



Tuesday, June 8, 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 4:08 p.m. and the regular meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. on behalf of the City Council 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 Lara

STUDY SESSION:

Parks and Recreation Senior Analyst Torres provided a brief presentation on the Pico Rivera Golf Course covering the historical operations, golf play statistics, the pros and cons for three scenario options, and the fiscal impacts 2015 through present.

City Council members discussed the different scenarios provided, Golf Course maintenance costs, resident discounts, expenditures, and revenue opportunities.

Motion by Councilmember Lara, seconded by Councilmember Camacho to agendize the Pico Rivera Golf Course to explore both *Scenario 2*, operating the banquet and restaurant facility and *Scenario 3*, shortening five hole course and continued banquet and restaurant operations for further discussion, approval and to engage the public.

Recessed to Closed Session at 5:05 p.m.

ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Reconvened from Closed Session at 6:10 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)

Name of Case: Sara Jreisat, an individual; vs. City of Pico Rivera

Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles Case No. 20WCV00517

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman reported that City Council authorized on a 5-0 vote the approval of the settlement agreement as proposed and authorized the City Manager to execute said agreement; no final action was taken and that there was nothing further to report.

b. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 4865 Durfee Avenue, Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Agency Negotiator: City Manager, Steve Carmona

Negotiating Party: Veterans of Foreign War

Under Negotiation: Terms of Lease

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

c. 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 agency negotiators; no final action was taken and that there was nothing further to report.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

City Council

- 1. Public Hearing – Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operating Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Program, Approval of the Operating and Capital Budget for the Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23, Adoption of GANN Appropriations Limit and Approval of Updated Reserve.** (700)

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

Finance Director Garcia provided a presentation outlining the biennial budget process – year one, City Council priorities, general fund summary, revenues and expenditures,

proposed staffing, enterprise funds, five-year capital improvement program, budget summary, five-year forecast, and the strategic plan's next steps.

Councilmembers Camacho and Lara expressed their desire to keep the vacant positions on the employee master list and avoid the reduction in staff.

Mayor Elias closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Councilmember Lara to amend the recommendation by keeping all vacant positions on the employee master list. Motion failed on a 2-3 vote.

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

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez, seconded by Councilmember Lutz to: 1) Approve Resolution No. 7135 adopting the fiscal year 2021-22 operating budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Program; 2) Approve Resolution No. 7136 adopting the FY 2021-22 GANN appropriations limit; 3) Approve Resolution No. 7137 adopting updated General Fund and Proprietary Fund reserve policies; and 4) Approve the FY 2022-23 operating and capital budget. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Resolution No. 7135 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

Resolution No. 7136 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

Resolution No. 7137 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED GENERAL FUND POLICIES AND REPLACING THEM WITH UPDATED RESERVE POLICIES FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND THE PICO RIVERA INNOVATIVE MUNICIPAL ENERGY ENTERPRISE FUND

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

2. Public Hearing – Zoning Code Amendment No. 188 – Amending Section 18.04, *Definitions* and Chapter 18.46 *Signs and Advertising* to Title 18, *Zoning of the Pico Rivera Municipal Code to Allow Digital Billboards in Two Specified Locations.* (1300)

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

Community and Economic Development Director Garcia provided an overview of the proposed ordinance, Caltrans billboard regulations, Dr. Lewin Study, the City's control of billboards, the public benefits of digital billboards, consultation with Terra Realty, site assessment of the seven areas studied in the City for suitability, and the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Mayor Elias closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Camacho, seconded by Councilmember Lara to introduce and waive first reading of Ordinance No. 1142 to adopt the attached resolution recommending approval of Zone Code Amendment No. 188 amending Chapter 18.04, *Definitions* and Chapter 18.46, *Signs and Advertising* of Title 18, *Zoning*, of the Pico Rivera Municipal Code. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Ordinance No. 1142 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 18.04 ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS" AND CHAPTER 18.46 ENTITLED "SIGNS AND ADVERTISING" OF THE PICO RIVERA MUNICIPAL CODE ALLOWING DIGITAL BILLBOARDS IN DESIGNATED AREAS ALONG THE 605 FREEWAY (**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**)

AYES: Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias

NOES: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Written communications were received by the following:

Jose Sanchez:

- Addressed the City Council regarding Item No. 7 Rosemead Blvd rehabilitation project.

Maurice Ramirez, Representative of All American Asphalt:

- Addressed the City Council regarding Item No. 7 Rosemead Boulevard Rehabilitation project's recommendation to reject a bid from All American Asphalt.

The following speakers addressed the City Council regarding the Pico Rivera Golf Course Operations in support of keeping the Golf Course open:

- John Contreras
- Azucena Maldonado
- Craig Kessler
- Linda Jauregui
- Jose Rodriguez
- Michael Campillo
- Andres Martinez
- Elisha Meave
- Sophia Sandoval
- Monica Delgadillo
- Roxanna Borjon
- Carrie Zabala
- Gloria Aguirre
- Rebecca Ramirez
- Sharonlen Ma
- John DeGomez
- Maria Elena Rodriguez
- Natthaya Ma
- Gonzalo and Valorie Marie Garcia
- Juan Garcia

- Shirlene Thien
- Irene
- Johan Ayala
- Javier Heredia
- Elizabeth Heredia
- Lydia Almanza
- Warunee Pornsophon
- Teri Palazuelos
- Maggie Macias
- Francis Zarate
- Andrew Banuelos
- Kara Medrano
- David Valadez
- Cesar Luna
- Fred Zermeno
- Yvonne Gonzalez
- Michelle Sanchez

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

City Council:

3. Minutes:

- Approved City Council meeting of May 25, 2021
- Received and filed Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of April 8, 2021

4. Approved 18th Warrant Register of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. (700)

Check Numbers: 287357-5287393; 287394-287429
Special Check Numbers: None

5. Approve a Resolution Adopting a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2021-22 Funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. (700)

1. Approved Resolution No. 7138 incorporating a list of projects for fiscal year 2021-22 funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

Resolution No. 7138 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FUNDED BY SENATE BILL 1 – ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017 FUNDS

6. Review and Approve Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (700)

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

7. Rosemead Boulevard Road Rehabilitation Project (CIP No. 50041) – Award Construction Contract. (500)

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

8. Rio Hondo Park Security Camera Surveillance System – Award Agreement. (500)

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

Water Authority:

9. Minutes:

- Approved Water Authority regular meeting of May 25, 2021

10. PFAS Treatment System Project (CIP No. 50042) – Professional Services Agreement for PFAS Pre-Filters and Control Panels. (500)

1. Approved Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement No. 21-51 with Aqueous Vets to provide pre-filters and associated services for the PFAS Treatment System Project, CIP 50042, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$559,962 and authorized the Executive Director to execute the agreement in a form approved by the General Counsel;
2. Approved a new Professional Services Agreement to Control Automation Design, Inc. to provide custom design, fabrication and design service for SCADA and other related systems for the PFAS Treatment System Project, CIP 50042, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$115,121, and authorized the Executive Director to execute the agreement in a form approved by the General Counsel; and
3. Amended the fiscal year 2020-21 adopted budget by appropriating \$675,100 in Water Authority Fund (Fund 550.70.7340.54500-50042) to CIP No. 50042.

Agreement No. 21-51-1

Agreement No. 21-56

Motion by Councilmember/Commissioner Camacho, seconded by Councilmember/Commissioner Lutz to approve Consent Calendar Items No. 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Camacho, Lara, Lutz, Sanchez, Elias

NOES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION:

6. Review and Approve Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. (700)

Councilmember Lara expressed his concern with having insufficient time to review the item.

After some discussion, motion by Councilmember Lara, seconded by Councilmember Camacho to continue the item to the meeting of June 22, 2021.

7. Rosemead Boulevard Road Rehabilitation Project (CIP No. 50041) – Award Construction Contract. (500)

Councilmember Lara asked staff to postpone the item in order to research the installation of recycled water pipelines as part of this project.

Councilmember Camacho inquired about the rejection of the lowest bidder. City Manager Carmona stated that the rejection of the lowest bidder was due to an incomplete letter of assent.

