



Tuesday, January 26, 2010

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

Mayor Salcido called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on behalf of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency and the Water Authority.

**PRESENT:** Armenta, Camacho, Archuleta, Salcido

**ABSENT:** None

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Ana Ascencio, Sister City Commissioner

Rod Torres, Parks & Recreation Commissioner

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Drew Koen

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Jacob Romero

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Twin Cities Wolverines

**1<sup>st</sup> PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

**1. Minutes:**

- City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of January 12, 2010

**2. 11<sup>th</sup> Warrant Register of the Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

Check Numbers: 237670-237945

Special Check Numbers: None

**3. Treasure's Report, Investment Policy Update and Investment of Pooled Cash Funds. (700/85)**

1. Received and Filed Quarterly Treasurer's Report for 2009; and
2. Approved revision to Investment Policy; and

3. Recognized the City Treasurer's Plan to begin investing in higher-yielding investments allowable under California Government Code Section 16429.1.
4. **Ratification of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) Preparation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy.** (500/76)
  1. Ratified the decision of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) to accept delegation under SB 375 for the preparation of a subregional Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).
5. **Rescind Parking Restrictions at Designated School Bus Loading/Unloading Zones.** (1400/109)
  1. Adopted Resolution No. 6516 to rescind certain parking restrictions for school bus loading/unloading zones at various El Rancho Unified School District Schools.  
  
Resolution No. 6516 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, MODIFYING CERTAIN PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT VARIOUS EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS.
6. **Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Improvements Project in CDBG Target Areas (CIP No. 21214) – Approval of Change Order No. 1.** (500/76)
  1. Approved change order No. 1 for the construction contract under CIP No. 21214 with Grigolla and Sons Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$71,885.00, for the repairs of additional sidewalk and curb and gutter improvements within CDBG areas.
  2. Authorized the Director of Public Works to execute change order No. 1.
7. **Justice Assistance Grant Agreement with the City of Los Angeles.** (500/76)
  1. Approved agreement with the City of Los Angeles for administration of Justice Assistance Grant.  
  
Agreement No. 10-1148

**8. Statewide Park Development Grant Application.**

(900/92)

1. Adopted Resolution No. 6517 authorizing the submittal of an application for Statewide Park Program grant funds for the design and construction of a new park at Pio Pico School.

Resolution No. 6517 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS.

Motion by Councilmember Armenta, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 1 through 8. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Armenta, Camacho, Archuleta, Salcido

**NOES:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED:** None.

**CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION:**

**9. Waive further reading and introduce Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.**

(1100/144)

Motion by Councilmember Armenta, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta to introduce Ordinance No. 1061 adding Chapter 13.90, of the Pico Rivera Municipal Code relative to the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1061 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING CHAPTER 90 OF TITLE 13 OF THE PICO RIVERA MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE"

**AYES:** Armenta, Camacho, Archuleta, Salcido

**NOES:** None

**10. Planning and Sister City Commission Appointments.**

(300/59)

Councilmember Camacho recommended Fred A. Zermeno for appointment to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Councilmember Armenta, seconded by Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta to adopt Resolution No. 6518, appointing Fred A. Zermeno to the Planning Commission.

Resolution No. 6518 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING FRED A. ZERMENO, ELECTOR OF SAID CITY TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TWO YEAR TERM SAID TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 2011.

**AYES:** Armenta, Camacho, Archuleta, Salcido

**NOES:** None

Councilmember Camacho recommended Nadine Barragan for appointment to the Sister City Commission.

Motion by Councilmember Armenta, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta to adopt Resolution No. 6519, appointing Nadine Barragan to the Sister City Commission.

Resolution No. 6519 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING NADINE BARRAGAN, ELECTOR OF SAID CITY TO THE SISTER CITY COMMISSION FOR A TWO YEAR TERM SAID TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 2011.

**AYES:** Armenta, Camacho, Archuleta, Salcido

**NOES:** None

**11. Mayoral Appointments.**

(100/59)

Continued to meeting of February 9, 2010.

**REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilmember Armenta mentioned the prospect of a Dog Park at the end of Burke Street and asked why he wasn't informed about the Parks Master Plan meeting regarding Pio Pico Elementary School.

Director of Parks & Recreation Aranda stated that time is of the essence in regard to the grant and that staff set up an informal booth at St. Francis Xavier Church on Sunday to solicit input from residents regarding Pio Pico Elementary School.

