

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 25, 2003

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:31 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by MAYOR RAUCH.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR RAUCH led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

City Council Members Present: Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

City Staff Present: City Manager Doug Prichard

City Attorney Richard Terzian

Assistant City Manager Sam Wise

Planning Director David Wahba

Community Services Director Andy Clark

Administrative Analyst Greg Grammer

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

A. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS was pleased to present Administrative Analyst Grammer with a certificate of appreciation for his creative efforts in promoting the South Bay Energy Rewards Program.

ROUTINE MATTERS

A. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2003

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2003 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

B. REGULAR ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL AND REGULAR PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2003

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE THE REGULAR ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL AND REGULAR PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2003 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

C. SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2003

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2003 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

D. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO APPROVE Warrants 34652 through 34696 in the amount of \$175,953.29; Warrants 34576 through 34615 in the amount of \$109,725.77; Supplemental Warrants 100301 through 100302; 34402 through 34417; 34485 through 34493; 34553 through 34557 in the amount of \$194,445.47 for a grand total amount of \$480,124.53 with proper audit.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

CONSENT CALENDAR

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE ITEMS A-F.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

A. READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions presented for consideration to the City Council will be waived and all such ordinances and resolutions will be read by title only.

B. RELEASE OF BONDS FOR VANTAGE POINTE

Recommendation: That the City Council direct staff to authorize the release of Bond No. 3SM91157300 in the amount of \$224,000 for the water system in the Cayman Subdivision.

DIRECTED STAFF TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF BOND NO. 3SM91157300 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$224,000 FOR THE WATER SYSTEM IN THE CAYMAN SUBDIVISION.

C. CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY – FERREE

Recommendation: That the City Council send the standard rejection letter to claimant.

REJECTED.

D. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED OCTOBER 24, 2003

RECEIVED AND FILED.

E. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED OCTOBER 31, 2003

RECEIVED AND FILED.

F. LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2003

RECEIVED AND FILED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA/WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A. Christina Zimmerman, 19 Ranchview Road, requested COUNCIL consideration to grandfather in the Broadacres Preschool conditional use permit without requiring a renewal every four years as they have contributed a valuable service to the community over the years. She commented that since Mr. Brown's passing, it would be less stressful on the family if they were not required to reapply for a CUP.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS requested this matter be agendized for a future meeting.

City Manager Prichard noted this item was placed on the Planning Department Work Program for future consideration, but was pushed back due to other major projects taking precedence. Additionally, he stated this will be brought to the COUNCIL at the Policy Development Session.

B. Angela Houle, 44 Ranchview Road, Chair, Citizens Advisory Board for the Palos Verdes Landfill, stated that this board was created to promote greater public awareness and involvement in the operation of the Landfill site. She noted that COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN is a member and expressed her appreciation to him for serving on this committee. She reported on two meetings held recently with representatives from Department of Toxic Substance Control and the Air Quality Management District, respectively, which raised questions regarding safety conditions at and around the site. She then noted that the AQMD will follow up with air monitoring and soil testing from Rancho Vista School, but other information was provided from a "paper" review of the test results.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL inquired if the DTSC will be filing a response to the proposed golf course and stated that whatever testing is performed would be very important for inclusion in the document. Ms. Houle noted they intend to do so, but that no testing will be done prior to the close of the comment period. She stated the CAB would forward this request to the DTSC.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN added that DTSC representatives will be in attendance at the Los Angeles County Park and Recreation Commission public hearing in response to the Draft EIR and will be held on December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Botanic Gardens.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN reiterated that the any costs incurred from testing should be borne by the applicant rather than the agency.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2003

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2003.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

B. PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2003

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2003.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

1. ACTION ITEM FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2003 MEETING – CRENSHAW BOULEVARD MEDIAN

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the conceptual landscape plan to improve the Crenshaw Boulevard median located north of the intersection of Palos Verdes Drive North at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL noted that, due to the uncertainty as to how the State will handle its budget, the City needs to monitor any expenses very closely.

City Manager Prichard then stated that this particular item is included in the current fiscal year budget as it was carried over from the previous year.

Brief discussion ensued regarding financial policy issues and what the impact of the State budget will have on the City. City Manager Prichard noted that the Governor appears to be committed to local cities in terms of maintaining their funding.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL suggested that the COUNCIL may wish to consider deferring this project.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN inquired if this project would cause disruption to Crenshaw Boulevard due to additional irrigation that may be necessary or if other plant varieties had been considered.

