



Tuesday, March 9, 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 6:00 p.m. on behalf of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency and the Housing Assistance Agency.

PRESENT: Armenta, Camacho, Archuleta, Salcido

ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Fred Zermeno, Planning Commissioner

INVOCATION: Councilmember Armenta

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Camacho

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

1. Minutes:

- City Council Special Study Session meeting of February 18, 2010
- City Council Adjourned Special Closed Session meeting of February 22, 2010
- City Council Regular meeting of February 22, 2010
- City Council & Redevelopment Regular meeting of February 23, 2010
- Planning Commission meeting of February 16, 2010

2. 14th Warrant Register of the Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Check Numbers: 238420-238562; 238566-238671

Special Check Numbers: 238563-238565

3. Fireworks Program for 2010

(1000/87)

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

4. Professional Geotechnical and Environmental Engineering Services (1200/75)

1. Approved Agreement No. 10-1155 with Environmental Equalizers, Inc. (EEI), 2195 Faraday Avenue, Suite K, Carlsbad, CA, 92008 to provide “as needed” professional services in the area of Geotechnical Environmental Engineering; and
2. Adopted Resolution No. 6526 transferring \$50,000 from General Fund Balance 210-7300-44500-TBD account to Engineering Contracted Services 010-4010-44500 account for use on “as needed” non-Capital Improvement Program (CIP) professional geotechnical and environmental services.

Agreement No. 10-1155

Resolution No. 6526 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING FY 2009-2010 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO THE ENGINEERING CONTRACTED SERVICES ACCOUNT

5. Reallocation of Funds Streamland Park – Parking Lot Improvements – CIP No. 21230. (1400/109)

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

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

AYES: Armenta, Camacho, Archuleta, Salcido

NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED:

3. Fireworks Program for 2010 (1000/87)

Councilmember Armenta inquired about the Optimist Club’s late filing and the City’s selection process with a brief discussion ensuing regarding reduction of firework permit fees, proper notification and the manner in which the program is advertised to interested parties.

Motion by Councilmember Armenta, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta to adopt Resolution No. 6525 permitting 19 fireworks stands in the City in 2010 with additional direction provided to staff regarding inclusion of the Optimist Club, feasibility of reducing firework permit fees, and promotional advertising. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 6525 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF FIREWORKS SALE PERMITS ALLOWED TO BE ISSUED UNDER CHAPTER 8.36 OF THE PICO RIVERA MUNICIPAL CODE.

AYES: Armenta, Camacho, Archuleta, Salcido

NOES: None

5. Reallocation of Funds Streamland Park – Parking Lot Improvements – CIP No. 21230. (1400/109)

Councilmember Armenta inquired as to why the Sports Arena fund was not used for this project with both Finance Director Herrera and Public Works Director Cablay stating that Sports Arena Fund money could be used for Streamland Park but past practice for this type of CIP project has been to use the General Fund. Direction was given to staff to provide Council with a financial income and expense report on the Sports Arena over the last three years.

Assistant City Manager Lopez added that the Sports Arena and Golf Course are Army Corps. of Engineer's property and enterprise funds that generate money. The money, she stated, that is generated from those locations is kept for further capital improvements at those specific locations. She stated that she would not recommend utilizing Golf Course generated funds for Streamland Park but to keep Golf Course generated funds for specific CIP projects at the Golf Course, and commented that utilizing those funds for projects other than these specific locations would have an impact on these projects.

Motion by Councilmember Armenta, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta to adopt Resolution No. 6527 authorizing the transfer of \$50,000 from General Fund "TBD" Project Budget to Streamland Park Parking Lot Improvements CIP No. 21230. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 6527 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING FY 2009-2010 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP) NO. 21230

AYES: Armenta, Camacho, Archuleta, Salcido

NOES: None

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta stated that Rose Hills will be hosting the Vietnam Memorial Wall Replica with an opening ceremony on Tuesday, March 23, 2010. He mentioned that the memorial will arrive Sunday, March 21, 2010 escorted by the California Highway Patrol and that volunteers are needed to read the names listed on the memorial wall.

Councilmember Armenta inquired about recent sidewalk improvements with contractors stamp imprints and the possible removal of the security doors and wall in City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Camacho mentioned Census 2010 and how important it is for everyone to participate and register.

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta acknowledged Mayor Salcido for representing the City well at Commander Rothans' farewell.

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

Harold Pedersen:

- Addressed the City Council to speak about the progress of the MTA Gold Line and inquired about the City's position on this project.

Melanie Coward, Executive Director of Chamber of Commerce:

- Addressed the City Council to speak about the City Council Candidates forum and to invite residents on March 18, 2010 to the forum at the Senior Center, 9200 Mines Avenue from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and to vote on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

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

- Addressed the City Council to speak about invocations and potential recall efforts.

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

- Addressed the City Council in regard to invocations and recall efforts.

John Albitre:

- Addressed the City Council to speak about the upcoming elections and his support of Candidate Lupe Salas.

Lupe Salas:

- Addressed the City Council to request a traffic study between Telegraph Road and Slauson Avenue at Terradell and Rosemead Blvd. due to the occurrence of traffic accidents.

Luis Alvarado:

- Addressed the City Council to state that he agrees with the unanimous decision the Council made regarding the release of City Manager Fuentes by following the proper protocol required by law;
- Inquired into the process of selecting a new City Manager;
- Stated that he attended the MTA Gold Line meeting and that three options were presented to the cities;
- Mentioned that campaign signs are being stolen and vandalized.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS:

In regard to the MTA Gold Line, Assistant City Manager Prang stated that he would provide City Council with a report on the City's position.

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta reiterated that the release of City Manager Fuentes was a unanimous decision and that Council followed the required laws that applied to this matter and that Council will work together in the selection of a new City Manager.

Councilmember Armenta mentioned placing a small memorial plaque to remember specific residents who lost their lives to tragedy to which Mayor Salcido said the best way to memorialize those who have lost their lives to tragedy is to make the City safer.

Mayor Salcido also stated that the City Council is working together to provide what is in the best interest of the community and that each member is doing their best to serve the needs of the public.

Recessed to Housing Assistance Agency at 6:50 p.m.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

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CLOSED SESSION:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9 Subdivision (a)

Number of Potential Cases (1)

City Attorney reported that unanimous authorization was given to the City Attorney's office to prepare a petition for review in this matter and that other direction was provided to the City Attorney's office.

ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. There being no objection it was so ordered.

AYES: Armenta, Camacho, Archuleta, Salcido

NOES: None

Gregory Salcido, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 March 9, 2010, and approved by the City Council on March 23, 2010.

Daryl A. Betancur, City Clerk