



Tuesday, March 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:

Tommy Elisaldez, Planning Commission

INVOCATION: Councilmember Arhuleta

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Planning Commissioner Elisaldez

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Proclamation for Safe Communities Month - presented to Lt. Steve Sanchez
- Sheriff's Youth Activities League, "Beat the Streets-Los Angeles" presenters Captain Thornton/Executive Director Yero Washington
- Pavement Management Systems presented by Public Works Department

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

1. Minutes:

- Approved City Council meeting of February 26, 2013

2. Approved 14th Warrant Register of the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year. (700)

Check Numbers: 255789-255959

Special Checks Numbers: None.

3. Fireworks Program for 2013. (700)

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

- 4. Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012; Appropriations Limit Calculation for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012; Audit Committee Letter for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012. (700)**

Received and filed:

1. The Single Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012;
2. The Appropriation Limit Calculation for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012; and
3. The Audit Committee Letter for the audit of fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

- 5. Approve Arbitrage Management Group as Financial Advisor. (700)**

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

- 6. Rivera Park, Smith Park, and Rio Vista Park Renovation Projects – Amendment No. 4 to Professional Services Agreement No. 10-1180 with URS Corporation, Inc. – Construction Management Services. (500)**

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

- 7. Telegraph Road Landscape Median Improvement Project, CIP No. 21232 – Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 11-1235 with the City of Downey. (500)**

1. Approved Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 11-1235 with the City of Downey to incorporate additional improvements at the intersection of Telegraph Road and Lakewood/Rosemead Boulevard, and authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 in a form approved by the City Attorney; and
2. Appropriated \$151,300 in Proposition C funds to CIP No. 21232.

Agreement No. 11-1235-2

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 1, 2, 4, and 7. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

3. Fireworks Program for 2013. (700)

Councilmember Tercero asked the reason for the decrease in applications. Finance Director Matsumoto stated that he did not know the reason and could not provide an explanation for the reduction in applicants.

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to approve the attached list of fireworks stand applicants and authorize the issuance of permits to operate. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

5. Approve Arbitrage Management Group as Financial Advisor. (700)

In response to Councilmember Salcido's question regarding no fiscal impact, Finance Director Matsumoto stated that the Financial Advisor would be paid through the brokerage that is part of the purchase of securities. He further stated that proposals were provided to the Finance Department and that the recommended Arbitrage Management Group provided a very innovative proposal.

Councilmember Archuleta asked why this item is not presented under the Water Authority with Finance Director Matsumoto stating that the city is only selecting a financial advisor and not entering into an agreement so there is no need to put the item on the Water Agenda.

Motion by Mayor Camacho, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to approve Arbitrage Management Group (AMG) as financial advisor. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

6. Rivera Park, Smith Park, and Rio Vista Park Renovation Projects – Amendment No. 4 to Professional Services Agreement No. 10-1180 with URS Corporation, Inc. – Construction Management Services. (500)

Councilmember Salcido asked for clarification. City Manager Bates stated that staff is requesting to move money to cover all the costs of the parks projects.

Councilmember Armenta asked if staff will be pursuing penalties for the funding based on the contractor running behind schedule at Rivera Park. City Manager Bates responded in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to approve Amendment No. 4 to Professional Services Agreement No. 10-1180 with URS Corporation, Inc. (URS) for additional construction management services for an amount not to exceed \$240,000 and authorize 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. 10-1180-4

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

LEGISLATION: None.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Camacho asked for City Manager Bates to elaborate on the Norm's restaurant project. City Manager Bates stated that the city has become Norm's number one project. He stated that the city anticipates having a design from Norm's within the next two weeks and that Norm's hopes to have the project completed by the end of the year.

Councilmember Archuleta asked for Community and Economic Development Director to provide an update on the possibility of getting a market on that property. Community and Economic Development Director Martinez stated that staff will study the site to ensure that all the utilities, power, parking and planning items are looked at ahead of time to promote the rear site for a market or another type of development.

Councilmember Armenta asked if the property may be hard to attract certain development because of the lot size. Community and Economic Development Director Martinez stated that development is limited to 20,000 to 25,000 square feet and most major markets need approximately 30,000 square feet. City Manager Bates added that one of the positive aspects to the design is that the new design brings the parking towards the front and opens the site to Beverly Boulevard.

Mayor Camacho asked Public Works Director to elaborate on the construction taking place on Rosemead and Telegraph Road. Director Cervantes stated that the Telegraph Road landscape median improvement project has been combined with a second project called the intersection project, and because of that there will be impacts to the community where lanes will have to be closed to make construction possible. He stated that some of the construction will take place on the weekends and at night.

Mayor Camacho complimented Interim Parks & Recreation Director Hester and staff for putting together a new design on the Pico Rivera Parks & Recreation Guide. City Manager Bates stated that the city has hired Sandra Gonzalez as the Parks & Recreation Director who will begin work on Monday, March 18, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Salcido asked that the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee revisit the issue of oversize vehicles.

Councilmember Archuleta asked Captain Thornton to elaborate on vehicles parked on the street for an extended period of time. Captain Thornton stated that if they or the

city's Parking Enforcement receive a call for service for a vehicle that appears to be abandoned, a red tag is placed on the vehicle, and if the vehicle has not moved in more than 72-hours it could be cited and/or towed.

Councilmember Armenta asked for clarification on enforcement for commercial vehicles parked on city streets with graffiti. City Manager Bates stated that the issue would be taken up with Community and Economic Development as a blight issue. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman added in regard to a city ordinance, he is not aware of any ordinance pertaining to the enforcement of removing graffiti from commercial vehicles. He stated that city staff would look into this matter.

Councilmember Salcido mentioned that the El Rancho Don's soccer team is state champions.

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

George Rivera:

- Addressed the City Council regarding an early retirement program, elimination of positions, contracted employees, and low employee morale.

Jeffrey Natke, representative of the Pico Rivera Mid-Managers and Professional and Confidential Association:

- Addressed the City Council regarding employees represented by the CEA willingness to temporarily accept an extension to the cuts agreed to a year ago; expressed concern with morale issues and with the direction of top management leadership; stated an employee was denied representation; stated he's optimistic about negotiations.

Mike Cuellar:

- Addressed the City Council to speak of morale issues and fairness.

Maribel Alvarez:

- Addressed the City Council to speak on upcoming library events for teens and toddlers.

Joe Price:

- Addressed the City Council to speak on Alliance to Keep Youth Tobacco Free and Relay for Life event taking place June 22-23 at El Rancho High School stadium. He stated the goal is to raise \$65,000.

Rick Salas:

- Addressed the City Council regarding the San Gabriel River and improving the spreading grounds by adding benches on the south side near Whittier Boulevard and Mines. He stated that he is a Legacy Runner and asked that the Sheriff patrol the spreading grounds after school and in the early evening.

Gloria Candelaria:

- Addressed the City Council to suggest more communication between management and employees, expressed concern with possible layoffs and employee morale.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Camacho adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:19 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 March 12, 2013 and approved by the City Council on March 26, 2013.

Anna M. Jerome, Deputy City Clerk