Assistant City Manager Wise noted that steps had been taken to dry out the earth underneath the street and reduce subsidence. He indicated that the irrigation being proposed can eventually be abandoned in favor of low-maintenance plants once they are established.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by MAYOR RAUCH

TO APPROVE THE CONCEPTUAL LANDSCAPE PLAN TO IMPROVE THE CRENSHAW BOULEVARD MEDIAN LOCATED NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

C. RESTAURANT STORMWATER INSPECTIONS

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the agreement to expand the services presently provided under the Environmental Health Inspection General Services Agreement between the City and the County to include restaurant stormwater inspection services.

Administrative Analyst Grammer provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS suggested inspection visits be unannounced.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN suggested the fee could be rolled into the business license or made a part of the conditional use permit.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT TO EXPAND THE SERVICES PRESENTLY PROVIDED UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTION GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY TO INCLUDE RESTAURANT STORMWATER INSPECTION SERVICES.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

OLD BUSINESS

A. SOUTH COAST COUNTY GOLF COURSE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR);
APPLICANT: COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND
MERITAGE ROLLING HILLS GOLF, LLC

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Direct staff to continue working with the City's hired consultants on the issues as identified; 2) Direct staff to generate a letter to the County of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and the County Board of Supervisors by the public comment period deadline of December 30, 2003 stating the City's concerns with the project; and 3) Oppose the relocation of the Equestrian Center from its present location.

City Manager Prichard stated that the staff report is intended to provide an update on the Draft Environmental Report reviewed by the City's consultants as well as the Equestrian Committee, Park and Activities Commission and staff. He noted that further direction from the COUNCIL is warranted at this time in regards to policy decisions in order to continue preparing the formal response to the DEIR. He noted that the present deadline is set for December 30, although it may be extended. Additionally, he commented that an extensive amount of work has been undertaken by MAYOR RAUCH and COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN, acting as the City's subcommittee, and staff, which may not be visible to the public and acknowledged their efforts in furtherance of this project on behalf of the interests of the community. He noted that the County Sanitation Districts as well as the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) have been made aware of health concerns, particularly those that may result from the movement of dirt and introduction of additional water on the site and reiterated that the COUNCIL wants to be certain of the facts prior to taking a position. Additionally, he noted the COUNCIL'S policy has been to reserve judgment until such time as the project undergoes all environmental reviews and is thoroughly reviewed by the City's independent consultants. He then noted that issues such as health, traffic, light, noise, course layout and stables location will be identified in the City's comments on the DEIR as well.

With regards to the Equestrian Center, City Manager Prichard stated that the COUNCIL'S position is that relocation or renovation should not result in the City having to expend additional monies in excess of available Proposition A grant funds. He noted that preliminary estimates for design work were presented to the COUNCIL to assist in determining whether or not the stables should remain at its current location. The Equestrian Committee and Park and Activities Commission have recommended opposing relocation of the stables. City Manager Prichard noted that review of the document provides several alternatives that envision leaving the stables in place. He noted that Supervisor Knabe and Field Deputy Mike Gin both have reiterated their position that the stables will be preserved and more than likely remain at the present location.

Planning Director Wahba provided a staff report (as per agenda material). He noted his concerns regarding building the stables on a landfill and commented on deferred mitigation measures which have been identified in the DEIR.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN commented that the applicant should pay all costs associated with mitigating any impacts on this project (including relocation of the stables) and this should be made a part of the discussion.

Discussion continued with COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN noting that he is not comfortable with this project as it will have a major impact which may require additional City funding as well as his interpretation of the project's failure to meet the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. He believed this responsibility lies with the applicant.

City Manager Prichard indicated that these questions were asked of the County and applicant as the City wishes to have the stables remain at its current site and that this will be included in the formal comments from the City.

City Manager Prichard then provided a brief history of this project. He noted that, from the outset, the City reviewed the proposal prior to the Request for Qualifications being sent out and insisted there be no night lighting and that the stables would remain somewhere on the site. Additionally, he stated that the Equestrian Center is a regional facility just as much as the golf course would be, and that it benefits the greater South Bay. He noted that Supervisor Knabe wishes to protect this facility and deserves thanks

for his efforts in working with the City to address these issues early on.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN expressed his opinion that the DEIR has many errors and omissions. He noted major concerns with the amount of daily watering as it may affect the site since it already suffers from subsidence, as well as the exorbitant importation of soil.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL commented that she serves on the Equestrian Committee and they met recently to discuss the impact of the stables. She noted their main concern was moving from Crenshaw Boulevard to Hawthorne Boulevard and that the DEIR did not address the traffic impacts that would occur if the stables were moved. She reiterated that the present site already provides utilities and has established good footing in the arenas and that the Hawthorne Boulevard site was not desirable. She noted this will be incorporated into the City's response as well. Additionally, another major concern was a temporary location for existing horses if relocation is necessary.

