



Tuesday, September 28, 2010

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 Salcido called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. on behalf of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency and Water Authority.

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

ABSENT: None.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Nadine Barragan, Sister City Commissioner

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro Tem Bob Archuleta

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Allene Darby, Mary Loehr Girls Softball

RECOGNITION(S): Mary Loehr Girls Softball

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S): California High Speed Rail Authority

Presentation was given by California High Speed Rail Authority Team Members Jennifer Labrado, Jose Martinez, C. Michael Gillam and Dave Thompson. The California High Speed Rail team explained that the high speed rail is a statewide system, mentioned that several countries utilize high speed railways, it is a clean system ran by electric power, and that it will create 125,000 construction related jobs. The team also explained the environmental review process, funding, challenges, environmental and economic benefits, and different track alternatives.

As the high speed rail and its impact pertains to the City of Pico Rivera, City Council members asked questions regarding trenching, 80' elevations, right-of-way acquisitions, relocation of businesses, relocating costs, and impact of revenue loss to City. Other concerns mentioned include how the high speed rail will benefit the City in general; negative impacts to businesses and residents; expressed objections to adding more rail lines through the City; recommended an EIR for at-grade; eliminating one of the

proposed tracks; asked how additional usage of electricity will be handled; Union Pacific's objection to shared tracks; ridership from Los Angeles to Anaheim; and questioned if it is necessary to add an additional track through the City.

In regard to concerns pertaining to shared tracks, the High Speed Rail team explained that the plan is to move the Metro link and Amtrak trains off the BNSF track and onto the high speed rail track, which will allow BNSF to have a more fluid operation because the road crossing will now be grade separated which improves the trains efficiency because they will no longer have to stop or blow their whistle. The team also stated that they are seeking input from those communities that would be impacted to present to the California High Speed Rail Authority and that the concerns presented by City Council this evening will be presented and considered into the process.

1st PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Paula Murga:

- Addressed the City Council to speak on Item No. 6, Resolution Supporting School District's Measure EE; objects to the use of City facilities, media and schools to promote the measure; encouraged residents to vote "no."

Virginia Aguirre:

- Addressed the City Council regarding Item No. 6; opposed to Measure EE and the raising of property taxes.

Linda Vargas, Chairperson for Committee in support of ERUSD Measure EE:

- Addressed the City Council to thank the Council for their consideration and support and explained that Measure EE imposes no new or additional property taxes but is an extension and continuation of the existing bond.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Minutes:

- City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of September 14, 2010
- Sister City Commission meeting of August 9, 2010

2. 5th Warrant Register of the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year.

(700/78)

Check Numbers: 242106-242280

Special Checks Numbers: None.

3. Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds Under the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant and Incentives Programs from the State of California Department of Conservation. (700)

1. Adopted Resolution No. 6564 certifying approval of an application for grant funding from the State of California Department of Conservation.

Resolution No. 6564 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING GRANT AND INCENTIVES PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

4. Conflict-of-Interest Code Biennial Review. (300)

1. Rescinded Resolution No. 6392 and adopted Resolution No. 6565 amending the City of Pico Rivera's Conflict-of-Interest Code for the City Council, pursuant to the requirements of the State Political Reform Act.

Resolution No. 6565 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 6392 AND ADOPTING A CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE APPLICABLE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND DESIGNATED CITY COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES BY INCORPORATING REGULATION 2, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 18730 – THE STANDARDIZED CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODE

5. Resolution in Support of "Business Friendly Principles" as part of Southern California Association of Governments Development of a Southern California Economic Growth Strategy.

1. Adopted Resolution No. 6566 in support of Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) "Business Friendly Principles" as

part of SCAG's development of a Southern California Economic Growth Strategy; and

2. Forward a copy of the resolution to SCAG in time for SCAG's Regional Economic Summit scheduled for December 2, 2010.

Resolution No. 6566 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF "BUSINESS FRIENDLY PRINCIPLES" AS PART OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS DEVELOPMENT OF A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC GROWTH STRATEGY

6. Resolution Endorsing the El Rancho Unified School District Measure EE Appearing on the Tuesday, November 2, 2010 General Election Ballot.

1. Adopted Resolution No. 6567 endorsing the passage of Measure EE;
2. Forward copy of the resolution to the El Rancho Unified School District Board of Education; and
3. Directed City staff to publicize Council's support of Measure EE through all of the City's regular communication channels.

Resolution No. 6567 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, ENDORSING THE EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE EE APPEARING ON THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

7. Resolution Endorsing the Water Replenishment District of Southern California's Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP). (1100/144)

Item pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion and clarification.

8. Governmental Affairs Services Agreement with Capital Advocates. (500)

1. Entered into an agreement with Capitol Advocates to represent the City's interests on issues pertaining to High Speed Rail.

Agreement No. 10-1178

Motion by Councilmember Armenta, Seconded by Councilmember Camacho to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED:

7. Resolution Endorsing the Water Replenishment District of Southern California's Groundwater Reliability Improvement Program (GRIP). (1100/144)

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda stated that she has concerns regarding the amount of money involved in this project.

Assistant City Manager Prang stated that this is a major capital works project and that the amount is the engineer's best estimate to date. Currently, he stated, the Water Replenishment District is still in the process of attempting to assemble all the federal funding for the project.

Councilmember Camacho stated that this is a resolution to support potential federal funding for this project which is to begin to reclaim more water, replenish our underground water so that we can be more dependent on the City rather than on the imported water we currently receive. Economically, he said, it's moving in the right direction.

Assistant City Manager Prang further explained that the Los Angeles County Sanitation District processes waste water which currently goes to the ocean through the rivers. This project, he stated, would capture 22,000 acre feet of water per year to advance treatment that would be put into the spreading grounds to recharge local aquifers so it is a water conservation measure.

Director of Public Works Cablay added that there is no economic impact with this resolution as it is merely pointing Pico Rivera towards supporting other urban water management programs.

Motion by Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to continue this item to the meeting of October 12, 2010 for further clarification. Motion failed.

AYES: Armenta, Contreras Rapisarda

NOES: Camacho, Archuleta, Salcido

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 6568 endorsing the Water Replenishment District of Southern California Groundwater Reliability Improvement Project (GRIP); and 2) Forward copies of the adopted resolution to appropriate agencies.

Resolution No. 6568 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, ENDORSING THE WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S GROUNDWATER RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (GRIP)

AYES: Armenta, Camacho, Archuleta

NOES: Salcido

ABSTAIN: Contreras Rapisarda

CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION:

9. Modify Parking Restrictions at Designated School Bus Loading Zones and Student Loading Zones. (1400)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta, seconded by Councilmember Armenta to adopt Resolution No. 6569 to modify certain parking restrictions for school bus loading zones and student loading zones at various El Rancho Unified School District (ERUSD) Schools.

Resolution No. 6569 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, MODIFYING CERTAIN PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT VARIOUS EL RANCHO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (ERUSD) SCHOOLS

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

NOES: None

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

**10. Public Hearing for the Adoption of the Five-Year Implementation Plan for
Redevelopment Project Area No. 1. (1500/900)**

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

Chairman Salcido closed the public hearing.

Motion by Director Archuleta, seconded by Director Armenta to adopt attached Resolution No. 6570 approving the adoption of the 2010-2014 Five-Year Implementation Plan for Redevelopment Project No. 1.

Resolution No. 6570 A RESOLUTION OF THE PICO RIVERA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (2010-2014) FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. 1

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

NOES: None

NEW BUSINESS:

In compliance with AB 1234 requirements, Councilmember Armenta reported on his attendance at the California League of Cities Conference in San Diego along with Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta, Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda, and Councilmember Camacho. Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta mentioned that the City of Bell was a major topic of discussion at the conference.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Armenta requested that staff provide a written response to residents who have inquiries or make recommendations to Council with Mayor Salcido concurring with the recommendation.

Councilmember Camacho requested that staff provide Council with an update on the City's General Plan as well as on crossing guard locations.

Assistant City Manager Prang stated that he and Assistant City Manager Lopez met with the new Superintendent, Myrna Rivera Cote, and they discussed the crossing guard issue and that an in-house study is currently underway of the locations requested by the School District with Public Works Director Cablay stating that the study should be ready by the second meeting of October.

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda asked for an update on the request for a paperless agenda with Assistant City Manager Lopez responding that the City Clerk has prepared a report that will be delivered to Council this week. Ms. Contreras Rapisarda also requested a review of the City's noise ordinance.

Mayor Salcido requested that staff place on the agenda legislation related to parking of high profile vehicles on residential streets with Councilmember Armenta stating that other cities have banned the parking of motor homes on city streets.

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta requested that staff investigate a parked truck marked with graffiti on Paramount and Whittier Boulevard.

Assistant City Manager Prang stated that under old business Councilmember Armenta requested at a previous meeting that staff provide a report on tree street policy which he had available and provided to Council.

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

Derrick Alatorre, representative of the SCAQMD:

- Addressed the City Council to speak of motor vehicle fees; upcoming Clean Air Awards; and 2010 Carl Moyer On-Road Heavy-Duty Voucher Incentive Program.

Melanie Coward, Executive Director of Chamber of Commerce:

- Addressed the City Council regarding the upcoming Business and Health Expo at the A Mi Hacienda on September 30, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Virginia Aguirre:

- Addressed the City Council regarding the City Manager recruitment process.

Paula Murga:

- Addressed the City Council to speak about the hiring qualifications for the new City Manager and Measure EE propaganda.

Zita Rodriguez:

- Addressed the City Council to inquire about exterior home paint ordinance; school and City should be kept as separate entities; expressed her opposition to Measure EE.

Joe Bueno:

- Addressed the City Council regarding citizens' comment,, a letter he received from Public Works Department pertaining to street lights; "keep clear" zone in front of the Dal Rae and City loan to Dal Rae.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Salcido requested an update on the City loan to Dal Rae with Assistant City Manager Lopez responding that the loan is a deferred loan and is on schedule to start repayment next year. She also stated that the "keep clear" in front of the Dal Rae was installed over five years ago as a safety measure.

Recessed to the Water Authority at 8:25 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened from the Water Authority at 8:25 p.m.

Recessed to Closed Session at 9:05 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION:

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section §54957

Title: City Manager

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated that no final action was taken and that there is nothing further to report. He also stated that a Closed Session meeting will be held on October 12, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

AYES: Armenta, Camacho, Contreras Rapisarda, Archuleta, 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 and Redevelopment Agency Regular meeting dated September 28, 2010, and approved by the City Council on October 12, 2010.

Daryl A. Betancur, City Clerk