



Tuesday, February 12, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, Pico Rivera City Hall, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, California.

Mayor Camacho called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on behalf of the City Council.

PRESENT: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Martinez, Planning Commission

Carlos Cruz, Parks & Recreation Commission

INVOCATION: Councilmember Armenta

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Archuleta

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Certificate of Congratulations to Philip F. Aguilera IV for his achievement in receiving Eagle Scout Rank of Merit in the Boy Scouts of America program.
- Certificate of Recognition presented to Cesar Roldan who rode his bike cross country to raise money for kids with disabilities.
- Certificate of Recognition for U12 Girls Soccer Team for winning three consecutive Tournament Championships.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Continued Public Hearing – An Ordinance of the City of Pico Rivera Amending Chapter 18 (Zoning) of the City of Pico Rivera Municipal Code Pertaining to the Regulations for Residential Driveway Expansion, Walkways and Porte-Cocheres.** (1300)

Mayor Camacho reconvened the continued public hearing and noted that there was no written communications or public comment cards to provide public testimony.

City Manager Bates stated that the recommendation before the City Council this evening is coming from the Planning Commission.

Community Development and Economic Senior Planner Aguilar provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on driveway expansions, walkway decorative borders, and shade structures as it pertains to the proposed zone code changes.

After some discussion amongst City Council and staff regarding the proposed changes and odd sized lots, Council decided to continue the public hearing so that the Planning Commission could further evaluate their concern with the proposed zone code amendments and how it relates to properties with odd sized lots.

Motion by Councilmember Archuleta, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to continue the public hearing to March 26, 2013 for further study and evaluation of the proposed Zone Code Amendment by the Planning Commission. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

1st PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

2. Minutes:

- Approved City Council meeting of January 22, 2013
- Received and filed Planning Commission meeting of January 14, 2013

3. Approved 12th Warrant Register of the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year. (700)

Check Numbers: 255258-255589

Special Checks Numbers: None.

4. A Transportation Planning Grant Application for up to \$300,000 under the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

(700)

1. Adopted Resolution No. 6709 authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to submit an application to Caltrans for Transportation Planning Grant; and

2. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a grant from Caltrans for up to \$300,000 in Transportation Planning Grant funds and execute all documents necessary to accept the funds.

Resolution No. 6709 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR UP TO \$300,000 UNDER THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT FOR THE PICO RIVERA COMPLETE CORRIDORS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA

5. **Contract for Account Assistance.** (500)

This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar for further clarification.

6. **Concrete Improvements in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Areas, CIP No. 21244 – Award of Construction Contract.** (500)

1. Awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$151,280 to Martinez Concrete, Inc. for the Concrete Improvements in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Areas Project, CIP No. 21244, and authorized the Mayor to execute the contract in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Agreement No. 13-1373

7. **Passons Boulevard Underpass Project (CIP No. 20053) – Amendment No. 6 to Professional Services Agreement No. 07-992 with Overland, Pacific, & Cutler, Inc. for Additional Right-of-Way Services.** (500)

1. Approved Amendment No. 6 to Professional Services Agreement No. 07-992 with Overland, Pacific & Cutler, Inc. (OPC) for additional right-of-way services in accordance with their proposal dated December 18, 2012 and authorized the Mayor to execute the amendment in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Agreement No. 07-992-6

8. Rivera Park, Smith Park and Rio Vista Park Renovation Projects – Amendment No. 4 to Professional Services Agreement No. 09-1131 – Construction Support Services. (500)

This item was pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion and clarification.

Motion by Councilmember Armenta, seconded by Councilmember Archuleta to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED:

5. Contract for Account Assistance. (500)

Due to a possible conflict of interest, Mayor Pro Tem Tercero left the dais and did not return until after the roll call vote was taken.

Councilmember Salcido stated his concerns with the city contracting out services and asked staff questions regarding the need to contract for the proposed services. Assistant City Manager Matsumoto stated that the services being provided are specialized services that assist the Finance Department with certain projects and with meeting state requirements for compliance in a timely manner. City Manager Bates further stated that the city is getting a very competitive price for the services being provided and that this person is on a part-time as needed basis.

Motion by Mayor Camacho, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Susan Hartman in an amount “not to exceed” \$120,000 for two fiscal years. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Agreement No. 13-1372

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Camacho

NOES: Salcido

RECUSE: Tercero

Mayor Pro Tem Tercero returned to the dais after the roll call vote was taken.

