



**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

REGULAR MEETING

RUSH PARK
3021 Blume Drive
Rossmoor, California

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

**2. ROLL CALL: Directors Bill Kahlert, Ron Casey, Jeffrey Rips, Alfred Coletta,
President Shannon Hough.**

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PRESENTATIONS

a. So Cal Gas Company-Gas Pipeline Safety Presentation-Jennifer Gonzalez

Southern California Gas Company Representative Jennifer Gonzalez gave an informational PowerPoint presentation on gas pipeline safety. Residents had many questions and concerns relative to pinpointing locations of gas pipelines in or near Rossmoor as well as the age of the infrastructure. Ms. Gonzalez responded that the Southern California Gas Company is heavily regulated and responsible for the nation's largest pipeline distribution and has to report to a number of organizations, including the National Transportation Board. She agreed to gather a list of the numerous community questions and bring her answers back to the Board at a later time.

**5. CERTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED
BOARD MEMBERS**

President Hough swore in newly appointed incumbent Director Alfred Coletta, and newly appointed Director Bill Kahlert. Applause ensued.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None

C. PUBLIC FORUM - None

Joyce Bloom opined relative to the limits of the District's jurisdiction.

Ralph Vartabedian announced that the RHA in collaboration with Golden State Water Company would be holding a Town Hall Meeting on water issues on January 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Ken Brown had questions relative to conflicts of interest. He also congratulated O.C. Sheriff Department Deputy Carpenter for maintaining his composure in the face of a verbally abusive resident, after issuing them a street sweeping citation.

Cheryl Brothers congratulated the District on its informative and easy to use website, stating it was the best she had seen. Ms. Brothers also announced that she was running for a Special District seat on LAFCO in the upcoming January 27, 2011 ISDOC Election and requested the Board's support.

D. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

1. INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT ON MATURING INVESTMENTS

Recommendation to receive the report of the Investment Committee regarding status and recommendations of the District's investment portfolio.

The General Manager stated that the current bond would be maturing December 15th. Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Coletta to adopt the General Manager's recommendation and purchase a new 2 year term, U.S. Agency Bond based on the General Manager's evaluation of the best interest rate. Discussion ensued. The majority of the Board expressed reservations about locking in funds for a 2 year term. Substitute Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Coletta to purchase a new, 1 year term, U.S. Agency Bond based on the General Manager's evaluation of the best interest rate. Motion passed 5-0. The report of the investment committee was received and filed.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Casey requested that Item E-2 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

ITEMS PULLED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR WERE ACTED UPON AT THIS TIME

2. REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT-October 2010

Director Casey had questions relative to page 1, Revenue from other Government agencies and page 13, notation number 8--\$16,200 current month figure. Accountant Bookkeeper Kathleen Bell addressed Director Casey's questions and explained that the \$51K in October was a reimbursement from the County for street sweeping and the figure on page 13 was a reversal (canceled check).

Motion by Director Casey seconded by Director Rips to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. Motion passed 5-0.

THE BOARD TOOK A RECESS AT 7:45 P.M. AND CONVENED TO A CLOSED SESSION. THE BOARD RECONVENED AT 8:05 P.M.

President Hough reported that during closed session the Board took action seeking a nonbinding opinion of the California Attorney General as to the scope of law enforcement services in Rossmoor and said action was passed by a vote of 5-0.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

1. First Reading of Ordinance No. 2010-01 Adopting a Policy for Remuneration/Reimbursement/Amend Policy 4030.

President Hough opened the floor for public hearing. Various residents opined.

It was the consensus of the Board that they dedicated many hours of service and were deserving of an increase in compensation.

Motion by Director Rips seconded by Director Coletta, to give first reading to draft Ordinance No. 2010-01 Adopting a Policy for Remuneration/Reimbursement and bring back a revised version at the next regular meeting of the Board. Motion passed 5-0. Motion by Director Rips, seconded by Director Casey to give first reading to proposed amendments to Policy 4030 and bring back a revised version at the next regular meeting of the Board. Motion passed 5-0.

G. RESOLUTIONS-None

H. REGULAR CALENDAR

1. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: LAGSL REQUEST TO SCRAPE FIELD 3**

Recommendation to give direction to the General Manager regarding this matter.

