



Tuesday, October 8, 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, Camacho

ABSENT: Tercero (excused)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Robert Martinez, Planning Commission

INVOCATION: Councilmember Archuleta

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Martinez

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Business Friendly Finalist Presentation – presented by Barbara Levine of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation
- PATH and Whittier First Day presentation to City Council on an Overview of the Implementation of the Homeless Initiative

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Public Hearing – Ordinance for Foreclosure Registration Program; Registration/Re-Registration Fees and Amendment of City Fee Schedule; and Agreement with Nationwide Cost Recovery Services.** (700)

Mayor Camacho opened the public hearing and noted that there were no written communications or public comment cards to provide public testimony.

City Manager Bates stated that the purpose of this program is to bring foreclosure properties up to standard.

A brief PowerPoint presentation was given by Community and Economic Development Director Martinez, Nef Cortez and Eli Cortez, representatives of Nationwide Cost

Recovery Services covering the benefits of the foreclosure program; Nationwide Cost Recovery services; properties in foreclosure and the impact to neighborhoods.

Mayor Camacho closed the public hearing.

After some discussion amongst City Council and staff, the item was continued to the meeting of October 22, 2013 for further data and statistical information.

2. Public Hearing – General Plan Amendment No. 50 Adoption of the 2014-2021 Housing Element and Mitigated Negative Declaration. (1600)

Mayor Camacho opened the public hearing and noted that three letters of written communication were received by staff.

City Manager Bates stated that the City is moving forward with the general plan and that every eight years the City is required to update the housing element plan. He stated that the Planning Commission approved the draft 2014-2021 Housing Element.

A PowerPoint presentation was presented by Lloyd Zola of Environmental Science Associates, Inc. on the general plan which included a housing policy; goals; consequences of an uncertified element; quantified objectives; vacant residential zoned land; and mixed use overlay.

Councilmember Archuleta reiterated and emphasized that the housing element plan does not include any eminent domain.

Oral Communications:

John Belmonte, Vice President of the Pico Rivera Concerned Citizens Committee:

- Addressed the City Council regarding his initial opposition to the housing element plan and its misrepresentation.

Roddie Rodriguez, President of the Pico Rivera Concerned Citizens Committee:

- Addressed the City Council to speak of her relief regarding the housing element plan after speaking individually with City Council members.

Mayor Camacho closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to adopt Resolution No. 6739 approving General Plan Amendment No. 50 for the 2014-2021 Housing Element and Mitigated Negative Declaration. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 6739 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 50, ADOPTION OF THE 2014-2021 HOUSING ELEMENT AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Camacho

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tercero

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

3. Minutes:

- Approved City Council meeting of September 24, 2013

4. Approved 6th Warrant Register of the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. (700)

Check Numbers: 258824-259052

Special Checks Numbers: None

5. Strategic Growth Council Urban Greening Master Plan Grant Application. (700)

1. Adopted Resolution No. 6740 authorizing the submittal of an application for the Urban Greening Grant Program.

Resolution No. 6740 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

6. Treasurer's Report - June 30, 2013. (700)

1. Received and filed Quarterly Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2013.

7. Installation of Traffic Control Devices – Traffic Safety. (1400)

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

8. Computerized Maintenance Management System – CIP 21254 - Award Contract to Cititech Systems. (500)

1. Awarded a contract to Cititech Systems for a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS) for Fiscal Year 2013/14 in the amount of \$112,100 and authorized the Mayor to execute the contract in a form approved by the City Attorney; and
2. Transferred \$20,000 in budgeted General Funds from CIP No. 21192, and \$27,080 in budgeted Water Authority Funds from CIP No. 21175, to CIP No. 21254.

Agreement No. 13-1416

9. Smith Park and Rio Vista Renovation Projects – Amendment No. 7 to Professional Services Agreement No. 10-1180 with URS Corporation, Inc. – Construction Management Services. (500)

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

10. Telegraph Road Landscape Median Improvements Project, CIP No. 21232 – Amendment No. 3 to Professional Services Agreement No. 11-1221 with GHD, Inc. (500)

1. Approved Amendment No. 3 to Professional Services Agreement No. 11-1221 with GHD, Inc., formerly known as Winzler & Kelly, for additional design services for an amount not to exceed \$29,549 in accordance with proposal to the City dated December 18, 2012, and authorized the Mayor to execute the amendment in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Agreement No. 11-1221-3

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Camacho

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tercero

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

7. Installation of Traffic Control Devices – Traffic Safety. (1400)

Councilmember Salcido asked if the residents in the area where notified of the changes. Director of Public Works Cervantes stated that City staff spoke with the residents who made the complaints but did not make a public outreach to all the residents in the area. He stated that City staff followed normal procedures.

Motion by Councilmember Archuleta, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to receive and file traffic study. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Camacho

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tercero

ABSTAIN: Salcido

9. Smith Park and Rio Vista Renovation Projects – Amendment No. 7 to Professional Services Agreement No. 10-1180 with URS Corporation, Inc. – Construction Management Services. (500)

Councilmember Salcido asked if this was an expected expenditure with Director Cervantes stating that this type of expenditure is not unusual based on project schedules being extended.

