



Tuesday, July 13, 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 6:05 p.m. on behalf of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency and Housing Assistance Agency.

PRESENT: Armenta, Camacho, Contreras Rapisarda, Archuleta, Salcido

ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Ana Ascencio, Sister City Commissioner

Robert Torres, Parks & Recreation Commissioner

INVOCATION: Councilmember Armenta

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Gabriela Berumen, Katherine Cortes and Stefanie España representatives of the Parks & Recreation Youth Center

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Proclamation celebrating "Parks & Recreation Month" was presented to representatives of the Parks & Recreation Youth Center.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

1. Minutes:

- City Council and Redevelopment Agency, Housing Assistance Agency and Water Authority meeting of June 17, 2010
- City Council meeting of June 21, 2010
- City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of June 22, 2010
- City Council Special meeting of June 30, 2010
- Parks & Recreation Commission meeting of May 13, 2010

- Sister City Commission meeting of May 17, 2010

2. 22nd Warrant Register of the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. (700/78)

Check Numbers: 240653-241018

Special Checks Numbers: None.

3. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Los Angeles County Energy Program (LACEP).

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda inquired about the assessment levied against qualified property owners who participate in the Los Angeles County Energy program and the timeframe to pay off the taxes.

Analyst Ray Chavez stated that the tax would be permanent until the property is transferred upon sale and that the County is responsible for conducting assessment proceedings and levy assessment against the property not the City.

Assistant City Manager Prang added that the interest rate would be below market level as an incentive for residents to participate in the program. Further, he said, that only the unincorporated cities and areas of the County can participate once the City Council has adopted a resolution indicating that they want this service available to their residents. Mr. Prang further clarified that this is a County run program and that the City's involvement is only to facilitate a resolution so that residents can choose to participate or not. The financial obligation he said would be between the property owner and the County.

1. Adopted Resolution No. 6558 authorizing participation in the Los Angeles County Energy Program.

Resolution No. 6558 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ENERGY PROGRAM TO FINANCE DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS, APPROVING THE REPORT SETTING FORTH THE PARAMETERS OF THE REFERENCED PROGRAM AND CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

4. Application for Used Oil Recycling Funds under Newly Formed Used Oil Payment Program. (700/156)

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda asked where citizens can dispose of their oil for recycling with Analyst Ray Chavez responding that residents can dispose of their oil free of charge at Auto Zone's located on Whittier Boulevard and Slauson Avenue.

1. Approved Resolution No. 6559 authorizing the submittal of an application in CalRecycle for funding under the Used Oil Recycling Payment Program.

Resolution No. 6559 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR USED OIL RECYCLING FUNDS THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA OIL RECYCLING ENHANCEMENT ACT AND ITS NEWLY FORMED USED OIL PAYMENT PROGRAM

5. Parking Restrictions West Side of Tobias Avenue, North of Bartolo Avenue, North and South of Manning's Beef Driveway. (1400/109)

This item was continued to a date uncertain.

Motion by Councilmember Armenta, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Armenta, Camacho, Contreras Rapisarda, Archuleta, Salcido

NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED: Item No. 5.

CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION: None.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

Recessed to Housing Assistance Agency at 6:15 p.m.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

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NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Armenta requested that staff look into painting crosswalks at the intersection of Serapis and Burke Street; consider stipulating in the renewal of the rubbish contract assistance for disabled or handicap persons with placing trash cans at curbs; advertise in the City's *Profile* the Senior Citizens telephone outreach program; and for staff to provide an update on the trial speed bump project.

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda recommended that the Council consider a paperless agenda for City Council meetings to which all council members indicated that this proposal was overdue. Mayor Salcido directed staff to research and bring back information for City Council's consideration at the earliest opportunity. Assistant City Manager Prang indicated that a memo to Council could be prepared as early as next month.

In compliance with AB 1234 requirements, Councilmembers Armenta, Camacho, Contreras Rapisarda and Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta reported on their attendance at the Independent Cities Association conference highlighting topics such as energy efficient fuels, redevelopment funds, natural habitat that encourages health, trash disposal (waste) by rail, city and school partnerships, and public retirement benefits.

On the subject of waste by rail, Councilmember Armenta indicated that while at the conference, the County Sanitation District representative mentioned that the future of trash is going to be moved by rail and that the City's trash contract will be up for renewal next year so this is something the City will need to address.

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta commented that one of the topics of discussion was the need for cities and school districts to work closely together in light of the financial situation with the school districts in order to build partnerships that can be mutually beneficial. Further, with regards to trash, he stated that when the landfill closes the City needs to be ready to address that particular subject.

Councilmember Camacho commented that indeed the trash landfill closure is due for 2013 and that it is important to understand that the landfill is closing because the County has chosen to close and it has nothing to do with exceeding landfill capacity as

most people think; however, what needs to be addressed is the cost to move trash by rail. He indicated that this is something that Mayor Salcido and he as members of the Trash Ad-Hoc Committee will be paying close attention to and following up with the Sanitation District about.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta requested that staff provide an updated study on residential handicap parking with Assistant City Manager Prang stating that a memo to Mayor and City Council will be provided with the latest findings. Mr. Archuleta also thanked staff for a great job with the 4th of July Fireworks show event.

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

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

- Addressed the City Council to speak about integrity and trust of the City Council; objects to having two Assistant City Managers at the rate of \$165,000 each; hiring and qualifications of new City Manager; spoke of Sheriff’s Department’s performance.

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

- Addressed the City Council to speak of his objection to the City having two Assistant City Managers and the hiring of a new City Manager.

Esther Celiz:

- Addressed the City Council stating how proud she is to live in Pico Rivera; proud of the City Council, City staff, and Sheriff’s Department; benefits of Measure P, sales transaction tax for the City.

Joe Bueno:

- Addressed the City Council to speak of City improvements, RDA debt; inquired on the status of the street lights on Triton Drive; and that the landscape at City Hall looks good.

In response to Mr. Bueno’s inquiry, Director of Public Works Cablay stated that the street lights being installed on Triton Drive were paid for out of the street light assessment and the cost is spread district wide. He stated that other streets will be surveyed for street lights in the future.

Director of Finance Herrera explained that a Redevelopment Agency legally has to have debt to receive redevelopment property increment revenue. The Redevelopment Agency, he stated, has \$101 million dollar debt which includes bond holders, County of Los Angeles, and the City General Fund. He stated that the City has no problem paying the bond holders but that the County of Los Angeles and the City General Fund most likely will never be repaid without some kind of workout. In the future, he stated, legislation is being proposed to extend the life of the redevelopment agency that may provide new revenue to redevelopment agencies.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

Recessed to Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened from Closed Session at 6:47 p.m.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

CLOSED SESSION(S):

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Deborah R. Lopez, Assistant City Manager

Employee Organization: SEIU Parks and Recreation Hourly Unit

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman reported that direction was given to staff, no final action was taken and that there was nothing further to report. The item, he stated, would come back to City Council for action at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. in memory of resident LAPD officer Martin Franco. There being no objection it was so ordered.

AYES: Armenta, Camacho, Contreras Rapisarda, 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 July 13, 2010, and approved by the City Council on July 27, 2010.

Daryl A. Betancur, City Clerk