8. Rivera Park, Smith Park and Rio Vista Park Renovation Projects – Amendment No. 4 to Professional Services Agreement No. 09-1131 – Construction Support Services. (500)

Councilmember Salcido addressed his concern with the original design of Rivera Park not being fully implemented in the final design. City Manager Bates stated that the contractor has done additional work that was needed to complete the park's projects based on the original design that should have been implemented from the beginning and stated that the city could have initially done a better job in scoping the project.

Public Works Director Cervantes added that in regard to the lack of a recent design feature implementation there has been a change in management from Parks & Recreation to the Public Works Department. He stated that when Public Works took over the project staff had the opportunity to review a design that was submitted at the time and that design included certain layout for the entire park as well as concession stands. From the perspective of designing the project, he stated, the architect designed it, city staff reviewed it and approved the design. He stated that there may have been some issues with Public Works not being involved in past discussions where perhaps at the time of plan check, staff could have caught some of the errors.

Councilmember Archuleta asked if staff is anticipating more adjustments with the design. City Manager Bates stated that the city is close to final design on everything as the parks are currently under construction and moving along very well.

Councilmember Armenta stated that he concurred with the sentiments of Councilmember Salcido.

Motion by Councilmember Armenta, seconded by Councilmember Archuleta to approve Amendment No. 4 to Professional Services Agreement No. 09-1131 with Hirsch & Associates, Inc. (HAI) for additional professional services for an amount not to exceed \$165,420 and authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 4 in a form approved by the City Attorney. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Agreement No. 09-1131-4

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

LEGISLATION: None.

Recessed to Housing Assistance Agency at 6:55 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened from Housing Assistance Agency at 6:56 p.m.

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Recessed to Water Authority at 6:57 p.m.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Salcido stated his concerns with union/employee negotiations taking place without City Council's input. City Manager Bates stated that staff will be discussing this issue with the City Council at the meeting of February 26, 2013 in Closed Session. He added that the city has seen some improvement in sales tax revenue but that medical and pension costs continue to be on the rise faster than the rate of inflation and faster than the increase in sales tax. Councilmember Salcido requested that experienced seasoned staff represent employees/city in the negotiations. City Manager Bates stated that Liebert & Cassidy is providing an experienced attorney to assist with the negotiating team.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Pro Tem Tercero asked that staff and the Parks Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee research the prospects of a Farmer's Market and place on a future City Council agenda.

Councilmember Archuleta inquired with Captain Thornton about the early release of prisoners and its impact on the community. Captain Thornton stated that the community is safe and that the numbers of prisoners being released are fewer than initially anticipated. He stated that the Sheriff's continue to make arrests and that the Parole Compliance Team has received additional funding so they are almost fully

staffed. He stated that they have additional resources and continue to be proactive and aggressive in their approach to curtail crime.

Mayor Camacho thanked Parks & Recreation Interim Director Hester and staff for the great job on the teen event that took place at the Golf Course this weekend. Parks & Recreation Interim Director Hester stated that staff was privileged to host the first junior golf program sponsored by the Southern California Golf Association. He stated that there were over two hundred youth that participated in the program and that the program will be expanded to the REACH program at the elementary school sites.

2ND PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENTS – ALL OTHER CITY-RELATED BUSINESS:

Maria Segovia, President of the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce:

- Addressed the City Council regarding upcoming events: business networking connection lunch Thursday, February 28; Wednesday, March 13, multi-chamber networking breakfast at Ruby's Diner at the Citadel; Thursday, March 28, networking lunch with Congresswoman Linda Sanchez at the Dal Rae Restaurant; Monday, April 22, Ed Mora Golf Tournament Scholarship fundraiser at Friendly Hills.

Fuluia Ruiz:

- Addressed the City Council regarding the transportation program provided to senior citizens; concerns with limited timing of the program and the need for prolonged service hours.

Ericka Vega:

- Addressed the City Council to introduce the idea of starting a Boys & Girls Club in Pico Rivera. She stated they are looking for the city's support and a location.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Camacho adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:15 p.m. There being no objection it was so ordered.

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

Gustavo V. Camacho, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna M. Jerome, Deputy City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the proceedings of the City Council regular meeting dated February 12, 2013 and approved by the City Council on February 26, 2013.

Anna M. Jerome, Deputy City Clerk