In regard to project completion, Councilmember Salcido stated that his preference would be to have a grand opening when the park is complete and not any time prior to completion.

Motion by Councilmember Armenta, seconded by Councilmember Archuleta to approve Amendment No. 7 to Professional Services Agreement No. 10-1180 with URS Corporation, Inc. (URS) for additional construction management services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$76,160, and authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 7 in a form approved by the City Attorney. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Agreement No. 10-1180-7

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Camacho

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tercero

LEGISLATION:

- 11. Rosemead Boulevard Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation and Beautification Project, CIP No. 21240 – Selection of Final Design Concept and Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 13-1404. (500)**

City Manager Bates stated that the present condition of the pedestrian bridge is that the concrete is cracking and the bridge is rusting. He stated that there are two main issues related to the pedestrian bridge; one, safety of the bridge and second, an attractive design.

Public Works Director Cervantes stated that the bridge has some deficiencies and will be corrected with this project. He stated that the project is in the conceptual stage and staff has prepared two design concepts for approval.

Barbara Grygutis, of TTG Engineers, provided a PowerPoint presentation of the two conceptual renderings.

After a brief discussion amongst City Council, TTG Engineers' was asked to come back with a few more options for the design of the bridge. Councilmember Salcido suggested that the conceptual design project be given to an Ad Hoc Committee for further review and evaluation.

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, Councilmember Armenta to approve Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement No. 13-1404 with TTG Engineers (TTG) for a not-to-exceed amount of \$48,510 for engineering design services for the Rosemead Boulevard Pedestrian Bridge Rehabilitation and Beautification Project, CIP No. 21240,

and authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 in a form approved by the City Attorney. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Agreement No. 13-1404-1

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Camacho

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tercero

12. Joint Use Facility Agreement with El Rancho Unified School District. (500)

City Manager Bates stated that this agreement reflects team work and that the whole city benefits when there is cooperation between the City and the School District.

Parks & Recreation Director Gonzalez provided a PowerPoint presentation which included current partnerships; future partnerships; utilization of Pio Pico Elementary School with plans of building a KaBOOM playground at the school site; and the utilization of basketball courts at school facilities.

Councilmember Armenta suggested placing a REACH program at Pio Pico Elementary school.

Mayor Camacho shared his enthusiasm for the joint use agreement and looks forward to the utilization of all sites for the benefit of the community.

Councilmember Salcido shared his personal experience of cooperation between the City and the School District as a youth growing up in the City.

City Manager Bates stated that recently senior staff of the City and the School District met to discuss ways to work together to improve the use of city and school facilities for the benefit of the whole city.

Motion by Councilmember Armenta, seconded by Councilmember Archuleta to approve Joint Use Agreement with El Rancho Unified School District for shared use of facilities for community recreation programs and activities and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Agreement No. 13-1417

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Camacho

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tercero

Recessed to Housing Assistance Agency at 8:04 p.m.

ALL FOUR MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened from Housing Assistance Agency at 8:05 p.m.

ALL FOUR MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Camacho mentioned the free mulch distribution taking place on October 19, 2013 at Whittier Fertilizer and the completion of the raised medians on Telegraph Road. He also mentioned the groundbreaking of a new business, Fast 5 Carwash, located on Whittier Boulevard on October 15th at noon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Archuleta and Mayor Camacho commented on the recent groundbreaking of the Norms Restaurant on Rosemead and Beverly Boulevards. Councilmember Archuleta stated construction should be complete in about six (6) months.

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

Bill Mendoza:

- Addressed the City Council regarding a stop sign, safety and parking issues near the intersection of Redbird and Coffman & Pico Road.

John Belmonte, Vice President of the Pico Rivera Concerned Citizens Committee:

- Addressed the City Council regarding a meeting with Councilmember Archuleta and the actions of an employee and thanked Councilmember Armenta for doing the right thing.

Roddie Rodriguez, President of the Pico Rivera Concerned Citizens Committee:

- Addressed the City Council regarding the housing element program and thanked City Council for their cooperation.

David Angelo, Sister City Commissioner:

- Addressed the City Council regarding "Business Friendly Finalist"; trip to San Luis Potosi and Sister City recognition.

Recessed to Closed Session at 8:24 p.m.

ALL FOUR MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened from Closed Session at 8:57 p.m.

ALL FOUR MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

CLOSED SESSION:

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 reported that direction was given to authorize the filing of an appeal with Judge Dau and to retain the law office of Colantuono & Levin.

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 subdivision (d) paragraph (1)
Jeff Tracy, Inc. dba Land Forms Construction v. City of Pico Rivera
Case No. VC063151

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman reported that direction was provided; there was no final action taken and nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Camacho adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:58 p.m. There being no objection it was so ordered.

AYES: Archuleta, Armenta, Salcido, Camacho

NOES: None

ABSENT: Tercero

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 October 8, 2013 and approved by the City Council on October 22, 2013.

Anna M. Jerome, Deputy City Clerk