



Tuesday, January 8, 2013

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

Authority President Camacho called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Establish Water Rates.** (700)

President Camacho opened the public hearing.

Executive Director Bates stated that during the Water Authority meeting of October 23, 2012, staff along with the consultant presented a detailed financial evaluation on the need for the proposed rate increase. He also stated that Public Works Director Cervantes presented all the capital improvements that would be made as a result of the increase over time. He further stated that the city received 38 letters protesting the water rate increase.

Commissioner Salcido stated that the rate increase is necessary to meet the financial obligations of the Water Authority and reiterated that the city is Prop. 218 compliant.

Oral Communications:

Waneta Zachman:

- Addressed the Water Authority to protest the water rate increase.

Mark Grajeda, Pico Water District:

- Addressed the Water Authority regarding statements in an article in the *Whittier Daily News* pertaining to water rates and infrastructure.

Vice President Tercero asked if the city competes for water customers and if our rates are in-line with the service being provided. Executive Director Bates stated that the city does not compete for customers and that the city water rates are at a medium rate in comparison to other water providers within the general area of Southeast Los Angeles.

Commissioner Salcido stated that the water rate increase for the city of Pico Rivera is irrelevant to what other cities are doing.

Commissioner Archuleta reiterated that the cities rate increase is not predicated on surrounding cities.

President Camacho closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Archuleta, seconded by Commissioner Armenta to: 1) Approve the water rate study prepared by Black & Veatch; and 2) Adopt Resolution No. 13-29 to establish water rates including five percent increases for five successive years. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 13-29 A RESOLUTION OF THE PICO RIVERA WATER AUTHORITY ESTABLISHING A REVISED SCHEDULE OF WATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero

NOES: Camacho

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Minutes:

- Approved Water Authority Special meeting of November 13, 2012

3. Pico Rivera Water Authority Well No. 2 Repair, CIP No. 21258 – Award of Maintenance Contract. (500)

1. Awarded a maintenance contract in the not-to-exceed amount of \$102,415 to General Pump Company, Inc., for the Pico Rivera Water Authority Well No. 2 repair, CIP No. 21258, and authorized the President to execute the contract in a form approved by the General Counsel;
2. Approved the Notice of Exemption for the subject project and authorized the Authority Secretary to file with the County Recorder; and
3. Appropriated \$125,000 in Water Funds to the Well No. 2 Repair, CIP No. 21258.

Agreement No. 13-15

4. Pico Rivera Water Authority (PRWA) Well No. 4 Rehabilitation, CIP No. 21248 – Award of Maintenance Contract. (500)

1. Awarded a maintenance contract in the not-to-exceed amount of \$109,950 to General Pump Company, Inc., for the PRWA Well No. 4 Rehabilitation, CIP No. 21248, and authorize the President to execute the contract in a form approved by the General Counsel; and
2. Approved the Notice of Exemption for the subject project and authorized the Authority Secretary to file with the County Recorder.

Agreement No. 13-16

Motion by Commissioner Armenta, seconded by Commissioner Salcido to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 2 through 4. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

LEGISLATION:

5. SCADA System Upgrade, CIP No. 21177 – Authorization to Bid. (500)

A brief PowerPoint presentation was given by Public Works Director Cervantes regarding infrastructure software and hardware.

Motion by Commissioner Salcido, seconded by Commissioner Armenta to: 1) Approve Plans, Specifications and Estimate for Supervisory Control Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Upgrade for the Pico Water Authority Water System, CIP No. 21177; 2) Authorize the City Clerk to publish the Notice Inviting Bids; and 3) Appropriate \$550,000 in Water Funds to the SCADA System Upgrade, CIP No. 21177.

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

LEGISLATION: None

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Authority President Camacho adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. There being no objection it was so ordered.

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

Gustavo V. Camacho, President

ATTEST:

Anna M. Jerome, Authority Secretary

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the proceedings of the Water Authority Special Meeting dated January 8, 2013 and approved by the Water Authority on January 22, 2013.

Anna M. Jerome, Authority Secretary