



Tuesday, March 26, 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:

Rod Torres, Parks & Recreation Commission

INVOCATION: Councilmember Archuleta

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Parks & Recreation Commissioner Torres

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Certificate of Recognition presented to El Rancho High School Boys Soccer Team CIF Champions

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 opened the public hearing and noted that there was no written communications to provide public testimony.

Director of Community and Economic Development Martinez provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the changes incorporated to the zoning amendment based on City Council's concerns. He stated that in regard to Porte-Cocheres the change incorporated allowing for a 20 foot projection from the front of the resident and would only be for properties that are 15,000 square feet or larger.

Oral Communications:

Nick Pondoff:

- Addressed the City Council regarding the requirement of a 3 foot fence from the garage to the sidewalk, his objection to this requirement, and requested that the 3 foot fence requirement be removed from the zone code.

After a brief discussion regarding lot size, decorative fences and a sliding scale, Council decided to continue the item to a date uncertain and to refer the matter back to the Planning Commission for further evaluation.

Motion by Mayor Camacho, seconded by Councilmember Salcido to continue the public hearing to a date uncertain and to refer the matter back to the Planning Commission.

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

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

2. Minutes:

- Approved City Council special meeting of March 11, 2013;
- Approved City Council regular meeting of March 12, 2013
- Received and filed Parks & Recreation meeting of February 14, 2013;
- Received and filed Planning Commission meeting of February 19, 2013;
- Received and filed Planning Commission meeting of March 4, 2013

3. Approved 15th Warrant Register of the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year. (700)

Check Numbers: 255960-256146

Special Checks Numbers: None.

4. Replacement of Broadcast, Presentation, and Audio System. (500)

1. Awarded a contract to Matrix Audio Visual Designs in the amount of \$80,775 for the design and rebuild of the City Council Chambers broadcast, presentation, and audio system.

Agreement No. 13-1379

5. Commercial Façade Rehabilitation Program Guidelines Revision. (1300)

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

6. Adult Basketball League – Award Contract. (500)

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

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to approve Consent Calendar Items 2 through 4. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

5. Commercial Façade Rehabilitation Program Guidelines Revision. (1300)

Mayor Pro Tem Tercero asked how the decrease of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds over time will affect this program.

City Manager Bates stated that with the two projects currently underway, the existing funds will cover all the money available for this year. He stated that if the city had bigger projects for next year, it would limit the projects, but that Community and Economic Development is trying to initiate projects and the city is trying to accommodate as many businesses as possible that meet the criteria. He further stated that the proposed recommendation would provide the city more flexibility to try to use up the funds that are available and that provide benefits to the local businesses.

Community and Economic Development Director Martinez stated that if the funds are not used, HUD could possibly request the city to reallocate the funds or they could take back the funding.

Councilmember Archuleta asked if there are any other applicants at this time on Whittier Boulevard. Director Martinez stated that there are approximately 4 or 5 applicants that staff is keeping in touch with but there are no applicants interested on Whittier Boulevard at this time.

Mayor Camacho stated that the CDBG program has been expanded to the entire city with the guidelines setup by HUD. He stated that by utilizing the funds for clusters of multiple businesses in one building the improvement to the building becomes more visible versus a small improvement to one business on a block and that the city is moving in the right direction.

Motion by Councilmember Archuleta, seconded by Councilmember Salcido to approve the revised Commercial Façade Rehabilitation Program Guidelines establishing a calculation for the grant and loan awards available to program applicants. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

6. Adult Basketball League – Award Contract. (500)

After some discussion amongst City Council, this item was continued to a date uncertain and referred to the Parks and Recreation Ad Hoc Committee for further evaluation.

LEGISLATION: None.

Recessed to Water Authority at 6:50 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened from Water Authority at 6:50 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Pro Tem Tercero asked staff to look into the feasibility of an ice skating rink at the park for the winter. He also asked staff to look into asking Southern California Edison about converting to LED street lights when replacing lights, recognizing at a future City Council meeting “Distinguished Women’s Award” for April Salcido, and inquired about the possible departure of the Fresh & Easy and the future use of the facility.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Pro Tem Tercero reiterated a former suggestion requiring coaches of youth sports organization to have some kind of by-law or internal requirement within their organizations to have coaches fingerprinted and/or a criminal background check and addressed his concern with recent incidents at the El Rodeo.

City Manager Bates stated that the El Rodeo is a challenge and that the city continues to work with the El Rodeo. Captain Thornton stated that the level of intoxication affects people's judgment and their actions which can potentially drive incidents that occur at the El Rodeo. He further stated these types of incidents are not limited to just the El Rodeo but any nightclub that serves alcohol. He added that the El Rodeo is the largest nightclub in the city and therefore their occupancy rate is higher and is prone to more incidents.

Mayor Pro Tem Tercero asked for a follow-up to his suggestion of utilizing vacant lots for community gardens. City Manager Bates stated that staff is reviewing vacant lots and Sr. Planner Aguilar added that staff recently completed a survey of non-developed non-paved commercial lots and identified a threshold of approximately 10,000 square feet to allow enough space to farm and for market activities. She stated letters have been sent out to property owners and that staff is waiting to hear back from them.

Councilmember Armenta inquired about the construction taking place on handicap corners throughout the city. Public Works Director Cervantes stated that the city received a \$200,000 grant from the CDBG program to upgrade certain approaches in the public right-of-way to meet the new ADA standards.

Councilmember Archuleta inquired about AB 109 and its effect on the community. Captain Thornton stated that the Sheriff's department continues to pursue legislation to help relieve the effects on the community.

Councilmember Salcido asked staff to make it a priority of eliminating panhandlers in the community and those individuals soliciting households for painting street addresses on curbs without permission. Captain Thornton suggested soliciting the help of the residents to call the Sheriff's department so that the issues could be addressed in a timely manner. Councilmember Salcido suggested utilizing the *Profile* to make residents aware of the situation and to encourage them to call the Sheriff. In regard to panhandlers, Captain Thornton stated that he has solicited the help of the city's Parking Enforcement to make calls to the Sheriff's department if they see activity within the

Towne Center. He further stated that he met with the management of the Pico Rivera Gardens and that they have reached out to the business owners in the area and have provided their residents with colored lanyards so that they could be easily identified when they are out in the business area.

In regard to DUI check points, Councilmember Salcido asked why the DUI check points couldn't take place at a later time. He suggested that the check points should occur between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. rather than from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Captain Thornton stated that many of the local bars, restaurants and nightclubs have happy hours that go from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He stated that the check point starts about 8:00 p.m. and continue until 3:00 a.m.

Mayor Camacho asked for the results of the homeless count that took place in the city. City Manager Bates stated that the results have not been finalized yet, but that staff is working with PATH, the lead company, and PATH will provide a presentation to the City Council in June with the results. Mayor Camacho asked if the homeless were passing through from other cities or from Pico Rivera. Community and Economic Development Director Martinez stated that there are approximately 52-100 persons that were identified as homeless within the city.

Councilmember Archuleta asked if Public Works paints street addresses on the curbs with Public Works Director Cervantes responding they do not. Mr. Archuleta suggested that perhaps community youth groups could utilize the painting of street addresses on curbs as a fundraiser. He also stressed the importance of having street numbers on houses especially in the alley ways for emergency vehicles to be able to identify the houses and suggested implementing a program.

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

Maribel Alvarez, Rivera Library:

- Addressed the City Council regarding upcoming youth and teen events at the library.

Recessed to Closed Session at 7:21 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened from Closed Session at 8:24 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

CLOSED SESSION(S):

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 subdivision (d) paragraph (1)
City of Pico Rivera v. Water Replenishment District of Southern California (and
related cases)

Case No. BS139228

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated that there was no final action and nothing further to report.

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 subdivision (d) paragraph (1)
Lucky Sevens Inc. vs. City of Pico Rivera

Case No. BC 472322

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated that there was no final action taken and nothing further to report.

c. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 subdivision (d) paragraph (1)
City of Alhambra et al v. County of Los Angeles et al. Property Tax
Administration Fee

Case No. BS 116375

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated that there was no final action taken and nothing to report.

d. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives:

City Manager Ron Bates

Assistant City Manager Mike Matsumoto

Employee organization(s):

Pico Rivera Mid-Managers and Professional and Confidential Association

Bargaining Unit

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated that there was no final action taken and nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Camacho adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:25 p.m. in memory of Hilda Somoza a long time resident. 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 26, 2013 and approved by the City Council on April 9, 2013.

Anna M. Jerome, Deputy City Clerk