



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

SPECIAL MEETING

ROSSMOOR PARK
Community Center
3232 Hedwig Road
Rossmoor, California

Thursday, September 1, 2011

A. ORGANIZATION

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:40 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL: Directors Casey, Coletta, Kahlert, Maynard
President Rips

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

B. PUBLIC FORUM-None

C. AGENDA

1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: RELOCATION OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ROSSMOOR PARK AND RELATED GOVERNANCE ISSUES

The General Manager stated that with Board approval, he would proceed with the process of relocating the Sheriff's office to Rossmoor Park. He added the move is timely considering recent activities at Rossmoor Park and the nearby Rossmoor Shopping Village.

The General Manager reported the recent Huntington Beach Police takeover of Sunset Beach and its effect on the backup Sheriff situation in Rossmoor. The item was opened for Board member comments.

Director Coletta suggested the District obtain a copy of the Attorney General opinion regarding the takeover.

President Rips asked if the Rossmoor Homeowners Association voiced any concerns regarding the relocation of the Sheriff's office. The General Manager informed the Board that the RHA has requested help with the transfer of furniture. Discussion ensued regarding the impact on Recreation Staff, which was stated as being minimal.

Motion by Director Maynard to relocate the Sheriff's office to Rossmoor Park and move the

RHA office to Rush Park. Motion passed 5-0.

The General Manager stated that the agenda also called for discussion of governance issues. He reported the Los Alamitos City Council had adopted a resolution related to zoning relative to the Rossmoor Shopping Village which was subsequently sent to the Los Alamitos Planning Commission. Discussion ensued among the Board related to the Wallingsford Road apartment complex and its relationship to Los Alamitos' plan to annex the Rossmoor Shopping Village.

Director Maynard stated his concern regarding the City of Los Alamitos strategy of possibly carving out the Church and apartment complex in order to annex the rest of the Shopping Village. Discussion ensued regarding the Church.

The General Manager informed the Board that LAFCO could carve out everything in that corner that did not produce tax revenue; however, there could be a means to challenge this sort of cherry-picking. He assured the Board that he had everything in place and was ready to proceed with filing the application to LAFCO to take over Animal Care services (except the proposal from Long Beach which he would have soon). He added OC Animal Care currently has no exchange of monies with the County and there would be no financial exchange required to take on that service.

Director Coletta stated that Rossmoor and the Rossmoor Predator Management Team were viewed nationally on the National Geographic program called "Coyote Wars" due to the recent coyote activity. He suggested the District develop a Power Point presentation with RPMT Founder Rebecca Lara to present to LAFCO.

The General Manager stressed the importance of having a credible representative present Rossmoor's case to the County. Regarding latent powers status, he stated Police Services was DOA until Rossmoor received an opinion from the Attorney General and that there was no public outcry to take on refuse collection latent powers at this time.

Director Coletta requested documentation proving how much in franchise fees CR&R pays to the County. The General Manager informed Director Coletta it would take District resources in order to research such information. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Director Coletta, seconded by Director Maynard to instruct the General Manager to go forward with filing the application for Animal Care to LAFCO as soon as the Long Beach Animal Care agreement was made available. Director Maynard added that the Board should initiate a recruitment to identify a credible individual to present the District's case to the County. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion ensued as follows: Director Coletta stated that the District needed to obtain reliable numbers from Supervisor John Moorlach in order to disprove his allegations of Rossmoor services being a revenue drain on the County. He suggested the General Manager send a letter to the County and a copy to other County representatives requesting the financial data on how much Rossmoor costs the County (including the Shopping Village).

He proposed that Rossmoor use the Public Record Act Request as a tool.

Motion by Director Coletta seconded by Director Maynard to direct the General Manager to consult with a forensic government accounting firm that has experience with government audit financials to learn what it would take to get them to file a Public Records Request and to bring back the information to the Board for the next step. Motion passed 5-0.

Director Kahlert stressed the importance of getting the letter initiated and processed and also working on the case to file the Application for Animal Care.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Director Kahlert, seconded by Director Coletta to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

SUBMITTED BY:

Henry Taboada
Consulting General Manager