President Hough opened the floor to the public. Many residents who lived near Rossmoor Park spoke in opposition to the Field scraping, citing concerns with traffic congestion, safety, noise, parking issues, dust and loss of green space as well as an increase in league games; consensus being that the LAGSL was monopolizing the park and creating a sports stadium.

LAGSL President Andy Herman stated that the dustless material was safe and was used in many professional applications. He assured the Board that there would not be an increase in games. When asked by Director Coletta what the percentage of Rossmoor girls made up the softball league, he answered that it was a large percentage.

President Hough requested a roll call vote. The LAGSL request to scrape field 3 at Rossmoor Park and install a dustless dirt material at their cost was passed by roll call vote, 3-2, with Director Coletta and Director Casey voting No.

Discussion ensued. Director Coletta requested that the General Manager meet with the league and draft a new, more comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with LAGSL and in addition, require the league to sign an indemnification to protect the District against potential litigation from surrounding homeowners. Director Rips volunteered to assist with league negotiations and in drafting the MOU and indemnification.

2. 2nd READING RESTRUCTURING OF BOARD POLICIES RE: BOARD MEETINGS AND ORDER

Recommendation to give second reading and adopt policies to restructure and group Board policies under the headings of “Board Meetings” and “Order”.

Motion by Director Rips, seconded by Director Coletta to adopt the policies to restructure and group Board policies under the headings of “Board Meetings” and “Order”. Motion passed 5-0.

3. EXTENDED TERM AGREEMENT WITH VALLEYCREST FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES

Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to negotiate a Professional Services Agreement with ValleyCrest Landscaping Services, Inc. to provide landscaping services for the District’s parks and other facilities.

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Coletta to negotiate a Professional Services Agreement with ValleyCrest Landscaping Services, Inc. to provide landscaping services for the District’s parks and other facilities in the amount of \$70,800 per year. Motion passed 5-0.

I. GENERAL MANAGER ITEMS

The General Manager stated that the 2009/2010 Final Budget document had recently been published and would be distributed to neighboring municipalities. He commended the staff for their hard work. He also stated that he had spoken to Los Alamitos City Manager Jeff Stewart and was in the final stages of scheduling Troy Edgar and Marilyn Poe for the January 2011 Governance Workshop presentation. Finally he expressed holiday greetings to all.

J. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

President Hough announced that there was currently a heightened postal alert on FedEx, and UPS packages delivered to homes. She stated that she wanted to quickly move forward with

the LAGSL MOU and indemnification. Finally, she thanked the staff for a great year, and wished the community a Happy Holiday and safe and prosperous New Year.

Director Rips welcomed Directors Coletta and Kahlert to the Board. He referenced ISDOC candidate Cheryl Brothers earlier praise for the District website and stated that it was important to acknowledge and give credit to Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Deering for her hard work on the website. Director Rips requested that some research be done on obtaining a portable skate park that could possibly serve the youth and teams in the community. He also requested that quantifiable park usage data be collected. Finally he volunteered to work with the league on drafting a new MOU and requested a future community workshop in order to develop a long term vision for use of the District parks. Finally he wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Director Casey thanked the California Highway Patrol for installing driver feedback speed limit signs in the community, stating it really helped make drivers more conscious of their speeding and wished everyone Seasons Greetings.

Director Coletta wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the District staff for their hard work. He stated that he appreciated getting the agenda earlier and having more time to review it. He requested that the January 11, 2011 regularly scheduled workshop be scheduled at 6:00 p.m. to be followed by the Governance Workshop at 7:00 p.m. Furthermore, Director Coletta requested a thorough report from LAGSL in memorandum format, outlining who will be responsible for the dust control and mitigation on Field 3 at Rossmoor Park. He encouraged the prompt formulation of the MOU and a meeting with the league to create a binding agreement clearly stating who the responsible party was for the dust mitigation.

Director Kahlert wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

K. CLOSED SESSION-Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (c). (Moved up in the agenda)

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Director Casey, seconded by Director Rips to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:00 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

Henry Taboada
Consulting General Manager