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta acknowledged the Haiti fundraiser to be held at Rivera Middle School, January 30, 2010 sponsored by the El Rancho Unified School District Board Members, teachers, and students, and supported by the Fire and Sheriff's Departments. He also requested that the Parks & Recreation Commission be made aware of any concerns pertaining to their commission such as the issues with the Senior Center.

Mayor Salcido appointed two new Ad Hoc Committees: 1) Medical Marijuana Dispensary Committee appointing Councilmember Armenta and Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta along with appropriate City staff to serve on this committee; and 2) Trash Hauling Contract Committee appointing Councilmember Gustavo and himself.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

In compliance with AB 1234 requirements, Councilmember Camacho reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities for new council members.

**2<sup>ND</sup> PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENTS – ALL OTHER CITY-RELATED BUSINESS:**

Robert Sanchez:

- Addressed the City Council to speak of a petition in favor of having a Dog Park at the end of Burke Street.

Bobby Arredondo:

- Addressed the City Council to speak about Medical Marijuana Dispensaries.

Melanie Coward, Executive Director of Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce:

- Addressed the City Council to promote Shop in Pico Rivera campaign.

Lupe Salas:

- Addressed the City Council to congratulate all certified candidates seeking election in the April special election and to dismiss any concerns or rumors about her withdrawing her candidacy.

Pastor Drew Koen:

- Addressed the City Council to thank the Council for the opportunity to speak and to pray;
- Spoke about separation between church and state by providing history and interpretation.
- Requested that the City Council continue with the tradition of our forefathers.

Pastor Hans Bletterman, My Friends Church:

- Addressed the City Council to speak about the level of collaboration between churches and City;
- Community Pastors look forward to working together with the City and to continue to support and pray for our government leaders;
- Requested that the bible have a prominent place in the Council Chambers.

The following individuals addressed the City Council to speak in favor of maintaining the current status quo on pool tables, card tables, and the need for adequate space as provided by law for handicap seniors, spectators and players at the Senior Center:

Raul Reveles

Benito R. Moreno

Arthur Castanon

Frank Patino

Charles Patino

Grace Rodriguez

Tracee Mendoza

Paula Murga

Zita Rodriguez

Virginia Aguirre

Grace Rodriguez:

- Addressed the City Council to request a room at the Senior Center for three days a week where senior citizens could sit down and crochet or knit.

Tracee Mendoza:

- Addressed the City Council regarding modifications to the Senior Center;
- Asked if money from the City's budget could be allocated to help senior citizens with funding;

- Asked if televised City Council meetings could be translated into Spanish on cable TV as well as web casting City Council meetings on the internet.

The following individuals addressed the City Council to offer comments relative to the issue of the City Manager's evaluation:

Pete Ramirez  
John Belmonte  
Paula Murga  
Zita Rodriguez

**COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS:**

In regard to speakers' comments, Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta stated that the City Council has always honored God and country and asked if it was necessary to pass a resolution to keep the bible in a prominent place in the Council Chambers or if it should be the will of the Council.

Mayor Salcido stated that he respects and appreciates the dialogue and faith expressed by the Pastors and Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta but believes the separation of church and government should be upheld to protect the integrity of both the church and government, and that by choosing one religion over another is a direct violation of the constitution. He stated that the Council may still respect the diversity of religions by allowing the different churches to deliver the invocation at the beginning of the Council meetings.

A brief period of dialogue ensued regarding the modifications to the Senior Center and the consensus and decision was to increase the size of the pool room by 200 square feet to accommodate three (3) pool tables, two (2) card tables and to build a first class fitness center along with a cyber café. Mayor Salcido directed City Manager Fuentes and appropriate staff to meet with representatives from the senior citizens to memorialize the discussion that took place tonight. With this directive, the Mayor concluded that this matter is now resolved.

Mayor and Councilmembers thanked the seniors for coming and voicing their concerns, stated that the problem with the configuration of the Senior Center would be resolved and requested better communication between the senior citizens and City staff.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. in memory of Rebecca Castro, sister-in-law to former Councilmember Pete Ramirez. There being no objection it was so ordered.

**AYES:** Armenta, Camacho, Archuleta, Salcido

**NOES:** None

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Gregory Salcido, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Daryl A. Betancur, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the proceedings of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency Regular meeting dated January 26, 2010, and approved by the City Council on February 9, 2010.

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Daryl A. Betancur, City Clerk