



Wednesday, August 5, 2020

A Special 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 special meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. on behalf of the City Council.

PRESENT: Elias, Salcido, Sanchez, Tercero, Camacho

ABSENT: None

- 1. Approve a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Ballot Measure in the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election for Consideration of the Voters to Prohibit the Sale and Use of All Fireworks.**

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A PowerPoint presentation was given by Community and Economic Director Garcia providing an overview on the impacts of fireworks, fireworks in the city, and the use and sale of "safe and sane" fireworks.

City Council Members discussed fines and arrest associated with illegal fireworks, fundraising opportunities, profits, and gathering statistics from other cities that already ban fireworks. After some discussion, it was decided that the banning of fireworks could be carried out by City Council action. City Council agreed to receive and file the documentation provided and to bring the item back at a future date.

Motion by Councilmember Salcido, seconded by Councilmember Dr. Sanchez to receive and file documentation provided. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Elias, Salcido, Sanchez, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

- 2. Approve by Two-Thirds Vote a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Ballot Measure in the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election for Consideration of the Voters to Increase the Uniform Transient Occupancy Tax.**

(300)

Community and Economic Director Garcia provided a PowerPoint presentation on city hotel tax with a recommendation to increase the uniform transient occupancy tax from 10% to 13%.

Council Members discussed increasing the proposed hotel tax from 13% to 15%, that an increase in hotel tax could be a deterrent to guest staying in the city, it was stated that most people do not look at occupancy tax when booking a room, and a recommendation was made to impose a sunset clause. In regard to imposing a tax for

a limited time, City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated that imposing a time limit would not be necessary as City Council could suspend collection of a percentage of tax by City Council action. After some discussion, City Council Members agreed to amend the proposed hotel tax increase from 10% to 15%.

Motion by Councilmember Tercero, seconded by Mayor Po Tem Elias to: 1) Approve Resolution No. 7097 calling for and giving notice of an election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 to increase the Uniform Transient Occupancy Tax, "Hotel Visitor Tax" from 10% to 15%; 2) Request County Registrar to consolidate the November 3, 2020 General Municipal Election; 3) Request that the County render full services for such election; and 4) Authorize the City Clerk to carry out necessary procedures for such election. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 7095 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, (1) CALLING FOR AND GIVING NOTICE OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS A QUESTION PROPOSING A 5% INCREASE TO THE UNIFORM TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX RATE FROM 10% TO 15%; (2) REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF SUCH ELECTION WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH ANY AND ALL ELECTIONS HELD ON THAT DATE; (3) REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROVIDE ADMINISTRATION ELECTION SERVICES FOR SUCH ELECTION; AND (4) AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO CARRY OUT ALL NECESSARY PROCEDURES FOR SAID ELECTION

Resolution No. 7096 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENTS AND REBUTTALS REGARDING A CITY MEASURE FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 PICO RIVERA GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS

AYES: Elias, Salcido, Sanchez, Tercero, Camacho

NOES: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Camacho adjourned the City Council meeting at 4:49 p.m. 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 special meeting dated August 5, 2020 and approved by the City Council on September 8, 2020.

Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk