



Tuesday, January 25, 2011

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

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

ABSENT: None.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Sylvia Vela-Amaya, Parks & Recreation Commissioner
Jeremiah Rodriguez, Planning Commissioner

INVOCATION: ROTC

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: ROTC

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S):

- Proclamation presented to Peter Ramirez, Parks and Recreation Commissioner
- Proclamation presented to Julian Damas, Damas Nursery
- Certificates presented to 2011 Holiday Home Decorating Contest winners:
 - Most Whimsical – Mario & Darlene Gomez
 - Most Traditional – Jamie Acosta
 - Best Religious – Raoul Mendez
 - Best Lobby – Telacu Del Rio
 - Sweepstakes – Chris Ayala
- New employee introductions:
 - Eric Dennis
 - Charissa Manor
- Employee service recognitions:
 - Maria Carrillo, 10 years
 - Lety Reyes, 10 years
- Rio Hondo College Presentation:

- o Ted Martinez, Jr. Ph.D
- o Maria Elena Martinez, Board of Trustees

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

1. Public Hearing – Recovery of Nuisance Abatement Costs for property located at 4136 Layman Avenue in the City of Pico Rivera. (1300)

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman advised Councilmember Camacho that he lives within the subject property's boundaries and that he should recuse himself from this item.

Councilmember Camacho left the dais and returned after the vote was taken.

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

Assistant City Manager Prang stated that the property located at 4136 Layman Avenue is in foreclosure and was broken into and occupied by youth in the neighborhood. He stated that the City responded to abate the nuisance by boarding up the house and the City has incurred a cost of \$3100. The request, he stated, is to place a lien on the property so that when the home is sold the City will be able to recover the cost in abating the nuisance.

Mayor Armenta closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta to adopt attached Resolution No. 6590 setting forth an itemized account of expenses for confirmation and possible placement of a lien on real property at 4136 Laymen Avenue.

Resolution No. 6590 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, SETTING FORTH AN ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF EXPENSES FOR CONFIRMATION AND POSSIBLE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4136 LAYMAN AVENUE, PICO RIVERA PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 8.16 OF THE PICO RIVERA MUNICIPAL CODE

AYES: Contreras Rapisarda, Salcido, Archuleta, Armenta
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Camacho

1st PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Pamela Manookian, April Flowers:

- Addressed the City Council to speak on Item No. 5 regarding the Commercial Façade Program and concerns with property owners' costs on the loan portion of the program.

Deputy Director of Community Development Julia Gonzalez stated that the funds are Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) of which \$300,000 is available. The program, she stated, targets specific areas between San Gabriel and Durfee Avenue (north side of Whittier) which encompasses approximately 10 businesses. These businesses, she stated, over the last two years have been sent mailers and staff has either spoken to the tenants or property owners. The recommendation, she stated, is to increase the grant amount to 80% of the project cost.

Mayor Armenta stated that because these are federal funds if the City does not comply with federal requirements, the City could loose the federal funding with Deputy Director Gonzalez responding in the affirmative.

In response to a question asked by Councilmember Salcido, Assistant City Manager Prang stated that the program consists of 80% grant funding and 20% loan. He added that the 20% loan would be paid back to the City by the property owner.

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta pointed out that the loan is given to the property owner and not the tenant and if the property owner does not want to participate in the program the business owner has no recourse.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Minutes:

- City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of January 11, 2011
- Parks & Recreation meeting of October 14, 2010
- Parks & Recreation meeting of December 9, 2010
- Parks & Recreation meeting of December 20, 2010
- Planning Commission meeting of December 6, 2010

3. 12th Warrant Register of the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year.

(700)

Check Numbers: 243792-243995

Special Checks Numbers: None.

4. Commercial Façade Program Guideline Revisions. (1300)

This item was pulled from the agenda and referred to the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Council members Contreras Rapisarda and Salcido for consideration of another target area on Beverly Blvd. between Rosemead and Paramount, further study and research for available loan funding resources.

5. Policy for Requests for Travel for Youth Groups. (700)

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

6. Approval of Water System Upgrades in conjunction with the San Gabriel River Coastal Spreading Grounds Pump Station Pipeline and Mines Avenue Recycled Waterline Project (LA County Project Pipeline). (1100)

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

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta to approve Consent Calendar items No. 2 and 3. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED:

5. Policy for Requests for Travel for Youth Groups. (700)

Mayor Armenta addressed concerns with the amended policy and the Council being by passed for approval of financial contributions to local youth groups for travel.

Assistant City Manager Prang stated that the amendment to the travel policy is being brought forth as a convenience to the Council. He stated that qualified youth groups don't always request the approval for funding in a timely manner, but the Council has expressed an interest in supporting these groups and the amendment would help to expedite the process by making it an administrative process.

Director of Parks & Recreation Aranda added that in the last two and a half years administration has been processing these request and did not realize that the request were to come before Council. There are currently two groups, he stated, that meet the requirements who recently requested funding. If the process would have to wait to go to Council, he said the groups would not have received the funding in time for their event.

Mayor Armenta and Council requested no amendment to the policy only that the written request to Council be followed through and forwarded to Council upon the qualified organizations request for funding.

1. Approve amendment to policy regarding City financial contributions for local youth group travel.

No action taken.

6. Approval of Water System Upgrades in conjunction with the San Gabriel River Coastal Spreading Grounds Pump Station Pipeline and Mines Avenue Recycled Waterline Project (LA County Project Pipeline). (1100)

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda asked staff questions regarding asbestos pipeline, if the pipelines impose a threat, and how the City determines the contamination.