Diane Volpicelli, 5 Country Meadow, represented concerned parents from Country Day School and stated they are writing letters to Supervisor Knabe and Mr. Hensley. She commended the City for looking into this project as many questions must be answered.

Joan Davidson, Palos Verdes Estates, expressed her appreciation to the COUNCIL for their continued diligence. She noted that the Citizens' Advisory Board is working on this project, but information provided by the DTSC was at least 17 or more years old. Some points mentioned included: 1) Requesting agencies to demand updated information; 2) Location of wells; 3) Updated mapping information; 4) Air quality standards set by the Air Quality Management District; and 5) Other Superfund sites. She reiterated her belief that this site is a health concern to the entire community.

Melody Colbert, 4604 Rockbluff, Palos Verdes Peninsula Horsemen's Association, noted that a mailing was sent out to those members urging them to write to the County requesting protection of the Equestrian Center and trails. She stated that she is skeptical of any promises the County may make and would like to see in writing that the center will remain.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN commented that he is encouraged by the public comments in that quality makes more of an impact than quantity. He noted his appreciation to concerned residents working diligently on this project.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL announced that the County Park and Recreation Commission public hearing is scheduled for December 8 to discuss the DEIR.

Ms. Houle noted that this will be a regular meeting of the Parks Commission and will take place at the Botanic Garden. She then noted that the Commission will forward their recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

Debbie Lang, Peninsula Center business owner, commented that her main issue is health related.

Karen Carlson, Rancho Palos Verdes, commented that she has health concerns as well. She urged the COUNCIL to exert its influence and also encouraged parents to get involved and send letters to the County.

Susan Mizrahi, Torrance, expressed her disappointment that the City of Torrance has not participated in this review as much as she would like. She noted her children attend school in the community and that any risk is unacceptable when it comes to health and safety. She appreciated the COUNCIL'S consideration and encouraged everyone to attend the December 8 meeting.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN stated that City Manager Prichard will make a presentation at that meeting.

Patricia Harik, 20 Hitching Post, stated she moved to this area for the equestrian atmosphere. She noted she would like to be involved and submit an application to serve on the Equestrian Committee and thanked the COUNCIL for its involvement.

C. Nelson, 27110 Fond du lac, Rancho Palos Verdes, expressed her gratitude to the COUNCIL for their

support of the Equestrian Center. She noted that she has been a boarder for 12 years and that this impacts children and adults alike. She commented that even if the stables remain, there is still an air quality issue and asked the COUNCIL to take this into consideration.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN referred to Section 3, D-F, Pages 20-22 regarding traffic assessment and believed this to be an important section. He stated that all reports will be reviewed very closely by the COUNCIL and consultants.

City Manager Prichard noted that the COUNCIL should review the City's comment letter prior to it being sent out.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL requested the comment letter be available at a public meeting and on the City's website if the deadline is extended.

It was the consensus of the COUNCIL to take a formal position opposing relocation of the Equestrian Center.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO DIRECT STAFF TO: 1) CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE CITY'S HIRED CONSULTANTS ON THE ISSUES AS IDENTIFIED; 2) GENERATE A LETTER TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD DEADLINE STATING THE CITY'S CONCERNS WITH THE PROJECT; AND 3) OPPOSE THE RELOCATION OF THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN commended MAYOR RAUCH, COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN and City Manager Prichard on their efforts in creating baseline conditions even though the City does not have jurisdiction over this project.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN noted his concern with potential liability exposure on the part of the City. Since this is a public golf course with a private owner, COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN inquired as to who would be held accountable if a problem arises. It was noted that City Attorney Terzian will investigate this matter further.

CITY COUNCIL/REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: This item provides the opportunity for Members of the City Council to provide information and reports to other Members of the City Council and/or the public on any issues or activities of currently active Council Committees, ad hoc committees, regional or state-wide governmental associations, special districts and/or joint powers authorities and their various committees on which Members of the City Council might serve or have an interest, which are not otherwise agendized.

A. MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

1. EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2003

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2003.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

2. EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2003

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE EQUESTRIAN COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2003.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

B. COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

1. TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2003

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2003.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

a) PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH/STRAWBERRY LANE "KEEP CLEAR" MARKING REQUEST

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the installation of a "Keep Clear" marking and limit lines on Palos Verdes Drive North at Strawberry Lane in the westbound direction to enhance traffic circulation at the intersection.

