



Tuesday, January 26, 2021

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

Mayor Elias called the Study Session to order at 4:30 p.m. and the regular meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. on behalf of the City Council.

PRESENT: Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias

ABSENT: None

STUDY SESSION:

- AB 1234 Ethics Training and Other Trainings

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman provided the City Council with the AB 1234 Ethics Training which covered the Political Reform Act, Fair Political Practice Commission, Brown Act, Agendas, Council Meetings, Robert's Rules of Order, Public Records Act, Due Process and Fairness Issues, and the Roles of Council and Commissioners.

INVOCATION: Delivered by Captain Marquez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilmember Lutz

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- APWA Best Project Award – Pio Pico Park Open Space Enhancement (Public Works)

Pat Somerville from American Public Works Association presented the Department of Public Works with a plaque for the Best Project Award for the Pio Pico Park Open Enhancement project.

- COVID-19 Employee Presentation

Human Resources Director Hudson provided a brief presentation on the City's COVID-19 actions which included a timeline of actions taken by the City, the COVID Prevention Program, Outdoor services for the residents, City Hall policies and procedures, and workspace upgrades.

Councilmembers inquired about employee telecommuting opportunities, accommodation processes, and part-time employees. Human Resources Director Hudson stated that some part-time staff were brought back to assist with the outside services, some were separated from the City and a few are still on furlough. In regard to the accommodation process, he stated that all the park facilities are operating at a

reduced capacity and hours to allow for COVID-19 protocols and accommodations have been made depending on the need of the facility and staff. In regard to telecommuting opportunities, Human Resources Director Hudson stated that the COVID Prevention Program allows for telecommuting and offers a balance between the needs of the employees and the operational needs of the City. Furthermore, he stated, that those employees who are telecommuting are given City issued devices encrypted with a Team Viewer security software to provide protection to the City's data and customer information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jose Sanchez:

- Addressed the City Council regarding the Rosemead Boulevard southbound lanes trench.

Jayro Queme:

- Addressed the City Council regarding the LA Metro and Caltrans' I-605 Capital Improvement Project.

Diego Rubalcava-Alvarez:

- Addressed the City Council in opposition of Item No. 8 Proposed Resolution No. ELIAS011221.

The following speakers addressed the City Council regarding mobile home rent control:

- Maria Aguilar
- Amelia Rojo
- Alondra Vasquez
- Henry Mostowfi
- Homayon Mostofi
- Patty Dickensen

Prior to the beginning of the consent calendar City Manager Carmona stated that in regard to Item No. 5 approval to continue the Commercial Bank of California banking services, there was a change to the amendment agreement adding the commencement date language.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

City Council:

1. Minutes:

- Approved City Council meeting of January 12, 2021

2. Approved 9th Warrant Register of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. (700)

Check Numbers: 286606-286628; 286629-286674

Special Check Numbers: None

3. Planning and Parks and Recreation Commission Appointments. (300)

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

4. Mayoral Appointment Update. (300)

1. Confirmed the Mayor's appointments to various Boards, Agencies and Committees.

5. Approval of City Manager to Continue the Commercial Banking Services with Commercial Bank of California. (500)

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

6. California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) – Amendment to Reimbursement Agreement. (500)

1. Approved Amendment No. 1 to Reimbursement Agreement No. HSR19-20, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) to extend the contract date through December 31, 2022 for reimbursement of City expenses to review submittals and coordinate with the CHSRA in an amount not-to-exceed \$231,806; and
2. Authorized the Public Works Director/City Engineer to execute future amendments for time extension as it relates to this agreement with CHSRA.

Agreement No. HSR19-20-1

7. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Interwest Consulting Group, Incorporated Professional Services Agreement No. 20-1975. (500)

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Agreement No. 20-1975-1

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez, seconded by Councilmember Camacho to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias

NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION:

3. Planning and Parks and Recreation Commission Appointments. (300)

Councilmember Lara provided a brief biography on his appointed electors, Rocio Estrada and Aric Martinez.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez, seconded by Councilmember Lara to approve Resolution Nos. 7113 and 7114 ratifying City Council appointments to the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 7113 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING CITY ELECTORS: EDGAR ESTRADA, ESTHER CELIZ, MONICA VILLALOBOS, ARIC MARTINEZ, AND VANESSA MARTINEZ TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TWO YEAR TERM SAID TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 2023

Resolution No. 7114 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING THE FOLLOWING CITY ELECTORS: JACOB RODRIGUEZ, GLORIA AGUIRRE, JOHN CONTRERAS, ROCIO ESTRADA, AND ADRIAN MCEACHREN TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR A TWO YEAR TERM SAID TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 2023

AYES: Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias
NOES: None

5. Approval of City Manager to Continue the Commercial Banking Services with Commercial Bank of California. (500)

Mayor Elias asked for the difference between the previous bank service provider Wells Fargo Bank and the current provider, Commercial Bank of California (CBC). Finance Director Garcia stated there is a vast difference in safety controls, substantial savings, new services and the rebates the City receives from CBC.

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez to approve an amendment to Agreement No. 15-1646 extending commercial banking services with Commercial Bank of California for a term not-to-exceed 60 months. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Agreement No. 15-1646-1

AYES: Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias
NOES: None

REGULAR AGENDA:

City Council:

8. City Council Review, Evaluation and Discussion of Mayor Elias' Proposed Resolution No. ELIAS011221. (100)

After some discussion on the impacts of the proposed resolution, Mayor Elias directed staff to bring this item back at the next city council meeting for further discussion.

Motion by Mayor Elias, seconded by Councilmember Lara to continue the item to the next City Council meeting. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias

ABSENT: None

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez mentioned the Virtual Town Hall Community meeting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Pico Rivera City Officials and expressed her concern regarding the required information at the time of registration. She also mentioned the Food Distribution on January 15, 2021 by Supervisor Hilda Solis' office and the upcoming SASSFA meeting, as well as recognized the Parks and Recreation Media and Communications team for actively posting on the City's social media pages and keeping the residents informed. She and Councilmember Lara acknowledged resident Hector Reynoso Sr. who passed away from COVID.

Councilmember Camacho suggested scheduling a City Council retreat in the near future and stated he looks forward to the Sheriff's department receiving new body cams this summer. He mentioned that he appreciates the City's partnership with the American Red Cross for assistance in preparing for emergencies.

Councilmember Lutz requested cable time to bring awareness to the residents on the current crimes, in particular on theft of catalytic converters and fraud that is happening in the City. He mentioned that the Water Replenishment District has preliminarily approved a grant application from the City of Pico Rivera Water Authority for \$4.2 million dollars and requested that the City host a town hall meeting.

Councilmember Lara congratulated the Community and Economic Development department on winning an appeal with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment; suggested a virtual Community Forum to advise the residents of the City's emergency plan relating to the Whittier Narrows dam; and requested a closed session item to receive an update on the Rivera Gardens facility at the next City Council meeting. He requested that staff create a small business tiered system/criteria for the small business grant program to discuss at the next City Council meeting with a second from Councilmember Camacho, and reported on the Ad Hoc Health Committee meeting held last week.

Mayor Elias asked for staff to look into the property tax savings discount by the Los Angeles County Tax Assessor; to solidify the date for the Special City Council meeting to discuss mobile home park rent control; and for Captain Marquez to provide an update

on the City's current crime. Captain Marquez stated that violent crimes are low and part one crimes are up. He further commented on the Virtual Town Hall Community meeting held on January 15, 2021 with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Pico Rivera City Officials. Captain Marquez also mentioned the "9 O'clock Check" awareness program and asked the residents to stay vigilant on the increase of money scams, safeguard property, and to write driver's license numbers on catalytic converter parts to assist in the recovery of stolen vehicle parts.

Recessed to Closed Session at 8:20 p.m.

ALL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened from Closed Session at 8:37 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION(S):

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
One matter

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated that direction was provided to City staff; no final action was taken and there was nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Elias adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:38 p.m. in memory of Adelina Zamora, Jeanne M. Yugar and Mark Galindo. There being no objection it was so ordered.

AYES: Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias
NOES: None

Raul Elias, 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 January 26, 2021 and approved by the City Council on February 9, 2021.

Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk