

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VERNON BUSINESS AND  
INDUSTRY COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF VERNON  
HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2015, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CITY  
HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, LOCATED AT 4305 SANTA FE  
AVENUE, VERNON, CALIFORNIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: W. Michael McCormick, Ken Jackson, Douglas Pittman, and Robert Wendoll

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brett Dedeaux, Eric Gustafson, and Stan Stosel

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair McCormick who also led the flag salute.

There were no changes to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair McCormick announced that this was the time allotted for public comment and inquired whether anyone in the audience wished to address the Commission. The public will also be given a chance to comment on matters which are on the posted agenda during Commission deliberation on those specific matters.

No public comment provided.

**ELECTION**

**1. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve until the next annual election in August 2016.**

**Recommendations**

- A. Find that election of chairperson and vice chairperson does not constitute a “project” pursuant to section 15378(b)(2) of the Guidelines to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), because it constitutes an administrative activity; and even if the adoption of the proposed did constitute a project, it would be exempt from CEQA in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that may have an effect on the environment; and
- B. Elect one of its members as Chairperson for a one year term; and
- C. Elect one of its members as Vice Chairperson for a one year term.

On a motion by Wendoll and a second by Pittman, current Chairman McCormick and current Vice-Chairman Gustafson were nominated to the positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson respectively for a term of one year. Motion Carried 4-0.

**MINUTES**

**2. Minutes of the Regular Business & Industry Commission Meeting held May 14, 2015.**

It was moved by Jackson and seconded by Wendoll to approve the May 14, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried, 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**3. Distribution Generation Impact Study (Presented by Vernon Department of Gas & Electric).**

Carlos Fandino, Director of Vernon Gas & Electric, and Ali Nour, Utilities Engineering Manager, introduced the item and explained the City's need to look at cogeneration plans.

Representatives from PowerEngineering provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Impact Study: Kerry Lunch, Rob Schaerer, David Marx, and Tony Georgis.

Significant discussion from the Commission took place with questions regarding: rates, impact on revenues from the City's Gas and Electric Department, concerns over the installation of solar panels, etc.

**4. Development of a Business Employee Training Program in conjunction with the Vernon Chamber of Commerce through local community colleges. .**

Alex Kung, Economic Development Manager, explained the new employee training program being provided through Cerritos Community College.

**5. Development of Vernon Business Award.**

Mr. Kung reported on a potential awards program for businesses within the City.

**ORAL REPORTS**

**6. Brief reports on activities, other brief announcements, and directives to staff.**

Mr. Kung announced and/or reported on the following: a presentation by GoBiz; and a hiring tax incentive currently underway for businesses.

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With no further business, Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

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Eric Gustafson  
Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Maria E. Ayala, CMC  
Secretary