



Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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

Mayor/President Elias called the Study Session to order at 4:44 p.m. and the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on behalf of the City Council and Water Authority.

**PRESENT:** Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias

**ABSENT:** None

**STUDY SESSION:**

- Washington Boulevard Specific Plan and Housing Element

Dave Barquist, Kimley-Horn consultant, provided a presentation on the Washington and Rosemead Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Specific Plan highlighting the light rail expansion into gateway cities, Pico Rivera outreach and support, planning for TOD and funding, the proposed project area, the eastside transit corridor, the TOD near the light rail, the project approach and scope of work, the success ingredients and approach, the specific plan process, the progress to date, and the project schedule.

Kimley-Horn consultant, Nick Chen gave a presentation on the 2021-2029 Housing Element including a background on the housing element, important measures and housing legislation, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), Pico Rivera's RHNA Appeal, the site analysis process, examples of densities, an update on the process and outreach and the next steps.

**INVOCATION:** Delivered by Councilmember Lutz

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Councilmember Camacho

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- Water Replenishment District (WRD) Presentation

WRD Director Robles Dewitt provided a brief introduction to the Water Replenishment District and WRD Assistant General Manager Beste provided an overview of the PFAS remediation program touching on how PFAS enter the environment, locating, tracking, and treatment of PFAS, and the benefits of the remediation program.

City Council discussed methods used to combat PFAS from other cities, WRD grant money availability, higher concentration levels of PFAS and PFOAS in Pico Rivera, grant requirement concerns and disposal of waste water at the Albert Robles Center for Water Recycling and Environmental Learning.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated that the PFAS matter will be brought before City Council in Closed Session at the next City Council meeting.

- Security/Safety Measures – Parks and Recreation

Parks and Recreation Interim Director Yugar provided a presentation on the Rio Hondo Park Enhancement project including an overview of the first Prop 68 Grant application submittal and process, the 2020 grant application process, project costs and funding sources, park renovations, community engagements 2020 and 2021, and a security camera system pilot program.

City Council discussed funding sources for the camera pilot program, the Sheriff's park deputy patrols, statistics on high crime activity, and incorporating the security camera system pilot program with Smart City Plan and suggested connecting the program with the PRIME program. Lieutenant Hutak stated that she would provide crime statistics to City Manager Carmona to provide to City Council.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jose Sanchez:

- Addressed the City Council regarding southbound lanes – Rosemead Boulevard trench botched repair, spoke in support of Item No. 8 Rosemead Boulevard Pavement Street Rehabilitation, and on Item No. 12 referenced Public Comments being read into the record.

The following speakers addressed the City Council regarding Westland Estates rent control:

- Amelia Rojo
- Tania Rodriguez
- Homayon Mostofi
- Yasmina Rios

In reference to speakers concerns regarding rent control, Mayor Elias stated that a rent control Community Towne Hall meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:**

City Council:

1. **Minutes:**
  - Approved City Council meeting of January 26, 2021
2. **Approved 10<sup>th</sup> Warrant Register of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.** (700)  
Check Numbers: 286675-286713; 286714-286749; 286750-286798  
Special Check Numbers: None

**3. Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Use of Electronic Signatures and Establishing an Electronic Signatures Policy. (300)**

1. Approved Resolution No. 7115 ratifying the use of electronic signatures for City agreements, contracts, documents and adopted City of Pico Rivera Administrative Policies and Procedures for Electronic Signatures; and
2. Authorized the City Manager to execute a two (2) year agreement with DocuSign, Inc. for the purchase of eSignature software for the use and acceptance of electronic signatures through a secure platform for a total amount not-to-exceed \$15,274 in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Resolution No. 7115 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES TO BE AFFIXED TO AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS AND OTHER CITY DOCUMENTS AND ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES POLICY

Agreement No. 21-1986

**4. Approve a Professional Service Agreement with Tanko Lighting, Inc. and Amend Professional Service Agreement No. 19-1875-1. (500)**

1. Authorized City Manager to award and execute a Professional Service Agreement with Tanko Lighting Incorporated to acquire streetlights deemed "non-sellable";
2. Appropriated funds for fiscal year 2020-21 in the amount of \$60,500 for Tanko's streetlight acquisition support;
3. Anticipated funds for fiscal year 2021-22 in the amount of \$320,130 for the acquisition of non-sellable lights from Southern California Edison; and
4. Approved Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 19-1875 to increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$1,114,668 to upgrade decorative light fixtures to light-emitting diode.

Agreement No. 21-1987

Agreement No. 19-1875-2

**5. Approve the Proposed Memorandums of Understanding Extensions for All City Bargaining Units. (500)**

1. Approved the proposed side letters with the City employee groups extending the Memorandums of Understanding to June 30, 2021.

In regard to Items Nos. 5 and 6, Mayor Pro Tem Sanchez and Councilmember Lara reported receiving contributions from SEIU local 721 PAC during their 2020 General Municipal Election candidate campaigns. Councilmember Lara stated he had no discussions with the unions.

