



Tuesday, July 26, 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/Chairman Armenta called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. on behalf of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency and Water Authority.

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

ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Esther Celiz, Planning Commissioner

David Angelo, Sister City Commissioner

INVOCATION: Councilmember Barbara Contreras Rapisarda

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Miguel Adame, Read to Achieve Program Participant

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S):

Recognition(s):

- Miguel Adame, Read to Achieve Program
- Employee Recognition, Salvador Rodriguez, Public Works, 30 years

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Minutes:

- Approved City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of July 12, 2011
- Received and Filed Parks & Recreation Commission meeting of May 12, 2011
- Received and Filed Parks & Recreation Commission meeting of June 9, 2011

- Received and Filed Planning Commission meeting of June 20, 2011

2. 2nd Warrant Register of the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year. (700)

Check Numbers: 246838-246946; 246947-247055

Special Checks Numbers: 246829-246837

3. Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement for Asset Forfeiture. (500)

1. Approved a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement with the Federal Government for the disposition of funds forfeited in connection with a crime and authorized the Mayor and City Manager to execute it; and
2. Adopted Resolution No. 6633 approving participation in the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement Program and authorizing the execution of related documents.

Resolution No. 6633 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS

Agreement No. 11-1239

4. Light Emitting Diode (LED) Conversion of Traffic Signals, CIP No. 21216. (500)

1. Approved Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&Es) for the Light Emitting Diode (LED) Conversion of Traffic Signals, CIP No. 21216; and
2. Authorized the City Clerk to publish the Notice Inviting Bids.

5. Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce Services Agreement and Funding. (500)

This item was continued to the meeting of August 23, 2011.

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

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

NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED: None.

CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION: None.

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR:

6. **New Redevelopment Agency Laws – AB 1X 26 (The “Dissolution Bill) and AB 1X 27 (The Continuation Bill”).** (1500)

There being no objection Mayor Armenta received and filed the informational report.

Recessed to Water Authority at 6:30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened from Water Authority at 6:35 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta commented on the success of the summer concerts in the park that took place during the month of July and thanked all who participated in the event.

Mayor Armenta asked for an update on the speed hump program with Deputy Director Cervantes stating that direction was provided by the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee to re-evaluate the program on a case-by-case basis and that Public Works has prepared some preliminary technical qualifiers for speed humps so that when speed humps are requested, staff has means of measuring the qualifications. He stated that the speed hump pilot program was very successful and direction was given to replace one of the temporary speed humps with a permanent hump and that work will be completed within the next two to three weeks.

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

John Albitre:

- Addressed the City Council regarding an article in the *Whittier Daily News* pertaining to golf expenditures referenced by Mayor Armenta and expressed his disapproval.

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

- Addressed the City Council to state her objections to recent golf expenditures as stated in the *Whittier Daily News* and requested that the money be refunded.
- Supports freedom of speech and objects to City Attorney's comments.

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

- Addressed the City Council to state his objection of Mayor Armenta playing golf at City's expense.

Florencio M. Rodriguez:

- Addressed the City Council to request that the Mayor refund his golf expense to the City.

John Avila, Chamber of Commerce member:

- Addressed the City Council to ask for the Mayor's support and to reiterate the importance of having a viable relationship and partnership between the City and the Chamber of Commerce in order to promote growth. He expressed his disappointment in some of the Mayor's recent comments and actions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

In response to speakers' comments, Mayor Armenta stated that he is open to dialogue with the Chamber of Commerce and stated that in regard to golf fees there has been no violation of City policy as the City's travel policy allows for this expenditure.

Councilmember Camacho requested that staff and Council revisit the travel policy regarding golf expenditures.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Armenta adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:59 p.m. in memory of Public Work's Associate Engineer Richard Kern and Finance Consultant Artemas Ward. 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 July 26, 2011, and approved by the City Council on August 23, 2011.

Daryl A. Betancur, City Clerk