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Agenda
Regular Vernon Business and
Industry Commission Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2016, 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.

PRESENTATION

- SB 350 (Re. Renewable Portfolio Standards) and AB 802 (Re. Customer Data Quality Retention and Sharing) Legislative Requirements for Gas and Electric**
Presented by: Vernon Gas & Electric, Electric Resources Planning & Development Manager - Abraham Alemu

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2. Distributed Generation Impact Study

Presented by: Vernon Gas and Electric, Utilities Engineering Manager – Ali Nour

3. Fiscal Year 2015 Audit Results – Presented by Independent Auditors Vasquez & Company LLP

Presented by: (Independent Auditors) Vasquez & Company LLP, Peggy McBride

MINUTES

4. [Minutes of the Regular Business & Industry Commission Meeting held August 13, 2015.](#)

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND POSSIBLE DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

5. [Los Angeles County Parks Needs Assessment](#)

Recommendation

A. Hold a discussion regarding park needs assessment in the city.

B. Provide direction to staff in prioritizing potential park locations and park amenities within the city's boundaries.

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 4th day of February, 2016.

By: _____
Maria E. Ayala, CMC
Secretary

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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August 13, 2015

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

W. Michael McCormick
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Maria E. Ayala, CMC
Secretary

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STAFF REPORT
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

AJW/KE

DATE: February 11, 2016

TO: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Vernon Business and Industry Commission

FROM: Alex Kung, Economic Development Manager *AK*

RE: Los Angeles County Park Needs Assessment

Recommendation

- A. Hold a discussion regarding park needs assessment in the city.
- B. Provide direction to staff in prioritizing potential park locations and park amenities within the city's boundaries.

Background

The County of Los Angeles is conducting a countywide assessment of the need for parks and recreation in both cities and unincorporated areas. The goal of the Park Needs Assessment is to engage all communities within the county in a collaborative process to gather data and input for future decision-making on parks and recreation. The Park Needs Assessment will increase the county's understanding of existing park and recreation assets, and help them to determine how to improve, expand, and make them more accessible. Specifically, the final report will determine Study Areas and will identify, prioritize and outline costs for potential park projects within each Study Area.

Currently, there is **no funding** available to complete any of the park projects identified in the Park Needs Assessment study. However, the results could also be used to leverage Federal and State resources, and guide future local funding decisions.

Fiscal Impact

There is no cost associated with the actions proposed in this staff report.

Attachment(s)

None.