Assistant City Manager Wise provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A "KEEP CLEAR" MARKING AND LIMIT LINES ON PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH AT STRAWBERRY LANE IN THE WESTBOUND DIRECTION TO ENHANCE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AT THE INTERSECTION.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

ROLLINGWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD SPEED HUMP STUDY

Recommendation: That the City Council approve: 1) The installation of two speed humps on Dunwood Road in the locations identified; 2) Completion of a survey of the entire Rollingwood tract which would poll speed hump interest not only on the streets already identified (i.e. Kingspine and Willow Wood), but also other streets where residents might be impacted (most notably Elmdale and Rollingwood); and 3) Report back to the Committee in April, 2004.

Assistant City Manager Wise provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN suggested including a map of identified speed hump areas in the proposed survey.

Tom Judge, 28 Rollingwood, expressed his belief that this matter has been a problem for many years. He noted that two petitions have already been circulated and would rather not see another one taken. He then requested that this project be delayed to provide further information and consideration at that time.

Discussion ensued with COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN noting that the Traffic and Safety Committee voted 11-1 in favor of two speed humps on Dunwood Road and to circulate a petition of all those affected by the speed humps in the neighborhood.

Assistant City Manager Wise noted that the Dapplegray area surveyed the entire neighborhood for installation of their speed humps.

City Manager Prichard suggested COUNCIL bear in mind the vote of the Traffic and Safety Committee before any action is taken.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL stated that if speed humps are desired and are done in a prudent

fashion, they could assist in slowing down traffic. However, she would not like to see a proliferation of speed humps throughout the City.

Discussion continued regarding the context of the survey in which recommendations were made to include a yes/no response for installation of speed humps on Dunwood, Kingspine and Willow Wood Roads and identify which locations are desirable taking into consideration other streets that may be impacted by diversion of traffic.

Jim Elliott, 4904 Kingspine, Chair, Rollingwood Traffic Committee, inquired as to what affected areas will be surveyed as he believed the questions should be clear. He noted his willingness to work with staff to provide a comprehensive survey. That being said, Mr. Elliott requested this item be deferred until such time when this information is completed.

COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS suggested that she would like to hear from the homeowners' associations on this issue.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION IS PROVIDED REGARDING WHAT TYPE OF SURVEY SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

C. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS reported that she, along with COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN, attended a Conservation Committee meeting with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy. She noted that the Land Conservancy is amenable to working with staff on taking a more proactive role in natural area management as well as utilization of those buildings vacated at the George F Canyon Nature Center site.

D. COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN reported he, along with COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS, attended the Kramer Committee meeting regarding their plans to renovate. He noted that items discussed included meeting with the Montecillo Homeowners' Association, lack of parking, etc.

E. COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN also discussed a recent meeting of the Audit Committee and its recommendations on Fund Balance Policy. City Manager Prichard noted that COUNCIL direction is needed to generate minor language amendments to the existing Fund Balance Policy and that staff will bring this item to the COUNCIL at the Policy Development Session.

F. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS reported that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments is involved in preventing closure of the Los Angeles Air Force Base and is working with the South Bay Economic Development Partnership in this effort.

G. COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS announced that the SBCCOG general assembly will meet in February to discuss public/private partnerships.

H. COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN reported he, along with MAYOR RAUCH, attended the ADA meeting. He noted that four firms were interviewed to assist in renovating several sites to achieve compliance with ADA requirements. Recommendation of the two final firms will be brought to COUNCIL for their approval.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS: This item provides the opportunity for Members of the City Council to request information on currently pending projects and/or issues of public concern, direct that an item be agendized for future consideration and/or make announcements of interest to the public.

A. MAYOR RAUCH reminded everyone to attend the Holiday Parade on Sunday, December 7 beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Silver Spur Road.

B. MAYOR RAUCH reported that she attended the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at the Avenue of the Peninsula.

C. MAYOR RAUCH announced that the Christmas Tree Recycling Program will begin December 26

through January 17.

D. MAYOR RAUCH announced that the next meeting of the Los Angeles Park and Recreation Commission regarding the South Coast County Golf Course Project is scheduled for Monday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. and held at the South Coast Botanic Gardens.

E. MAYOR RAUCH announced a hazardous waste pick-up scheduled for December 6 at Lomita City Hall and another one scheduled for January 24 at Carr Stadium in Hermosa Beach.

F. MAYOR RAUCH noted that a noticed special meeting took place prior to the regular COUNCIL meeting with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM STARK BROWN, FOUNDER AND HEADMASTER OF BROADACRES PRESCHOOL

At 10:18 p.m., MAYOR RAUCH formally adjourned the City Council meeting to Tuesday, December 9, 2003.

Submitted by, Approved by,

Hope J. Nolan Douglas R. Prichard

Deputy City Clerk City Manager