



Tuesday, July 14, 2020

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

Mayor Camacho called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on behalf of the City Council.

PRESENT: Elias, Salcido, Sanchez, Tercero, Camacho

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION: Delivered by Councilmember Dr. Sanchez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Camacho

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

City Council:

- 1. Public Hearing – Resolution Approving the Nuisance Abatement Costs for 8718 Friendship Avenue. (1300)**

Mayor Camacho opened the public hearing and noted that there was no written communications or public comments to provide public testimony.

City Manager Carmona explained some of the challenges the City faces in remedying any nuisances in the City.

Community and Economic Development Director Garcia provided a presentation highlighting the nuisance abatement cost hearing, property photos, abatement costs, and cost recovery and lien process.

Mayor Camacho closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Tercero to: 1) Approve Resolution No. 7087 ratifying the nuisance abatement costs (itemized accounting of all costs); and 2) Authorized the placement of a lien and/or special assessment against 8718 Friendship Avenue. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 7087 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, CERTIFYING AN ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF EXPENSES FOR CONFIRMATION AND POSSIBLE PLACEMENT OF A LIEN AS A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON REAL

PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8718 FRIENDSHIP AVENUE, PICO RIVERA
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 8.16 OF THE PICO RIVERA MUNICIPAL
CODE

AYES: Elias, Salcido, Sanchez, Tercero, Camacho
NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Written communication was received by the following:

Monica Sanchez:

- Addressed the City Council regarding contaminated water.

Ruben Mendez:

- Addressed the City Council regarding community food distribution.

Sydney Mendoza:

- Addressed the City Council regarding maintenance of the city streets.

Katie Inocente:

- Addressed the City Council regarding resignation of Mayor Camacho.

The following speakers addressed the City Council in support of Mayor Camacho:

- Esther Celiz
- Maurice Reyes

The following speakers addressed the City Council regarding their support for Item No. 9 on the agenda:

- Diego Rubalcava-Alvarez
- Wayne Leech

The following speakers addressed the City Council regarding illegal fireworks:

- Becca Armas
- Allan Joaquin
- Crist Moshos
- Nora Valdez

CONSENT CALENDAR:

City Council:

2. Minutes:

- Approved City Council budget study session of June 23, 2020 and regular meeting of June 23, 2020.

3. Approved 21st Warrant Register of the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. (700)

Check Numbers: 285467-285505; 285506-285526; 285527-285571; 285572-285598; 285599-285599; 285600-285647
Special Check Numbers: None

4. Resolution Authorizing the Applications for Per Capita Program Grant Funds. (700)

1. Approved Resolution No. 7088 authorizing the filing of applications for grant funding through the State of California's *Per Capita Program Grant*, and
2. Authorized the City Manager to execute all related grant documents.

Resolution No. 7088 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION(S) FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PER CAPITA PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018

5. Resolution Accepting Irrevocable Offer of Dedication of Easement for Public Sidewalk and Parkway Purposes (4820 Tobias Avenue) (1200)

Approved Resolution No. 7089 accepting an Irrevocable Offer of Dedication (IOD) of easement for public sidewalk and parkway purposes (4820 Tobias Avenue); and

1. Authorized the City Manager or designee to execute a certificate of acceptance and cause the recordation of this resolution and the certificate of acceptance; and
2. Authorized the City Clerk to record the IOD and submit the resolution and certificate of acceptance to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office.

Resolution No. 7089 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING IRREVOCABLE OFFER OF DEDICATION OF EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC SIDEWALK AND PARKWAY PURPOSES

6. Hot Spot Improvements at the Intersections of Rosemead Boulevard at Whittier Boulevard and Rosemead Boulevard at Washington Boulevard (CIP No. 21278) – Notice of Completion. (500)

1. Accepted the work completed for the Hot Spot Improvements at the intersections of Rosemead Boulevard at Whittier Boulevard and Rosemead Boulevard at Washington Boulevard Project (CIP No. 21278), constructed by Sequel Contractors, Inc. and authorized the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder; and

2. Authorized the City Manager to release the retention payment and all other monies due to Sequel Contractors, Inc. following the mandatory waiting period from the date the Notice of Completion is recorded.

