



Tuesday, May 25, 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 regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on behalf of the City Council and Water Authority.

PRESENT: Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias

ABSENT: None

INVOCATION: Delivered by Councilmember Lutz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilmember Lara

Recessed to Closed Session at 6:05 p.m.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened from Closed Session at 7:08 p.m.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

CLOSED SESSION(S):

City Council:

a. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative: City Manager Steve Carmona; Assistant City Manager Katherine Fuentes; Human Resources Director Ryan Hudson

Employee Organizations: Service Employees International Union Local 721 Full-time, Part-time and Directors Units and Confidential Employees Association

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

b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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

Initiation of litigation – One Case

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

c. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Sports Arena

Agency Negotiator: City Manager, Steve Carmona

Negotiating Party: Army Corps of Engineers

Under Negotiation: Terms of Lease

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

City Council

1. Public Hearing – Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1. (700)

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

Mayor Elias closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Councilmember Lutz to: 1) Conduct a Public Hearing; 2) Approve Resolution No. 7130 ratifying the Engineer's Annual Levy Report for the Pico Rivera Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1 for fiscal year (FY) 2021-22; and 3) Approve Resolution No. 7131 ordering the Collection of Assessments within the Pico Rivera Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1 for FY 2021-22 pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 7130 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE PICO RIVERA LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

Resolution No. 7131 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE PICO RIVERA LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

AYES: Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias

NOES: None

2. Public Hearing – Paramount/Mines Landscape Maintenance Assessment District. (700)

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

Mayor Elias closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Councilmember Lara to: 1) Conduct a public hearing; 2) Approve Resolution No. 7132 ratifying the Engineer's Annual Levy Report for the Paramount/Mines Landscape Maintenance Assessment District for fiscal year (FY) 2021-22; and 3) Approve Resolution No. 7133 confirming the Diagram and Assessment, and ordering the Levy of the FY 2021-22 Assessment for the Paramount/Mines Landscape Maintenance Assessment District pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 7132 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE PARAMOUNT/MINES LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972

Resolution No. 7133 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT FOR THE PICO RIVERA PARAMOUNT/MINES LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972

AYES: Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias

NOES: None

3. Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2021-23 Biennial Preliminary (Proposed) Budget. (700)

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

Finance Director Garcia provided a preliminary budget summary including the biennial budget process year 1, City Council priorities, proposed citywide positions, five-year capital improvement program, proposed new projects, Media and Communications organizational chart, the Early Retirement Incentive Program and the next steps in the budget approval process.

Oral Communication(s):

Rudy Guevara, SEIU Local 721 Representative:

- Addressed the City Council regarding the elimination of city positions and concerns with contracting the work out.

George Rivera, SEIU Local 721 Steward:

- Addressed the City Council regarding the elimination of city positions and supports keeping vacant positions created by the Early Retirement Incentive Program.

Victor Ramos, SEIU Local 721:

- Addressed the City Council regarding the City's recruitment process and transparency.

Councilmember Camacho requested to see a budget without the elimination of city positions at the next meeting.

City Council discussed the Golf Course Enterprise fund, elimination of positions, and a balanced budget, and expressed their desire to review information regarding the Golf Course Enterprise fund prior to the next City Council meeting. Motion by Councilmember Lara, seconded by Councilmember Lutz to agendaize an analysis report for an in depth discussion regarding the Golf Course Enterprise fund at the next meeting.

Mayor Elias closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Lara, seconded by Councilmember Lutz to: 1) Conduct a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021-23 Proposed Budget; and 2) Continue the public hearing on June 8, 2021. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias

NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Written communications were received by the following:

Jose Sanchez:

- Addressed the City Council regarding the Rosemead Boulevard Rehabilitation project and the trench botched repair.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

City Council:

4. Minutes:

- Approved City Council meeting of May 11, 2021

5. **Approved 17th Warrant Register of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.** (700)
Check Numbers: 287278-287309; 287310-287356
Special Check Numbers: None

Water Authority:

6. **Minutes:**
- Approved Water Authority regular meeting of April 27, 2021
7. **Water Well Nos. 1, 3, 11 and 12 Rehabilitation Project (CIP No. 21337).** (500)
1. Awarded a Maintenance Services Agreement for the Water Wells Nos. 1, 3, 11 and 12 Rehabilitation Project (CIP No. 21337) in the amount of \$491,185 to Weber Water Resources CA, LLC and authorized the Executive Director to execute the agreement in a form approved by the General Counsel;
 2. Amended the fiscal year 2020-21 adopted budget by appropriating \$200,000 in Water Authority Funds (Fund 550) to Account No. 550.70.7340.54500-21337;
 3. Approved the Total Project Cost; and
 4. Approved the Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the subject project and authorized the Authority Secretary to file the NOE with the County Recorder, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Agreement No. 21-55

Motion by Councilmember/Commissioner Camacho, seconded by Councilmember/Commissioner Lara to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 4 through 7. 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:

8. **Authorization Approving the Issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds and Authorization to File Validation Action.** (700)

Councilmembers discussed the Government Finance Officers Association risks, taking issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds to the voters and the differences between pension obligation bonds and general obligation bonds.

Bond Counsel representative Vanessa Legbandt explained the difference between the pension obligation bonds and general obligation bonds stating that pension obligation bonds are obligations imposed by law and not subject to the constitutional debt limit. Motion by Mayor Elias, seconded by Councilmember Lara to discuss the state constitutional exemption at the next meeting.

Motion by Councilmember Lara, seconded by Councilmember Camacho to approve Resolution No. 7134 authorizing the issuance of bonds to refund certain pension obligations of the City of Pico Rivera, approving the form and authorizing the execution of a trust agreement and purchase contract, authorizing judicial validation proceedings relating to the issuance of such bonds and approving additional actions related thereto. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 7134 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO REFUND CERTAIN PENSION OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY, APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRUST AGREEMENT AND PURCHASE CONTRACT, AUTHORIZING JUDICIAL VALIDATION PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS AND APPROVING ADDITIONAL ACTIONS RELATED THERETO

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

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

After some discussion, the item was continued to a future meeting.

10. Local Hire Ordinance.

After discussing several options for the local hire ordinance, the item was continued to a future meeting.

11. Discussion Item – Assistance to Veteran Service Groups with a Veteran Census for the City.

Community and Economic Development Director Garcia provided an update on the Veteran census meeting with Mr. Ortiz.

Councilmembers suggested including all the Veterans groups in the census.

CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Director Yugar provided an update on the Annual Fourth of July Spectacular event stating that a firework show would not be possible this year and commented on the upcoming Memorial Day event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Lutz stated that he participated in the Senior Center Parking Lot Bingo event and motioned to agendize a report on the pros and cons on apartments vs. condominiums on the El Rodeo property, seconded by Councilmember Lara. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez mentioned an upcoming Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce Town Hall meeting regarding mixed use on the old El Rodeo site.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Elias requested that City Council provide reports on the Ad-Hoc Committees in August 2021 and requested a closed session item regarding the Durfee VFW property. He asked for an update on the Rosemead Boulevard Rehabilitation project and the joint meeting with the El Rancho Unified School District. City Manager Carmona stated that the joint meeting will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks and regarding the Rosemead Boulevard Rehabilitation project, City Manager Carmona stated that the bid opening was held on May 19, 2021.

GOOD OF THE ORDER (INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY MEETINGS, AB 1234 REPORTS): None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor/President Elias adjourned the City Council/Water Authority meeting at 9:48 p.m. There being no objection it was so ordered.

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

Raul Elias, Mayor/President

ATTEST:

Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk/Authority Secretary

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report of the proceedings of the City Council/Water Authority regular meeting dated May 25, 2021 and approved by the City Council/Water Authority on June 8, 2021.

Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk/Authority Secretary