



Monday, July 2, 2012

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Zermeno at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA.

STAFF PRESENT:

Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development
Scott Nichols, City Attorney
Alicia Villanueva, Recording Secretary

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Celiz, Elisaldez, Garcia, Martinez, Zermeno

ABSENT: None

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Commissioner Garcia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 18, 2012

It was moved by Commissioner Martinez to approve the minutes of June 18, 2012 as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Garcia. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Celiz, Elisaldez, Garcia, Martinez, Zermeno

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a) PUBLIC IMAGE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

Deputy Director Julia Gonzalez presented staff report dated July 2, 2012, stated recommendation is that the City Council appropriate a total of \$800,000 in addition to the \$1.7 million previously recommended for both Smith Park and Rio Vista Park.

On July 18, 2012 the Planning Commission approved to recommend to the City Council the allocation of \$1.7 million of Public Image Enhancement funds for Rio Vista and Smith Parks. On June 12, 2012 the Public Works Department held a bid opening for both Smith Park and Rio Vista Park which resulted in higher construction costs estimates than previously anticipated, therefore an additional \$800,000 is being requested for a total of \$2.5 million for both parks.

Chairperson Zermeno asked for clarification of Resolution No. 6662 pertaining to Priority Program.

Ms. Gonzalez stated the resolution relates to the priority program which is a list of projects that are eligible for funding.

Chairperson Zermeno asked for clarification on bid process.

Ralph Aranda, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that both Rio Vista and Smith Park had been bid together to get one construction bid; received four bidders, one bidder withdrew due to miscalculations. Another bidder came in at \$13.1 million, slightly above budget construction which is the reason for the request of additional funds.

Commissioner Elisaldez asked for the current balance of the Public Image Enhancement fund.

Ms. Gonzalez stated approximately 2.5 million.

Commissioner Martinez expressed his concern about the substantial dollar amount of additional funds being requested.

Mr. Aranda stated the engineer's estimate was off and bids were higher than expected.

Commissioner Martinez asked whether the ten percent contingency was included.

Mr. Aranda replied in the affirmative.

Commissioner Celiz asked about the construction cost for Rio Vista Park.

Mr. Aranda explained that the reason for the high cost is that in reality Rio Vista Park is the same as Rivera Park; there are five ball fields, one concession stand, and all the infrastructure is basically the same, except that Rio Vista Park is a smaller area.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Zermeno moved to recommend City Council appropriate a total of \$800,000 in addition to the \$1.7 million previously recommended for a total of \$2.5 million in Public Image Enhancement program funds for Smith Park and Rio Vista Park, seconded by Commissioner Celiz. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Celiz, Elisaldez, Garcia, Martinez, Zermeno

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

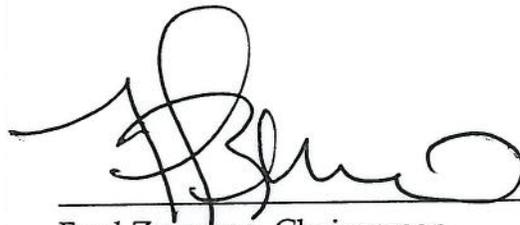
ABSENT: None

Ms. Gonzalez reported on the fees for gated communities, she stated that the Public Works Departments does not collect any fees.

Chairperson Zermeno stated the request is why gated community residents are paying for an additional street sweeper, if a city street sweeper should be coming in.

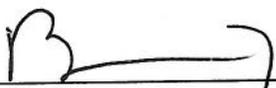
City Attorney Scott Nichols commented that the streets were probably not dedicated to the city, so the streets are not public property; and therefore city tax dollars cannot be used on private property.

There being no further business the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.



Fred Zermeno, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Benjamin A. Martinez, Secretary
Planning Commission
Director of Community and Economic Development