7. Approve the Proposed Side Letter for Service Employees International Union Local 721 Full-Time Unit. (500)

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

8. Fiscal Year 2019-20 Third Quarter Treasurer's Report, March 31, 2020. (700)

1. Received and Filed the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2020, which represents balances and activity for the third quarter (January-March) of the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Dr. Sanchez to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Elias, Salcido, Sanchez, Tercero, Camacho
NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

City Council:

7. Approve the Proposed Side Letter for Service Employees International Union Local 721 Full-Time Unit. (500)

Councilmember Tercero expressed his concern with the item not previously brought before City Council for discussion and asked how the incentive amount was determined. Human Resources Director Hudson stated that the intent of the incentive program was to provide an incentive to those employees considering retirement within the next two years and was not meant to buy employees retirement well before their planned retirement date; therefore, the incentive amount is cost neutral within the fiscal year.

Motion by Councilmember Tercero, seconded by Councilmember Salcido to move the proposed side letter with the City employee group establishing an Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP). Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Sanchez, Camacho
NOES: Elias, Salcido, Tercero

REGULAR AGENDA:

City Council:

9. Resolution Overturning the Decision of the Pico Rivera Planning Commission to Terminate Nonconforming Structures and Use at 8615 Whittier Boulevard (Former Whittier Manor Apartments). (1300)

Community and Economic Development Director Garcia provided an overview of the appeal process that took place for the property.

Motion by Councilmember Tercero, seconded by Mayor Camacho to approve Resolution No. 7090, per Section 18.64.060 of the Pico Rivera Municipal Code (PRMC), overturning and reversing the Planning Commission's decision to terminate nonconforming status. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Elias, Tercero, Camacho
NOES: None
RECUSE: Salcido, Sanchez

10. Receive and File the Design and Manufacturer Selection for the LED Streetlight Conversion Under Agreement No. 19-1875 with Tanko Lighting, Inc. (500)

Tanko Lighting Senior Project Manager, Toni Leong provided a presentation on streetlight ownership and energy efficiency improvements.

City Council discussed the benefits of the lighting for public safety and local procurement.

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Dr. Sanchez to receive and file a status update for the streetlight acquisition from Southern California Edison and installation of LED cobra heads. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Elias, Salcido, Sanchez, Tercero, Camacho
NOES: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER (INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY MEETINGS, AB 1234 REPORTS, NEW BUSINESS, OLD BUSINESS):

Councilmember Dr. Sanchez acknowledged petitions and emails received from City staff and stated her support for employees; announced the City food distribution on July 25th in collaboration with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Base; mentioned her attendance at the Mesrobian Food Distribution event on July 4th; reported on the June 30th SASSFA meeting; and stated that she will continue to pursue banning tobacco products, smoke-free outdoor areas, and adding fees to selling vaping products.

Councilmember Tercero asked staff to provide a report on the upcoming meeting between the City and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Pico Rivera Golf Course with City Manager Carmona responding in the affirmative.

Mayor Pro Tem Elias inquired on the status of the code of ethics meeting; requested to place a firework ordinance expanding the illegal firework language on a future agenda; and hold a public hearing to discuss the Pico Rivera Golf Course with Councilmember Tercero and Mayor Camacho concurring with his request.

City Council discussed the long-term strategic plan for the Whittier Dam Safety Improvement Project, the potential effects of the project on Streamland Park and the Pico Boys Baseball League.

Mayor Camacho requested an update on illegal horse businesses on the properties along Friendship Avenue; suggested finding grant funding to bring a dog park to the City; requested staff to schedule a meeting to discuss Veterans Housing with Mayor Pro Tem Elias present; and mentioned his tour of the Water Replenishing District learning center in Pico Rivera. In regard to the illegal horse business, City Manager Carmona stated that the City has addressed those issues as the complaints are received.

CLOSED SESSION(S):

a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiator: Steve Carmona

Employee organization: Service Employees International Union 721
FT/PT/Directors and Confidential Employee Association Mid Manager Unit

Deputy City Attorney Lam stated that direction was provided to authorize essential payments and that there was no final action taken and nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Camacho adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:47 p.m. in memory of Isabel Cortez. There being no objection it was so ordered.

AYES: Elias, Salcido, Sanchez, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

Gustavo V. Camacho, 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 July 14, 2020 and approved by the City Council on August 11, 2020.

Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk