



Tuesday, June 28, 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 6:05 p.m. on behalf of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency.

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

ABSENT: None

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Tommy Elisaldez, Planning Commissioner

Sylvia Vela-Amaya, Parks & Recreation Commissioner

INVOCATION: Pastor Hans Bletterman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Bethany Bletterman

SPECIAL PRESENTATION(S):

Recognitions:

- Lt. Manuel Santoyo Jr., Los Angeles Police Department
- The Rotary Club of Whittier's Annual Girls High School Softball Classic
- The Rotary Club of Whittier's 15th Annual Boys High School Baseball Classic
- Proclamation: Declaring the month of July Parks & Recreation Month

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

1. **Continued Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant 2011-2012 Draft Action Plan.** (1600)

City Manager Bates stated that this is the annual Community Development Block Grant funding and as noted in the staff report the funding from the federal government is down about 17%, appropriate changes have been made based on the money available, and is before the Council for consideration.

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

Mayor Armenta closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda to approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2011-2012 Action Plan. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Minutes:

- Approved City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of June 14, 2011
- Received and Filed Planning Commission meeting of June 6, 2011

3. 22nd Warrant Register of the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year. (700)
Check Numbers: 246394-246503; 246504-246627
Special Checks Numbers: None.

4. Adopt Resolution Acknowledging the Transfer of the City's Cable Franchise from Adelphia to Time Warner. (1100)

1. Adopted Resolution No. 6628 recognizing the transfer of the City's cable television franchise from Adelphia to Time Warner Cable Inc.

Resolution No. 6628 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING AND APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF THE CITY'S CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE TO TIME WARNER CABLE INC.

5. Rosemead Boulevard/Mines Avenue Intersection Improvement Project CIP No. 21221 – Award Professional Services Agreement for Engineering Services. (500)

1. Awarded a Professional Services Agreement to Infrastructure Engineers to provide engineering design services for Rosemead Boulevard/Mines Avenue Intersection Improvement Project, CIP No. 21221, in the amount of \$39,560 and authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement; and
2. Adopted Resolution No. 6629 appropriating \$50,000 in Proposition C funds.

Resolution No. 6629 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR BY APPROPRIATING \$50,000 IN PROPOSITION C FUNDS TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 21221 AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FROM SAID ACCOUNT

Agreement No. 11-1234

6. Solid Waste, Recycling and Greenwaste Collection One-Year Levy Extension. (500)

1. Adopted Resolution No. 6630 reaffirming the City Council's intention to levy and collect the annual assessment for rubbish collection.

Resolution No. 6630 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, EXTENDING RESOLUTION NO. 4793 OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA APPROVED MARCH 5, 2001, AND ESTABLISHING RATES FOR THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE IN THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA

7. Investment Policy for 2010-11 and 2011-12. (700)

1. Adopted the City's Investment Policy for 2010-11 and 2011-12.

8. Telegraph Road Landscape Median Improvements Project, CIP No. 21232 – Agreement with the City of Downey. (500)

1. Authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement with the City of Downey for the design and construction of the Telegraph Road Landscape Median Improvements, Passons Boulevard to Rosemead/Lakewood Boulevard, CIP No. 21232.

Agreement No. 11-1235

9. Amend the General Plan and Zoning Code Update Contract. (500)

1. Approved amendment transferring primary consultant responsibility from HDR Engineering, Inc. to Environmental Services Associates.

Agreement No. 09-1072-1

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Camacho to approve Consent Calendar items 2 through 9. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED:

CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION:

10. Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget Review. (700)

City Manager Bates thanked staff, Finance Director Mike Matsumoto and Council for their help in updating the budget. He provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting sales tax revenues stating that there has been a decline in revenue from \$5,900,000 in 2007-2008 to \$5,300,000 in 2011-2012 and an 11% decline in property tax revenues for the same time period. Mr. Bates proceeded to explain the budget challenges for the FY 2011-2012 which includes the golf course, Lighting Assessment District, retiree medical benefits, job costing reductions, increases to health insurance, increase to pensions and the possible elimination of the redevelopment agency. He stated that in order to tighten spending, current budget reductions include special departmental expenses, travel expenses, special events, elimination of annual Sister City trip, reduction in sponsorship

for Rio Hondo Symphony and to combine these reductions with an action plan. The action plan, he stated, will try to put in place a change of direction for the City financially by looking at various options for the golf course, operating cost for all departments, and to look at fees to recover cost for services provided to the community. The revised operating cost for the General Fund he stated is \$37,650,000.00.

Mayor Armenta concurred with most of the recommended budget reductions except for the Hearts of Compassion. He suggested cutting the Chamber of Commerce funds from \$40,000 to \$20,000 and to provide Hearts of Compassion with \$10,000 and the other \$10,000 to various organizations.

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta concurred with Mayor Armenta to continue funding the Hearts of Compassion organization; however, he would like to set aside \$10,000 for other things that may come up and suggested that the Chamber of Commerce provide a business plan in order to justify any future funding to them.

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda stated that she is in favor of supporting the Chamber of Commerce because they recruit business to our City which helps to create jobs. She also suggested that the Chamber of Commerce maintain a record of how the money is being spent for transparency.

Mayor Armenta stated that he would like to see the Chamber of Commerce become self-sufficient.

Councilmember Camacho also concurred with the value of the Hearts of Compassion program and would like to see it further funded. Regarding the Chamber of Commerce, he stated that the Chamber serves as a public relations arm of the City in addition to being a partner and strong component in the economic development plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta asked if the item could be tabled to hear from the Chamber of Commerce regarding a business plan with City Manager Bates stating that as part of approving the budget you could request holding the \$40,000 in advance so that none of it would be expended until Council makes the determination on whether or not to authorize the expenditure.

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda concurred with the suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce presenting a business plan to the Council prior to allocating a percentage of funding to the Chamber.

Administrative Analyst Ray Chavez stated that the Chamber of Commerce provides a quarterly report on updates of accomplishments prior to the issuance of the \$10,000.00 payment. He also stated that the prior business plans were put together by staff and the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce, he stated, is ready to negotiate a new contract.

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta to approve \$10,000 for Hearts of Compassion. Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Camacho, Archuleta

NOES: Contreras Rapisarda, Salcido, Armenta

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Archuleta, seconded by Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda to: 1) Confirm the 2011-12 fiscal year budget, as the second year of the two year budget approved October 12, 2010 (Attachment 1); 2) Approve the budget changes (Attachment 2); 3) Approve the personnel actions (Attachment 3); 4) Authorize the City Manager to implement the action plan (Attachment 4) and tabled items related to Chamber of Commerce funding and Hearts of Compassion funding, pending further discussions on these items. These two items are to be brought back to the City Council for approval. An Ad Hoc Committee was created consisting of Mayor Armenta and Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda for further evaluation. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda suggested providing a craft fair for residents to display and sell their goods as well as a Farmer's market.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda commented on the new traffic signal at Pico Park.

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

Victor Gonzalez:

- Addressed the City Council to speak about the basketball library kick-off.

Rosemary Gurrola:

- Addressed the City Council regarding the basketball library program kick-off and spoke of her support of the program.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Armenta adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:25 p.m. 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 June 28, 2011, and approved by the City Council on July 12, 2011.

Daryl A. Betancur, City Clerk