Director of Public Works Cablay responded that there is less than 50% of asbestos pipeline, that the pipelines do not impose a threat and the City determines contamination through water sampling and testing. He also stated that water sampling is done weekly and that the remaining pipeline will eventually be replaced. Asbestos pipeline, he stated, is not considered toxic or a hazardous material.

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta asked if there is a way for the City to recuperate the money being spent on the pipeline upgrade to which Director Cablay said there is not.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta, seconded by Councilmember Camacho to authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a City Services Request with Los Angeles County for Water System Upgrades in the amount of \$39,828.00.

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

NOES: None

CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION:

- 7. Reconsideration of Professional Services Agreement - Beverly Boulevard Landscape Median Rehabilitation Project CIP No. 21231 – Award Construction Management and Inspection Services. (500)**

Mayor Armenta addressed concerns he had with the lowest bidder recommendation on the project. He expressed his disappointment with the process in which the bids were analyzed and presented, and inferred that AAE was the lowest bidder.

Staff administration explained the bid process evaluation and how they came to the conclusion and recommendation for the award of the contract and stated that the recommendation was based on the overall quality of the agreement.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated that the ultimate decision in awarding the contract is the City Council and that under this type of contract award it does not have to be the lowest bidder.

Motion by Mayor Armenta to rescind previous City Council action and authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for Construction Management (CM) Services for the Beverly Boulevard Landscape Median Rehabilitation Project, CIP No. 21231 to AAE, Inc. for the remainder of the work. Motion failed due to lack of second.

No action taken. (Previous award of Professional Services Agreement (PSA) will be sustained.)

Agreement No. 10-1208

- 8. Parks and Recreation Commission Appointments. (300)**

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Councilmember Salcido to adopt Resolution No. 6591 ratifying Councilmember Camacho's appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Resolution No. 6591 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING LORRAINE DE LA O ELECTOR OF SAID CITY TO THE PARKS AND

RECREATION COMMISSION FOR A ONE YEAR TERM SAID TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 2011.

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

NOES: None

9. Expansion of Candace/Goodbee/Phaeton Permit Parking Area to include 6500 Block of Candace Avenue. (1400)

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta to adopt Resolution No. 6592 approving expansion of Candace/Goodbee/Phaeton permit parking area to include 6500 block of Candace Avenue.

Resolution No. 6592 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING THE 6500 BLOCK OF CANDACE AVENUE TO EXISTING CANDACE/GOODBEE/PHAETON PERMIT PARKING AREA

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

NOES: None

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR:

10. Comprehensive Annual Finance Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010 and Independent Auditor's Report. (700)

In response to a question asked by Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda, Director of Finance Herrera responded that the eight years remaining as of June 30, 2010 would be June 30, 2018.

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Camacho to receive and file the audit reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010: 1) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR); and 2) Independent Auditor's Audit Opinion letter dated December 17, 2010.

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

NOES: None

Recessed to Water Authority at 8:10 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

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NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Camacho requested an update on the Parks Master Plan, in particular, with the parks development located on school district property. Director of Parks & Recreation Aranda stated that the City has not received an approval or direction from the school district and that staff is working with them now to complete the joint use agreement. Once that is completed, he stated, staff will go back to the school district with individual written agreements and request approval for each of the individual sites which will include the renovation projects that the City is developing.

After a brief discussion amongst Council, Councilmember Salcido suggested revisiting the Parks Master Plan when our new City Manager comes on board to allow him time to discuss the plan with ERUSD Superintendent. All council members concurred with Mr. Salcido's suggestion.

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta mentioned the use of new technology by some cities where the Sheriff's vehicles are linked to merchant surveillance video cameras that allows Sheriff Deputies to view crimes taking place in real time in their vehicles via video. He stated that the City is hoping to apply this technology when funding is available.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Salcido suggested a Closed Session for next Council meeting to discuss the Finance Director position.

In compliance with AB 1234 requirements, Councilmember Camacho provided a brief report on his recent attendance at the California Contract Cities Association legislative tour in Sacramento.

Mayor Armenta stated that the City is doing what it can to prevent traffic incidents on Paramount Boulevard near Dunlap Crossing and asked Capt. Thornton to elaborate.

Capt. Thornton stated that a decoy sheriff's radio car was placed on Paramount Boulevard near Dunlap Crossing to get drivers attention and slow them down which proved to be effective. A few days later, he stated, just after dark the decoy was vandalized by youth using rocks to take out the windows on the radio car.

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

Judi Gollette:

- Addressed the City Council to thank Council for their support regarding the Project CAPE Post-Secondary Transition Program which assists students with disabilities, partnering with the community and the Sheriff's department, and to request that the City's Parks & Recreation department provide programs for students/individuals with disabilities.

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

- Addressed the City Council to speak on Mayor's expenses and the new City Manager's salary.

Eva Tryero:

- Addressed the City Council to speak on domestic violence.

John Belmonte:

- Addressed the City Council to speak on Mayor's expenses.

Jose Serrano Jr.:

- Addressed the City Council to speak on public notification of bicycle riding enforcement on sidewalks.

Martha Paez:

- Addressed the City Council regarding recent traffic incidents and fatality on Paramount Boulevard in front of her property and requested a stop sign or signal to slow traffic down.

Charles Zavala:

- Addressed the City Council with the same concerns as previous speaker also requesting a signal or stop sign on Paramount Boulevard and Dunlap Crossing as he has sustained property damage due to traffic accidents.

Victor Gonzalez:

- Addressed the City Council stating that he is a volunteer at Rivera Park with the basketball program and requested help and support with the program at both Rivera and Pico Parks.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. in memory of Jose Ramos. There being no objection it was so ordered.

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

NOES: None

David W. Armenta, 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 January 25, 2011, and approved by the City Council on February 8, 2011.

Daryl A. Betancur, City Clerk