Motion by Councilmember Lara, seconded by Councilmember Camacho to continue item to the meeting of June 22, 2021.

8. Rio Hondo Park Security Camera Surveillance System – Award Agreement. (500)

Parks and Recreation Director Yugar gave a brief background overview, spoke on community outreach, system set up and benefits, and the project's next step.

Motion by Councilmember Lutz, seconded by Councilmember Camacho to: 1) Award an agreement for an amount of \$100,205 to Am-Tec Total Security, Inc. for the Rio Hondo Park Security Camera Surveillance System Project; and 2) Approve the Total Project Budget. Motion carries by the following roll call vote:

Agreement No. 21-2000

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

City Council:

11. Discussion Item – Legal Authority to Issue Pension Obligation Bonds. (700)

Mayor Elias expressed his concerns with the circumvention of the State of California's Constitution requiring a two-thirds vote.

City Council and staff discussed the validation process of the State's Constitutional Exemption for Pension Obligation Bonds and the City's debt with CalPERS, ensuring that the City is following the statutory law in issuing the bond refinancing.

Mayor Elias motioned to place this item on the ballot for the residents of Pico Rivera to vote on. Motion failed due to a lack of a second. No further action was taken.

CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS:

City Manager Carmona provided information on the upcoming City Council retreat and the draft agenda for the joint meeting with the El Rancho Unified School District.

NEW BUSINESS:

In regard to childcare, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez requested for staff to look into the "Wee Care" and "TriCare" Program subscriptions utilizing COVID funds, seconded by Councilmember Camacho. She also asked for staff to assist in advertising the upcoming

SASSFA hiring event and for staff to pursue the leasing of the U.S. Marine Corps property.

Councilmember Camacho requested staff to look into developing standards for maintenance on vacant property within the City, seconded by Councilmember Lara.

Councilmember Lutz asked staff to look into viable green spaces for active and passive usage, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez.

Mayor Elias asked that the Community Services Ad Hoc Committee look into recognizing those residents affected by COVID-19 not limited to frontline workers, essential workers and those who have passed away by the virus. He also asked that the Safety Ad Hoc Committee look into establishing a strategy to tackle the Fourth of July illegal fireworks and asked the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee to look into developing a local hire policy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez inquired as to when the Commissioners would start to attend the City Council meetings and commented on the Memorial Day Commemoration Drive-thru event. She suggested that Item No. 10, PFAS Treatment System Project (CIP No. 50042) be highlighted with the residents, and inquired about the project's completion date. Public Works Director Heredia stated that the treatment facility will be fully operational as of June 2022. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Sanchez also inquired about the Parks and Recreation Commission's knowledge of the Pico Rivera Golf Course with Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Rodriguez stating that the commission was previously provided a presentation by staff.

Councilmember Lutz commented on the partnership discussions with the Roldan brothers regarding soccer fields and mini-pitch fields.

Councilmember Camacho mentioned the Memorial Day Commemoration Drive-thru event, commented on flags needing replacement, and provided an update on the Summer Road to Literacy program.

Councilmember Lara asked for a representative from Mercury Public Affairs LLC be in attendance at the upcoming City Council retreat and for the topic of pitch fields be added to the upcoming joint meeting with the El Rancho Unified School District.

Mayor Elias asked City Council members to provide a veteran representative for the Veterans committee and inquired about an update on the Veterans census with Community and Economic Development Director Garcia reporting on his meeting with Commander Ortiz confirming that the census would be collected and kept by the City.

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

Councilmember Lara reported on his attendance at the South East Water Coalition meeting.

Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Rodriguez reported on the Parks and Recreation Commission meetings including an update on the Prop 68 grant funds application, evaluation of potential locations for a dog park, and partnership discussions with the Roldan brothers regarding the creation of additional soccer fields.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor/President Elias adjourned the City Council/Water Authority meeting at 7:49 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 June 8, 2021 and approved by the City Council/Water Authority on June 22, 2021.

Anna M. Jerome, City Clerk/Authority Secretary