



MINUTES
Neighborhood Council Organization (INCO)
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, May 4, 2022

A. ROLL CALL

At 7:02 p.m., 1st Vice-Chair Velzy called the meeting to order.

Present were: John Huycke, Bryce Canyon North; Doug Partello, Cabrillo; Len Shulman, Carriage Square; Tom McNally, Channel Islands, Ronald Arruejo, East Village; Pat Brown, Five Points Northeast; Chris Taccone, Fremont North; Jack Villa, Hobson Park East; Diana Velzy, Orchard Park; Walt Hagedohm, Oxnard Shores; Carlos Quiroz, Redwood; Michael Gleason, West Village

A quorum of members was present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of April 6, 2022

Motion by Jack Villa, seconded by Chris Taccone. Minutes were approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS Public comments were received from:

None received.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget

RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receive a report from City Manager Alexander Nguyen and Department Directors on the City's upcoming Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget

The City Manager gave a report. Comments and questions were received from:

Jack Villa - What was in the General Fund reserves? ANSWER: Betsy George: target is 12% reserve, projecting a 20% reserve at year-end, and endeavoring to maintain the 12% Council-approved target; Jack Villa - \$29 million reduction in Measure O, yearly? ANSWER: Correct, estimates are projecting slight increases as years go by; total revenue/expenditure on a monthly basis? ANSWER: No, only looking at annual numbers; don't currently have actuals; Jack Villa - On the PACC, answers on seismic study; ANSWER: CM: PACC is a Council priority, a seismic study is complete and under review; Jack Villa - homeless issues plaguing the City, more support and services for the homeless is needed

Tom McNally - hiring difficulties in OFD, OPD, PW, what's the vacancy rate? ANSWER: Michael Wolfe - 515 FTEs across all divisions, the current count is 28 unfilled positions; Chief Benites - 358 FTEs, 15 sworn vacancies w/ **check video**; Chief Hamilton - 138 FTEs, 4 unfilled positions

Douglas Partello - \$322 million in unfunded pension debt, how does that impact current and future budgets? Not enough staff to maintain City's trees; City has the wrong trees; solutions for the homeless issue. ANSWER: CM: we have 48,000 trees, not 500,000; we have a lot of deferred maintenance; water agencies pushed to draught level 3; homeless: review formal presentation on homeless to City Council on April 5, 2022; pension issues not unique to City, PEPRA will help alleviate/reformulating retirement

formula for public employees. Partello - what are the ongoing costs of the Aquatic Center? ANSWER: PW Dir - will get that number for maintenance and staff

Diana Velzy - restore neighborhood police program, please clarify; ANSWER: Chief Benites - neighborhood policing program's current iteration started in 2016, had to adapt due to budget constraints, but now want to restore the program, restructuring beat coordinator program. Diana Velzy - are current projects currently bonded for, are we looking for grants? ANSWER: CM: all projects are still upcoming

Chris Taccone - there is nothing for Parks; ANSWER: money has been allocated, including the American Rescue Plan Act funding; Steve Howlett: slide 19 addresses operations, but does not include the City's CIP program, new investments will be done in the City's parks; issues with supply chain disruptions and cost of goods due to inflation; City Engineer: ARPA provides \$3 million for playground replacements; will also be funding bathroom replacements, which will be General Fund needs-based parks; Chris Taccone - issue getting a light installed in the park; ANSWER: nothing in CIP for that particular project

2. SUBJECT: Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receive a verbal report from Planning & Sustainability Manager Kathleen Mallory and Housing Director Emilio Ramirez on the update to the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

The Planning & Sustainability Manager and Housing Director gave a report. Would like to host a workshop on the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance; would like to do a formal presentation/interactive workshop, lasting around one hour

No questions or comments received.

3. SUBJECT: Proposed New Curb Cut Policy

RECOMMENDATION: That the INCO General Membership receive a report from Community Development Director Vyto Adomaitis on City's proposed new residential curb cut policy to enhance the parking availability in residential areas by allowing curb cuts and adding off-street parking on residential property

The Community Development Director gave a report. Questions and comments were received from:

Jon Huycke - Thanked staff; spoke on how the community has changed since it was initially built and infrastructure needs to change as well

Carlos Quiroz - who does work when a permit is issued? What are the standards? ANSWER: two different standards to use; a parkway creates one type of curb cut, when the sidewalk is right next to the street, that is a different curb cut; In 1992, City created a new policy that disallowed most new curb cuts; A-Licensed contractor would construct new curb cuts

Pat Brown - Royal Palms Mobile Home Park has parking issues all around the development.

Chris Taccone - Issues painting curbs red; Public Works Dept handles the issue

Dave Ebbit - what is the enforcement mechanism; permits are subject to field verification and inspection

F. NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIR REPORTS Reports were received from:

Jack Villa, Hobson Park East - May 12 will be having a neighborhood meeting, focusing on neighborhood park

Walt Hagedohm, Oxnard Shores - had an election meeting last Wednesday evening; dealing with the issue of touch and go landings at Oxnard Airport

Len Shulman, Carriage Square - On May 19, will be having an in-person election meeting

Tom McNally, Channel Islands - Water testing devices were put back in the water in March, and results have come back looking good; will ask Council for money for testing and mitigation feasibility; May 11 will be a joint planning meeting with County officials; monthly testing not being done due to lack of funding; Oxnard Airport issues with noise pollution

Doug Partello, Cabrillo - Ongoing issue with mailbox vandalism; issue with tree roots lifting up sidewalks, trash lids, gophers, Teal Club development

Chris Taccone, Fremont North - May 26 election meeting over Zoom

G. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS Reports were received from:

4th Vice-chair Jack Villa - Neighborhood Activation Subcommittee work continues

1st Vice-chair Diana Velzy - Neighborhood Cleanups is an ongoing issue

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Carlos Quiroz - Would like to start meetings at 6 p.m.

Dave Ebbitt - Desalination plant, AWPW wastewater

Jack Villa - Quimby funds

I. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, 1st Vice-Chair Velzy adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Smith
Executive Secretary