**6. Approve the Proposed Early Retirement Incentive Program Side Letters for Service Employees International Union Local 721 Full-Time Unit and Pico Rivera Mid-Managers, Professional and Confidential Employee Association.** (500)

1. Approved the proposed side letters with the City employee groups establishing an Early Retirement Incentive Program (ERIP).

**7. Approve Purchase Order with Insight Public Sector to Procure Apple iPads.** (700)

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

**8. Rosemead Boulevard Street Rehabilitation Project (CIP No. 50041) – Authorization to Bid.** (500)

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

**9. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Second Quarter Treasurer’s Report, December 31, 2020.** (700)

1. Received and filed the Treasurer’s Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2020, which represents balances and activities for the second quarter (October-December) of the 2020-21 fiscal year; and
2. Authorized the Director of Finance, in their role as City Treasurer, to transfer an additional \$5 million from the City’s Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) account to the City’s investment portfolio managed by Chandler Asset Management.

Water Authority:

**10. Minutes:**

- Approved Water Authority regular meeting of January 12, 2021

**11. Emergency Rehabilitation and Repair of Well No. 4 and Pump Raising (CIP No. 50032) – Notice of Completion.** (500)

1. Accepted the work as completed for the Emergency Rehabilitation and Repair of Well No. 4 and Pump Raising (CIP No. 50032) constructed by General Pump Company, Inc.; and
2. Authorized the Authority Secretary to file the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder.

Motion by Councilmember/Commissioner Camacho, seconded by Councilmember/Commissioner Lutz to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION:**

**7. Approve Purchase Order with Insight Public Sector to Procure Apple iPads.** (700)

Councilmember's Lutz and Lara commented on the success of the City's REACH program. Parks and Recreation Interim Director Yugar stated that the funds for the purchase of the Apple iPads is from a grant with the Department of Education.

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez to authorize the purchase of 100 iPads (10.2 inch tablet WiFi – 8<sup>th</sup> generation – tablet-128 GB with Otter Box Defender Series Case), in the amount of \$47,807, with Insight Public Sector for various REACH school sites. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias

**NOES:** None

**8. Rosemead Boulevard Street Rehabilitation Project (CIP No. 50041) – Authorization to Bid.** (500)

Councilmember's Camacho and Lara highlighted the City Council's commitment to redeveloping the north side of Pico Rivera and suggested adding the street medians to the project.

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Councilmember Lara to: 1) Authorize the City Clerk to publish the Notice Inviting Bids for the construction phase of Rosemead Boulevard Street Rehabilitation Project (CIP No. 50041); and 2) Approve the Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the subject project and authorize the City Clerk to file the NOE with the County Recorder, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias

**NOES:** None

**9. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Second Quarter Treasurer's Report, December 31, 2020.** (700)

Mayor Elias asked for the amount paid to Chandler and Associates. Finance Director Garcia stated that the complete agreement with Chandler and Associates would be provided to City Council.

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez to: 1) Receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2020, which represents balances and activities for the second quarter (October-December) of the 2020-21 fiscal year; and 2) Authorize the Director of Finance, in their role as City Treasurer, to transfer an additional \$5 million from the City's Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) account to the City's investment portfolio managed by Chandler Asset Management. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

City Council:

**12. Defining and Amending the Order of Business for the City Council Agenda.**  
(100)

This item was pulled from the agenda.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez reported on her meeting with SASSFA encouraging residents to look into SASSFA's job opportunities and tuition reimbursement program; commented on the food giveaway events; the success of the Rio Hondo Park community forum; and the Pico Park COVID Anti-bodies testing event being held February 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Camacho reported on SEAACA's adoption programs and vaccine clinics, and asked for staff to provide an update on the Whittier Dam Safety Improvement project community outreach at the next City Council meeting. He further requested that staff schedule a City Council retreat in the near future and confirm a date to host an appreciation lunch for first responders and City employees in the next three weeks.

Councilmember's Lutz and Lara highlighted the City's accomplishments in the last two months and commented on the Vaccination Transportation Program to the LA County – Downey vaccination site for seniors age 65 and older in collaboration with Fiesta Taxi. As part of Councilmember Lara's report on the Health committee he commented on the Vaccination Transportation program and a creation of a Taskforce to assist seniors age 65 and older in making vaccination appointments. He provided an update on LA County COVID, on his meeting with the South East Water Coalition, and acknowledged resident Helen Stumon who passed away from COVID.

Mayor Elias provided a brief presentation on the partnership with the El Rancho Unified School District, population decline causes, the current status of the economy and local hire program.

Recessed to Closed Session at 7:33 p.m.

ALL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened from Closed Session at 9:02 p.m.

ALL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

**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 Attorney to report at the next City Council meeting in Closed Session; no final action was taken and there was nothing further to report.

**b. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: Whittier Narrows Dam  
Negotiating parties: City of Pico Rivera and Army Corps of Engineers  
To be negotiated: Price and terms

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor/President Elias adjourned the City Council/Water Authority meeting at 9:05 p.m in memory of Helen Stumon, Richard Guillen and Barbara Hernandez. There being no objection it was so ordered.

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

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Raul Elias, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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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 February 9, 2021 and approved by the City Council on February 23, 2021.

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Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk