



Tuesday, March 10, 2015

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

Mayor Pro Tem Armenta called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on behalf of the City Council.

PRESENT: Archuleta, Armenta, Camacho, Tercero

ABSENT: Salcido (excused)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Anthony Corona, Parks & Recreation Commission

INVOCATION: Councilmember Archuleta

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Tercero

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

1ST PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Victor Gonzalez:

- Addressed the City Council regarding a complaint with Sheriff's Deputies.

Israel Lopez:

- Addressed the City Council regarding how Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) is utilized.

In response to Mr. Lopez' question, Assistant to the City Manager Chavez explained that the CDBG funds are utilized towards social service programs, graffiti removal, and code enforcement programs.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Minutes:

- Approved City Council regular meeting of February 24, 2015

2. Approved 14th Warrant Register of the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year. (700)

Check Numbers: 265739-265908

Special Check Numbers: None

3. **Memorandum of Understanding Between City and El Rancho Unified School District (ERUSD) for Implementation of California Gang Reduction Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Grant Program.** (500)

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

4. **Smith Park Renovation Project (CIP No. 21218) and Rio Vista Park Renovation Project (CIP No. 21224) – Notice of Completion.** (500)

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5. **Authorization of Additional Office Space Improvements to City Hall (CIP No. 21192).** (500)

1. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to complete additional office space improvements throughout City Hall and City Hall West.

Motion by Councilmember Archuleta, seconded by Councilmember Tercero to approve Consent Calendar items No. 1, 2 and 5. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Archuleta, Camacho, Tercero, Armenta

NOES: None

ABSENT: Salcido

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

3. **Memorandum of Understanding Between City and El Rancho Unified School District (ERUSD) for Implementation of California Gang Reduction Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Grant Program.** (500)

Councilmember Tercero asked why documents are referenced as January 13, 2015. Assistant to the City Manager Chavez responded that the grant was originally approved January 13, 2015, but that staff was waiting to receive the agreement.

Councilmember Archuleta reiterated, for clarification purposes, that the school district is on board with the funding of the program to which City Manager Bobadilla responded in the affirmative.

Motion by Councilmember Tercero, seconded by Councilmember Archuleta to: 1) Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Pico Rivera and the (ERUSD) for the implementation of the CalGRIP Grant from March 10, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Total amount to be reimbursed should not exceed \$276,130; and 2) Approve professional services agreement with Strategic Partnership Schools Group (SPSG) for services from March 10, 2015 through December 31, 2015, SPSG will assist in the evaluation, processing and progress compliance reporting of the CalGRIP program. Service payments shall not exceed \$33,000.

Agreement No. 15-1574

AYES: Archuleta, Camacho, Tercero, Armenta
NOES: None
ABSENT: Salcido

4. Smith Park Renovation Project (CIP No. 21218) and Rio Vista Park Renovation Project (CIP No. 21224) – Notice of Completion. (500)

City Council members, City Manager Bobadilla and Director of Finance Enriquez discussed the process for change order approvals. City Council directed staff to develop and provide policies and procedures in regard to change orders for future capital improvement projects.

Motion by Councilmember Archuleta, seconded by Councilmember Tercero to: 1) Accept the work as completed for the Smith Park Renovation Project (CIP No. 21218) and Rio Vista Park Renovation Project (CIP No. 21224) performed by Acon Development, Inc. (Acon) and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder; and 2) Find that the requested “Changes in Work” for Smith Park and Rio Vista Park (Enclosures 3 and 4, respectively) have no significant effect on the environment and approve the changes and increased construction contract amount of \$422,432. The final contract amount with Acon increases from \$11,688,325 to \$12,110,757; and 3) Approve the final Total Construction Budget (Enclosure 5) and authorize the City Manager to release the retention payment and all other monies due to Acon following confirmation by the City Attorney that Acon has adequately resolved all pending legal and statutory matters affecting the City’s authority to release any funds owed to the Contractor.

AYES: Archuleta, Camacho, Tercero, Armenta
NOES: None
ABSENT: Salcido

LEGISLATION: None.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY MEETINGS:

Councilmember Tercero reported on a meeting he attended with the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative through his role as the Gateway Cities President regarding the Monument Plan for San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. He stated that they are advocating for additional city representatives that would be affected by this plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Archuleta congratulated City Manager Bobadilla and City Staff on the State of the City presentation to the various senior clubs within the city.

Councilmember Camacho asked for an update on the Whittier Boulevard Rehabilitation project and the Rosemead Boulevard pedestrian bridge.

Director of Public Works Enriquez stated that the Whittier Boulevard rehabilitation is getting ready to be advertised and that the plans for the Rosemead Boulevard pedestrian bridge have been revised and should be ready to go out to bid in a couple weeks.

Councilmember Tercero asked if the tiger grants are being used for these improvements. Director Enriquez stated that highway safety funds are being utilized, and in regard to the Telegraph and Washington Bridge that is also being federally funded, staff has just sent in request for preliminary engineering.

In response to Councilmember Tercero's request for an update on the Metro Gold Line, City Manager Bobadilla reported on his attendance at a COG meeting in which high speed rail was discussed, property impacts, and the need for city representation at these meetings to know how the high speed rail that will come from Los Angeles to Anaheim will affect our communities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Archuleta asked for an update on the traffic flow in regard to speeding on north Paramount Boulevard and how the city plans to mitigate traffic accidents. He also stated his concerns for vehicles speeding near Durfee School.

In response to Councilmember Archuleta's question regarding Paramount Boulevard, Director of Public Works Enriquez stated that because the traffic signs are hard to see at night, staff is looking into new flashing red LED lights, reflective signage and a metal guard rail on the turn as some of the options to improve public safety in that area. In regard to Durfee School, he stated that staff could look into a speed feedback sign and Captain Castellano added that two motor units were sent to the school site and that speeding citations were issued. Councilmember Archuleta suggested adding a third motor unit and asked staff to report back on the feasibility of adding another unit. City Manager Bobadilla mentioned that proactive policing helps to mitigate some of these safety issues and stated that a special detail unit issued 21 citations at Gallatin Road and Paramount Boulevard for failure to stop at a posted stop sign. Captain Castellano added that an additional 14 citations were issued between March 5th and March 8th for failure to stop, and that the residents thanked the deputies for the enforcement.

City Manager Bobadilla mentioned that staff needs to revisit the placement of lighted crosswalks as lighted crosswalks are no longer legal to be placed at posted stop signs

and that staff and the school district will be addressing school traffic safety in general. Councilmember Camacho and Mayor Pro Tem Armenta stated their concern for the school children's safety and mentioned how the parents need to get on board with the safety program.

Councilmember Archuleta mentioned that there are nearly 1000 children utilizing our parks this baseball season and that he is proud of the city's beautiful parks.

Mayor Pro Tem Armenta thanked the Parks and Recreation personnel for cleaning the tennis courts after being vandalized and the Sheriff's Department for catching the vandals. He also thanked City Manager Bobadilla for employees' participation in the CPR training classes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Armenta adjourned the City Council meeting at 6:46 p.m. There being no objection it was so ordered.

AYES: Archuleta, Camacho, Tercero, Armenta
NOES: None
ABSENT: Salcido

Gregory Salcido, Mayor

ATTEST:

Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the proceedings of the City Council regular meeting dated March 10, 2015 and approved by the City Council on March 24, 2015.

Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk