budget process was deliberative and was taken very seriously. He discussed the importance of transparency. He discussed the number of residents per employee versus surrounding cities including the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles. He stated the ratio of residents per employees in the City was comparable to surrounding areas. He expressed appreciation for the comments he received from the public.

In response to Mayor Mullen, City Manager Feldman discussed the meaning of a balanced budget and stated the cost of debt was solely for property acquisition and improvements.

Mayor Mullen discussed the importance of maintaining reserves and taking advantage of rare acquisition opportunities.

Councilmember Peak discussed the differences between cities including space, septic systems, and the number of visitors.

City Manager Feldman stated Westlake Village contracted out for many positions for which the City of Malibu employed staff. She discussed the costs incurred

from mandated water quality testing, the CCWTF, Pacific Coast Highway, and 15 million visitors a year. She stated the City was the only city in the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments dealing with the matters surrounding homelessness. She expressed appreciation for the public's participation in the budget process.

Councilmember Peak stated the City had maintained a balanced budget through the land acquisitions the City had made over the years and including the up and coming acquisitions.

City Manager Feldman stated the reserves of the City would go from 100 percent to 65 percent even after the up and coming land acquisition.

Councilmember La Monte discussed the number of visitors Malibu experienced versus other cities.

Mayor Pro Tem Wagner discussed the additional opportunities the public had to provide input regarding the budget.

Councilmember Rosenthal encouraged the community to participate in the process.

Mayor Mullen stated Malibu faced unique challenges, and he encouraged the community to participate in the budgeting s process.

ADJOURNMENT

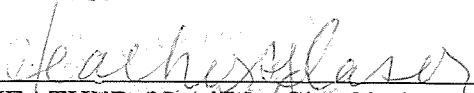
At 7:04 p.m., Mayor Mullen adjourned the meeting.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the
City of Malibu on May 29, 2018.



RICK MULLEN, Mayor

ATTEST:



HEATHER GLASER, City Clerk
(seal)