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Agenda
Regular Vernon Business and
Industry Commission Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Council Chamber
4305 Santa Fe Avenue
Vernon, California

W. Michael McCormick, Chairperson
Eric Gustafson, Vice Chairperson
Brett Dedeaux, Commission Member
Ken Jackson, Commission Member
Doug Pittman, Commission Member
Stan Stosel, Commission Member
Robert Wendoll, Commission Member

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT - At this time the public is encouraged to address the Commission on any matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The public will also be given a chance to comment on matters which are on the posted agenda during deliberation on those specific matters.

ELECTION

1. [Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve until the next annual election in August 2016.](#)

Recommendations

Items A – C:

- 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.

MINUTES – To be received and filed.

- 2. [Minutes of the Regular Business & Industry Commission Meeting held May 14, 2015.](#)

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND POSSIBLE DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- 3. **Distribution Generation Impact Study (Presented by Vernon Department of Gas & Electric).**
- 4. **Development of a Business Employee Training Program in conjunction with the Vernon Chamber of Commerce through local community colleges.**
- 5. **Development of Vernon Business Award.**

ORAL REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the City of Vernon City Hall, located at 4305 Santa Fe Avenue, Vernon, California, and on the City's website, not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting set forth on this agenda. Dated this 10th day of August 2015.

By: _____
Maria E. Ayala, Secretary



STAFF REPORT CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

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CITY ADMINISTRATION

MEC

DATE: August 13, 2015

TO: Honorable Members of the Vernon Business and Industry Commission

FROM: Maria E. Ayala, City Clerk *MEA*

RE: Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve until the next annual election in August 2016

Recommendation

- 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.

Background

It is recommended that the Vernon Business and Industry Commission conduct its annual election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson pursuant to the Vernon Municipal Code.

Section 2.178(a) of the Vernon Municipal Code states that “[t]he Commission shall have a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, who shall be from different appointing categories pursuant to section 2.174. The Chairperson shall preside over all Commission meetings. The Vice Chairperson shall, in the absence of the Chairperson, perform the duties of the Chairperson.”

Section 2.178(b) of the Vernon Municipal code states that “[t]he Commission members shall elect the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at its first meeting and at its first meeting following July 1 each year... No Commission member may serve as Chairperson for more than two (2) consecutive years.”

On February 12, 2015, the Vernon Business Commission elected McCormick to serve as Chairperson and Gustafson to serve as Vice Chairperson. Both members are eligible for reelection to the same.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachment(s)

None.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VERNON BUSINESS AND
INDUSTRY COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF VERNON
HELD THURSDAY, MAY 14, 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, Stan Stosel, and Robert Wendoll

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brett Dedeaux and Eric Gustafson

The meeting was called to order at 9 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.

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Special Business & Industry Commission Meeting held February 12, 2015.

It was moved by Stosel and seconded by Jackson to approve the February 12, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried, 5-0.

2. Minutes of the Special Business & Industry Commission Meeting held April 18, 2015.

It was moved by Stosel and seconded by Jackson to approve the April 18, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Recommendation for a three year electric rate adjustment to City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 19th.

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Recommendations

- A. Find that approval and adoption of the proposed recommendation is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (“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. Approve and support the recommendation of the Director of Vernon Gas & Electric for a three-year electric rate adjustment plan, whereby rates would increase by 3.5% effective July 1, 2015, an additional 3% effective July 1, 2016, and an additional 2.5% effective July 1, 2017. The Director intends to present this recommendation to the City Council on May 19, 2015.

Director of Gas and Electric Carlos Fandino presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Electrical Rate Proposal. Commissioners Jackson and Pittman commended staff on the presentation as it addressed questions from the previous Commission Meeting. Both Mr. Fandino and Finance Director William Fox responded to questions from the Commission that included: ERRRA (Energy Resource Recovery Account), revenues, service debt, rate adjustments not being meant for transfers to general fund, etc.

Public Comment:

President of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce Marisa Olguin thanked staff for the informative presentation and also expressed questions regarding: the reasons for the rate adjustments; the rate comparisons for large, midsize, and smaller utility customers with other cities; and also asked about the UUT that is currently in place for one year.

Mr. Fandino and Mr. Fox addressed Ms. Olguin’s questions with Commissioner Jackson also providing feedback.

It was moved by Jackson and seconded by Wendoll to approve and support the recommendation for a three year electric rate adjustment to City Council. Motion carried, 5-0.

ORAL REPORTS

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

Economic Development Manager Alex Kung announced that the next City Council Meeting scheduled for May 19, will consist of a budget update and adoption of the rates on the agenda.

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With no further business, Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

W. Michael McCormick
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Maria E. Ayala
City Clerk