

City of Del Rey Oaks

**City Hall
650 Canyon Del Rey Blvd
Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940**



Action Minutes

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

6:00 PM

City Council – Regular Meeting

Del Rey Oaks City Council

**Scott Donaldson – Mayor
Jeremy Hallock – Vice Mayor
John Uy – Councilmember
Kim Shirley – Councilmember
Mike Burger – Councilmember**

6:00 PM – Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Donaldson

Roll Call: Present: Vice Mayor Hallock, Councilmember Shirley, Councilmember Burger, and Mayor Donaldson.

Absent: Councilmember Uy

Also Present: City Manager Guertin, City Attorney Lorca, City Clerk Minami, and Deputy City Clerk/Permit Clerk Batra.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Mayor Donaldson

Public Comment:

Nikki Nedoff of California Native Plant Society: Letters given to the city with no response. Provides history of how CNPS received land and the result of lawsuit settlement. Reads section of the settlement about protection of the plants. Reviews timelines. References the letter that is in regard to making arraignments for them to remove the non-native "french broom".

Alice Green: Let's do better, totally agrees with the speaker.

PRESENTATION:

Patrice Vecchione: Reads two poems in honor of National Poetry Month, in memory of the Pope. Both are written by High School students. Gina Alvarez poem is called "Take Me Back" and Devon Wells poem is called "Land of the Free."

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Donaldson reads the Celebrating Arbor Day 2025 proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. MINUTES: (CEQA: as to all, not a project per Guidelines Article 20, Section 15378)

1. March 25, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes

B. MONTHLY REPORTS: (CEQA: as to all, not a project per Guidelines Article 20, Section 15378)

1. Fire Department Response Report, March 2025
2. Police Activity Report, March 2025
3. Financial Reports, March 2025

C. MISCELLANEOUS: (CEQA: as to all, not a project per Guidelines Article 20, Section 15378)

- 1.** Consider Adoption of Ordinance #320 to Adopt the Modified Military Equipment Use Policy Consistent with the Requirements of AB481
- 2.** Consider Awarding Contract and Authorize the City Manager to Sign Agreement with Monterey Peninsula Engineering (MPE) in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the Rosita Rd Slurry and Restriping Project.
- 3.** Authorize the City Manager to sign a contract for building inspection and pan check services with Government Private Sector Solutions (GPS).

A motion was made by **Councilmember Shirley**, seconded by **Councilmember Burger** to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion passed unanimously 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Review Draft FY 2025-26 Budget

City Manager Guertin: Introduces Roberto Moreno of RGS to review the numbers.

Roberto Moreno: Reviews page by page of the proposed operating budget and answers questions along the way through the document. This is a 5 million dollar budget and it's something that the City has never experienced. It is a status quo budget. Explains PLL expense and decrease since it is every 10 years that it is paid. The PD budget no big changes, and points out that the Airport pays 50% of this amount.

City Manager Guertin: Very narrow revenue streams. Going into a possible recession and it can get out of hand quickly with priorities for additional projects. The previous council approved a list of projects that the City will make a priority. Possibly contract work assistance for Ron in the future. Development opportunities are very important. We are reviewing the operating budget tonight, and next month the entire budget including special projects will be reviewed.

Councilmember Shirley: Asks questions and makes statements regarding Mayors stipend amount, Planning Commission travel coming out of City Council budget, City Manager auto

allowance is incorrect and getting Ron help is important. To City Manager Guertin, asks if there are operational needs not being met?

City Manager Guertin: Nothing.

Roberto Moreno: Explained that the Mayors stipend has always higher than others by \$150.00 a month. It is called a Promo Fund and included in the stipend part of the budget. Yes, the PC costs come out of CC part of budget. And for the final document, the auto allowance will be corrected, it was a typo.

Mayor Donaldson: Not a lot of cities have balanced budgets and the services that citizens enjoy will continue. Refers to revenue sources: 1) Sales Tax 2) Property Tax and 3) T.O.T.. There are no wasteful expenditures and all should feel comfortable with this budget and keeping the reserve for emergencies. Solid conservative financial standing and thanks City Manager and staff for the hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alice Green: Why not plan ahead for the PLL insurance payment?

City Manager Guertin: In 10 years, the developer will pay it.

Mike Obrien: Was the City of Monterey considered during the merger talks with Airport?

City Manager Guertin: Sure it was about the cost.

STAFF REPORTS:

A. Council Reports in the packet

City Manager Guertin reports that DROPD will participate in TAMC's new regional project called "Vision Zero" and the city will host a town hall meeting on May 29th, city will keep you posted. Keep an eye out for the first of many digital editions of the Acorn in your email inbox.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. MST Highlights

Mosquito Abatement Highlights

Mayor Donaldson points out that there are 2 letters of thanks to Police Officers in the packet.

Closed Session: As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et. seq. the Council may adjourn to a Closed Session to consider specific matters dealing with certain litigation, personnel, or labor/real property negotiations.

- a. **Public Comment on Closed Session Items:** Anyone wishing to address the City Council on an item to be discussed in closed session may do so now. There will be a time limit of not more than three minutes for each speaker.

No action will be taken on matters brought up under this public comment period.

No Public Comments

b. Closed Session Items:

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: 899 Rosita Rd, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940 (APN 012-551-006-000)

Agency Negotiator: City Manager John Guertin

Negotiating Parties: City of Del Rey Oaks and Hana Gardens Del Rey Oaks (Del Rey Oaks Garden Center)

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Adjournment to closed session at 6:55pm

Mayor called Regular Meeting to order at 7:45am

City Attorney Lorca: Direction was given to staff, and no reportable action was taken

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT:

7:46 pm

Attest: _____

Date:-----
