



Tuesday, April 13, 2021

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

Mayor/Chairman/President Elias brought the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on behalf of the City Council, Successor Agency, Housing Assistance, and Water Authority.

PRESENT: Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION: Delivered by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilmember Camacho

Mayor Elias recognized Guadalupe Diaz, who was named Woman of the Year by California State Assembly Member Cristina Garcia.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- Sheriff Villanueva

Sheriff Villanueva provided statistics on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Pico Rivera Station that included part one crimes, crime prevention, and a chart showing the Pico Rivera District Attorney reject from December 2020 – March 31, 2021.

City Council discussed Pico Rivera's crime rates, policing teams, AB 109, Prop 47 and 57, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Budget, and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's executive orders and the effects they have on law enforcement.

Mayor Elias asked to move Item No. 10, Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Expressing a Vote of No Confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon before the Public Hearing.

10. Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Expressing a Vote of No Confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon.

Councilmember Lutz reported on behalf of the Safety Ad Hoc Committee stating that the Committee met with District Attorney Liaison Mario Trujillo and discussed the District Attorney's support of rehabilitation versus incarceration; Special Directive 20-06 Pretrial Release policy addressing the issue of Bail and Own Recognizance in Chapter 8 of the Legal Policies Manual; Special Directive 20-07 Misdemeanor Case Management addresses issues of misdemeanor case management in Chapter 9 of the Legal Policies

Manual; and Special Directive 20-08 Sentencing Enhancements/Allegations which supersede sections Chapters 2, 3, 7, 12, and 13 from the Legal Policies Manual.

Presentations were provided by Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Hatami in opposition to the executive directives set forth by District Attorney George Gascon and Alex Bastian, Special Advisor for the Los Angeles District Attorney to further explain the special directives issued by the District Attorney.

After discussing issues of concern pertaining to the Vote of No Confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon, Mayor Elias requested to amend the Vote of No Confidence resolution adding that the Vote of No Confidence is in the Special Directives issued by the District Attorney. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated that the resolution would be amended to reflect the change if that is the intent of the City Council.

It was noted that the following speakers addressed the City Council under public comment in opposition of Item No. 10 No Vote of Confidence:

- Adrian Haro
- Andrew Gutierrez
- Ernesto Velazquez
- Jayro Queme

It was noted that the following speakers addressed the City Council under public comment in support of Item No. 10 No Vote of Confidence:

- Michelle Rosales
- Debra Hodgden
- Gabriel Ruiz
- Adriana Ruiz

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez to continue the item to a future meeting and invite District Attorney George Gascon for further discussion. Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Camacho, Sanchez

NOES: Lara, Lutz, Elias

Motion by Councilmember Lara, seconded by Councilmember Lutz to approve amended Resolution No. 7120 supporting a vote of no confidence in the Special Directives issued by the Los Angeles County District Attorney. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 7120 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THE SPECIAL DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Housing Assistance Agency:

1. Public Hearing – Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency Administrative Plan Amendments for the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program.

(1600)

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

Vice Chairman Dr. Sanchez inquired as to the number of people on the current waitlist. Community and Economic Development Director Garcia stated that there are currently 114 people on the waitlist of which none are Pico Rivera residents. He further stated that the waitlist will open with a priority on Pico Rivera residents, veterans and seniors.

Chairman Elias closed the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Camacho, seconded by Vice Chairman Dr. Sanchez to: 1) Approve Resolution No. HA-103 ratifying the amendments to the Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency Administrative Plan; 2) Authorize the submittal of the revised Pico Rivera Housing Assistance Agency Administrative Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and 3) Authorize the opening of the Section 8 waiting list on May 17, 2021, to accept pre-applications through May 21, 2021. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. HA-103 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE AGENCY, APPROVING THE PICO RIVERA HOUSING ASSISTANCE AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN FOR THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER SECTION 8 PROGRAM

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Written communications were received by the following:

Jose Sanchez:

- Addressed the City Council regarding Rosemead Boulevard southbound lanes trench botched repair and Item No. 13 regarding mass mailing of the *Profile* publication.

Jayro Queme:

- Addressed the City Council regarding public comment options and in support of Item No. 13 Spanish translation of the *Profile* publication and expressed his opposition to Item No. 10 No Vote of Confidence.

Diego Rubalcava-Alvarez:

- Addressed the City Council regarding summary of public comments.

The following speakers addressed the City Council in support of rent control:

- Maria Aguilar
- Amelia Rojo
- Homayon Mostofi

The following speakers addressed the City Council in opposition of Item No. 10 No Vote of Confidence:

- Adrian Haro
- Andrew Gutierrez
- Ernesto Velazquez
- Jayro Queme

The following speakers addressed the City Council in support of Item No. 10 No Vote of Confidence:

- Michelle Rosales
- Debra Hodgden
- Gabriel Ruiz
- Adriana Ruiz

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

City Council:

2. Minutes:

- Approved City Council meeting of March 23, 2021
- Received and filed Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of November 12, 2020

3. Approved 14th Warrant Register of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. (700)

Check Numbers: 287016-287029; 287030-287063; 287064-287099; 287100-287107; 287108-287150

Special Check Numbers: None

4. Purchase Price Between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and Los Angeles County for Tax Defaulted Property in the San Gabriel Flood Control Channel. (700)

1. Pursuant to the Revenue and Taxation Code Section 3775, approved Resolution No. 7119 disclaiming interest in purchasing tax defaulted

property (APN 6379-001-005) and agreeing to the purchase price in the amount of \$5,776 to be paid by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County; and

2. Authorized the Mayor to execute Chapter 8 Agreement No. 2839 in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Resolution No. 7119 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, DISCLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN PURCHASING TAX DEFAULTED PROPERTY (APN 6379-001-005), AND AGREEING TO THE PURCHASE PRICE TO BE PAID BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

5. Annual Signing and Striping Improvements Project (CIP No. 50039) – Award Construction. (500)

1. Award a construction contract for a not-to-exceed amount of \$70,633 to Safe USA, Inc. for the Annual Signing and Striping Improvements Project, CIP No. 50039; and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract in a form approved by the City Attorney; and
2. Approved the Total Project Cost.

Agreement No. 21-1995

Successor Agency:

6. Minutes:

- Approved Successor Agency regular meeting of March 23, 2021

Housing Assistance Agency:

7. Minutes:

- Approved Housing Assistance Agency regular meeting of March 23, 2021

Water Authority:

8. Minutes:

- Approved Water Authority regular meeting of March 23, 2021

9. Electrical Panel Replacement at Plant No. 3 (CIP No. 50027) – Award Construction. (500)

1. Awarded a construction contract for a not-to-exceed amount of \$412,800 to GA Technical Services, Inc. for the Electrical Switchboard Replacement at Plant No. 3 Project, CIP No. 50027; and authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract in a form approved by the City Attorney;
2. Awarded a Professional Services Agreement for a not-to-exceed amount of \$79,360 to AKM Consulting Engineers for Construction Management

- and Inspection Services; and authorized the Executive Director to execute the contract in a form approved by the City Attorney;
3. Approved a change order to YAO Engineering's professional services agreement in a not-to-exceed amount of \$13,578;
 4. Amended the fiscal year (FY) 2020-21 adopted budget by appropriating \$568,000 in Water Authority Funds (Fund 550) to CIP No. 50027, Account No. 550.70.7340-54500-50027; and
 5. Approved the Total Project Cost.

Agreement No. 21-52

Agreement No. 21-53

Motion by Councilmember/Commissioner/Director Camacho, seconded by Councilmember/Commissioner/Director Lutz to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 1 through 9. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION: None

REGULAR AGENDA:

City Council:

10. Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Expressing a Vote of No Confidence in Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon.

Item was moved to the beginning of the Agenda.

11. Approve a Resolution Establishing a "COVID-19 Memorial Day". (900)

City Council discussed options for memorializing victims of COVID-19 and directed staff to provide a cost analysis at a future meeting on a fixed bronze memorial incorporating the names of the residents who have lost their lives to COVID-19 and utilizing funds from the 2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget.

Motion by Councilmember Lutz, seconded by Councilmember Camacho to: 1) Approve Resolution No. 7121 designating the first Monday of March as "COVID-19 Memorial Day" in remembrance and recognition of those who have died as a result of COVID-19 and those who have been impacted by this pandemic and 2) Direct staff to provide a cost analysis for the current 2020-21 Fiscal Year for a fixed bronze memorial incorporating the names of residents who have passed due to COVID-19. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 7121 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH AS COVID-19 MEMORIAL DAY

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

12. Authorization Approving the Issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds and Authorization to File Validation Action. (500)

Finance Director Garcia provided an overview on the Pension Obligation Bonds (POB) that included pension reform measures, ongoing increases, pension basics, scheduled unfunded accrued liability (UAL) payments, pension bond options, the benefits and risks of POB's, the historical investment returns for CalPERS, current rates, UAL policy considerations, bond structuring options, and the judicial validation proceedings.

After some discussion, Councilmember Lara requested to continue the item to the next City Council meeting to allow additional review time with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez.

Motion by Councilmember Lara, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez to continue item to the City Council meeting of April 27, 2021. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

13. Discuss and Provide Direction Regarding the Spanish Translation of the Profile Publication.

Parks and Recreation Director Yugar gave a brief background presentation on the 2014-2018 American Community Survey results, fiscal additional impacts, and four (4) different options for publishing the *Profile*.

City Council discussed the cost and different options for translation of the *Profile* publication.

Councilmember Camacho recommended utilizing Option No. 3 of the staff report and to further analyze the quality of paper and the reduction of publications.

City Manager Carmona stated a detailed report on Option No. 3 to include a community survey will be brought before City Council at a future meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Councilmember Lutz to approve Recommendation No. 1 giving staff direction to explore Option No. 3 as provided in the staff report, utilizing full and in-house translation, changing the quality of paper and a reduction in publications. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

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

Successor Agency:

14. Approval of Issuance of 2021 Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds and Related Actions by the Successor Agency. (1500)

Councilmember Lutz inquired about the current and proposed refinance rate. Finance Director Garcia stated that the current rate is approximately six percent annually and the proposed rating would be two and a half to three percent.

Motion by Vice Chairman Tem Dr. Sanchez, seconded by Director Camacho to: 1) Approve Resolution No. SA-21-16 authorizing the issuance and sale of tax allocation refunding bonds in an amount not to exceed \$17,000,000, approving the form of an indenture of trust and the form of an escrow agreement and authorizing certain other actions in connection therewith; 2) Approve Professional Service Agreements with Urban Future, Inc. as municipal advisor, Stradling Yocca Carlson and Rauth as validation and bond counsel, and Nixon Peabody as disclosure counsel; and 3) Approve an appropriation of \$5,000,000 from General Fund Designations (100-37525 – General Fund-Bond Refinancing) to partially fund the refinancing of the 2001 Tax Allocation Bonds. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. SA-21-16 A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE PICO RIVERA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF TAX ALLOCATION REFUNDING BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000,000 APPROVING THE FORM OF AN INDENTURE OF TRUST AND THE FORM OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Agreement No. S21-003
Agreement No. S21-005

Agreement No. S21-004

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

CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS:

City Manager Carmona reported on the residential care facilities memorandum that was provided to the City Council and the re-opening of City facilities in mid-May on a limited basis. With the opening of City Council meetings, Councilmember Camacho suggested for speakers to be present at City Council meetings rather than on Zoom. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez asked if the re-opening of facilities included City Hall services and City Council meetings with City Manager Carmona responding in the affirmative.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez asked how the City could minimize the creations of boarding homes in residential communities. City Manager Carmona mentioned that the City does not have any authority to act on boarding homes with six or fewer residents due to State law.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez reported on the successful Easter Eggstravaganza event held on March 27th and the Pop-Up COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic held at Pico Park on April 15th and 22nd.

Councilmember Camacho reported on a meeting with U.S. Senator Padilla regarding the Whittier Narrows Dam Improvement project; the re-establishment of a Literacy program with a Pico Rivera Summer Road to Literacy Book drive kick-off fundraising event; and invited the community to take part in the "Prepare Pico Rivera" virtual meeting on April 22, 2021.

Councilmember Lara reported on a meeting with the South East Water Coalition and requested a moratorium regarding a two week contract process with a second by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez. He closed his comments in memory of Roland Stumon Sr.

Councilmember Lutz reported on the Mortgage Relief Assistance program by the County of Los Angeles and NHS, and an upcoming City of Pico Rivera Home Improvements Grant program in collaboration with Los Angeles County. He inquired about the completion date for the Durfee Grade Separation project with Public Works Director Heredia stating that it is estimated to be completed by June 2022. He closed his comments in memory of Wesley Kruse.

Mayor Elias inquired about the Rosemead Boulevard Improvements project; requested to agendize a Taste of Pico Rivera day with a second by Councilmember Lutz and the scheduling of two Town Hall virtual meetings for the residents and for the business community with a second by Councilmember Camacho.

Recessed to Closed Session at 9:25 p.m.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened at 9:59 p.m.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

CLOSED SESSION(S):

City Council:

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
City of Signal Hill v. Central Basin Municipal Water District
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 19STCP03882

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman reported that authorization was provided to the City Attorney to resolve litigation and release and execute the settlement agreement.

b. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representatives:

City Manager Carmona and Assistant City Manager Katherine Fuentes
Employee organization:
Service Employees International Union Local 721 Full-Time and Director Units, and
Confidential Employees Association

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor/Chairman/President Elias adjourned the City Council meeting at 10:02 p.m. in memory of Wesley Kruse, Roland Stumon Sr. and Martha Castorena. 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/Successor Agency/Housing Assistance Agency/Water Authority regular meeting dated April 13, 2021 and approved by the City Council on April 27, 2021.

Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk