



Wednesday, October 20, 2010

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

Mayor Salcido called the special meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. on behalf of the City Council.

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

ABSENT: None.

1st PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

The following members of the public addressed the City Council to speak in favor of the City renewing its rubbish contract with CalMet:

- Joe Proo
- Thomas Perez
- Raul Ruelas
- Chris Alvarez
- Zita Rodriguez
- Esther Celiz
- Raul Murga
- Jim Smith
- Mike Lawrence
- Otoniel Olivares
- Betty Lounsberry
- Irene Trujillo
- Julie Ward
- Jerry Viera
- Virginia Aguirre
- Paula Murga

Sam Perdomo, representative of Waste Resource Inc:

- Addressed the City Council to request that the City prepare an RFP to give other companies a chance to bid for the City's rubbish contract.

OPEN SESSION:

1. Report from the Ad Hoc Committee Relative to Alternatives for Municipal Solid Waste Services. (500)

In response to questions asked from members of the public regarding whose idea it was to go out to bid, Mayor Salcido stated that an Ad Hoc Committee was appointed consisting of himself, Councilmember Camacho, both Assistant City Managers and pertinent City staff to review the current rubbish contract prior to the contract expiring in June of 2011. He stated that the Ad Hoc Committee is presenting to Council this evening for discussion whether it is appropriate to continue negotiating with the current company or after 30 years is it appropriate to go out to bid.

Mr. Joe Sloan, representative of CalMet, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Waste Collection and Recycling Service Enhancements for the City of Pico Rivera and Mr. Bill Kalpakof of CalMet stated that CalMet has purchased \$6 million dollars of vehicles from Rush Peter Built, another \$3 million vehicles will be purchased if the contract is renewed, uniforms and gas are purchased here in the City from Cintas and The Gas Company, with all sales taxes staying here in Pico Rivera.

Councilmember Camacho stated that he is in favor of open government and being able to compare other proposals to the current contract. He stated that no one is trying to eliminate CalMet's contract and that he has done his due diligence by visiting all of CalMet's facilities and that it's time to go out to bid to make sure that the City is getting the best services for its residents. Councilmember Camacho suggested involving residents in the committee process.

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta spoke highly of the services provided by CalMet Services and stated that by having the open discussion this evening is an example of open government. He also stated that he is still listening before casting his vote.

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda thanked the residents and business communities for being present in the audience. She stated that the presentation by CalMet was very transparent and asked City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman if the proposal given by CalMet to the Ad Hoc Committee is public record with City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman responding that it is not at this time. She asked several questions regarding conversion technology, medical waste, compressed natural gas, including a show of hands from CalMet workers who are residents of the City and asked if the current fee on the property owners taxes would be increased or decreased with Assistant City Manager

Prang stating that the fees would be frozen for two years so the fees on the tax bill would remain the same. Mr. Sloan stated that CalMet is permitted for medical waste, is involved with the County of Los Angeles on waste conversion and that all vehicles are 100% compressed natural gas.

Councilmember Armenta stated that CalMet's track record of excellent service is shown by the fact that they have had the City's contract for thirty years. He stated that the City has the obligation to perform its due diligence by preparing an RFP to ensure that the City is getting the best services for its residents and business community.

Mayor Salcido stated that in past practice the City has extended contracts with companies when it knows that it has the right people (companies) in place such as with CalMet. He stated that it is sound and logical to go out for an RFP after thirty years; however, if the City already has what the RFP is looking for such as residents employed by the company, company investing up to \$10 million in vehicle purchases in the City, working with the County of Los Angeles on conversion technology, and happy residents and business community, why go out to bid.

Councilmember Camacho reiterated that the City is moving forward and that at this level of cost for a contract he supports it going out for proposal and encouraged CalMet to continue to provide good services.

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta asked if staff could go back and continue the negotiations with CalMet to ensure that all needs have been met and stated that open government has been achieved.

City Attorney stated that the current contract expires in June 2011 and in order to continue with the franchise, the City would need to negotiate a new contract as presented in item 1 (1).

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda thanked CalMet for their services to the community and stated that the business community and residents are pleased with their services.

Councilmember Armenta asked if after going out for an RFP if that would preclude Council from negotiating with CalMet with City Attorney stating that if the Council decides to go for an RFP an RFP could be crafted to include negotiations with CalMet.

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to direct staff to prepare Request for Proposals for comprehensive waste and recycling management from qualified solid waste/recycling collection providers. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Armenta, Camacho, Archuleta

NOES: Contreras Rapisarda, Salcido

Motion by Councilmember Armenta, seconded by Councilmember Camacho to direct staff to require the selected service provider to participate, if feasible, with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works waste conversion technology demonstration project initiative. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

For clarification purposes, City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman asked if the RFP would be released as a matter of course or does it come back to the Ad Hoc Committee with Mayor Salcido stating that the RFP is to come back to the Ad Hoc Committee for review and then presented to City Council. Mayor Salcido also stated that the RFP will be crafted to include a clause for continued negotiation with CalMet if Council does not find a suitable proposal.

Recessed into Closed Session at 5:35 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened from Closed Session at 7:04 p.m.

MEMBERS ARMENTA, CAMACHO, AND SALCIDO WERE PRESENT

CLOSED SESSION(S):

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957

Title: City Manager

City Attorney reported that direction was provided, no action was taken and that there was nothing further to report.

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957

Title: Finance Director

City Attorney reported that direction was provided to City Council, no action taken and that there was nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. There being no objection it was so ordered.

AYES: Armenta, Camacho, Contreras Rapisarda, 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 Special meeting dated October 20, 2010, and approved by the City Council on November 9, 2010.

Daryl A. Betancur, City Clerk