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Agenda

Regular Vernon Business and Industry Commission Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

Council Chamber

4305 Santa Fe Avenue

Vernon, California



Eric Gustafson, Vice Chairperson
Jack Whalen, Commission Member
Jack Cline, Commission Member
Doug Pittman, Commission Member
Stan Stosel, Commission Member
Robert Wendoll, Commission Member
William Davis, 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 2017](#)

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

PRESENTATION.

- 2. **Briefing on Moody's Bond Rating**
Presented by: William Fox, Finance Director

MINUTES – To be received and filed.

- 3. [Minutes of the Regular Business and Industry Commission Meeting held May 12, 2016](#)

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND POSSIBLE DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

- 4. [Adoption of Amendments to the 2016 California Building Standards Codes, and Other Uniform and Model Codes](#)

Recommendation

- A. Receive and file the information item regarding the adoption of amendments to the 2016 California Building Standards Codes and other uniform and model codes.

- 5. [Support for the Southern California Association of Governments – Sustainability Planning Grant Application](#)

Recommendation

- A. Approve letter of support for the Southern California Association of Governments – Sustainability Planning Grant Application.

ORAL REPORTS

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

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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 7th day of November 2016.

By: _____
Maria E. Ayala, Secretary

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STAFF REPORT
CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

OF 11-3-16

DATE: November 10, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Vernon Business and Industry Commission

FROM: Maria E. Ayala, City Clerk *MA*
Originator: Matthew Ceballos, Deputy City Clerk

RE: Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve until the next annual election in August 2017

Recommendation

- A. Find that approval of the proposed action is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") review, because it is a continuing administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, and therefore does not constitute a "project" as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378; 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."

Appointment Categories	Members	Current Term
Council Member (1)	1. William Davis	June 2020
Real Estate Representative (2)	1. Jack Cline 2. Jack Whalen	June 2020 June 2018*
Employee/Labor Representative (1)	1. Stan Stosel	June 2018
Business Representative (3)	1. Robert Wendoll 2. Eric Gustafson 3. Douglas Pittman	June 2020 June 2018 June 2018

*serving an unexpired term

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachment(s)

None.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VERNON BUSINESS AND
INDUSTRY COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF VERNON
HELD THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE CITY
HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, LOCATED AT 4305 SANTA FE
AVENUE, VERNON, CALIFORNIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Jackson, Douglas Pittman, Stan Stosel and Robert Wendoll

MEMBERS ABSENT: Eric Gustafson and Brett Dedeaux

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Commissioner Pittman, who also led the flag salute.

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Pittman 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.

PRESENTATION

1. City of Vernon Recommendation to Adjust Water Rates

Public Works and Water Superintendent Scott Rigg provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

A discussion ensued between the Commission and staff about the cost, impact, details, and implementation of the proposed water rates.

Public Comment

Marisa Olguin, Vernon Chamber of Commerce, spoke about outreach to the business community and that the water being supplied is from well water. Superintendent Rigg went into greater detail about the Vernon ground water wells.

2. Update on the Southeast Los Angeles County Eco-Rapid Transit Commuter Rail Line

Michael Kodama, Executive Director of Eco-Rapid Transit, provided a presentation.

A discussion ensued between the Commission, Mr. Kodama, and staff about the benefits and details of a commuter rail line through the City of Vernon.

3. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Open Streets Grant Program

Project Engineer Rafael Contreras provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

A discussion ensued between the Commission and staff about the positive promotion these types of events bring to a community.

MINUTES

4. Minutes of the Regular Business & Industry Commission Meeting held August 13, 2015.

It was moved by Stosel and seconded by Jackson to approve the August 13, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried, 4-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND POSSIBLE DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

5. City of Vernon Bicycle Master Plan

Assistant Engineer Felix Velasco provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

The Commission gave their input on the feasibility and look of a bicycle plan in the City.

Public Comment

Ms. Olguin stated that the business community would look into the plan.

ORAL REPORTS

6. Update on Aliso Canyon natural gas leak and its impact on Vernon

Electric Resources Planning and Development Manager Abraham Alemu provided the update.

7. Results from the Park Needs Assessment community meeting held on February 16th, 2016

Economic Development Manager Alex Kung provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

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

Manager Alex Kung noted the next meeting date in August and new member appointments.

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With no further business, Commissioner Pittman adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Eric Gustafson
Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:

Maria E. Ayala, CMC
Secretary

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STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC WORKS, WATER & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

DATE: November 10, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Vernon Business and Industry Commission

FROM: Derek Wieske, Director of Public Works, Water & Development Services *DW*
Originator: Claudia Arellano, Stormwater and Special Projects Analyst *CA*

RE: Adoption of Amendments to the 2016 California Building Standards Codes, and Other Uniform and Model Codes

Recommendation

Receive and file an informational report regarding the adoption to the 2016 California Building Standards Codes, including local amendments, and other uniform and model codes.

Background

The Public Works, Water and Development Services Department, in conjunction with the Fire Department, have scheduled a public hearing to be held at the November 15, 2016 City Council meeting to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending Chapters 7 and 24 of the Vernon Municipal Code and repealing all prior ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. The State of California Building Standards Commission ("Commission") recently adopted the 2016 California Building, Fire, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Residential, Green Building Standards, Existing Building, and Energy Codes collectively known as the California Building Standards Codes or CBSC. Section 17958 of the California Health and Safety Code requires that the latest edition of the California Building Standards Codes automatically apply to local construction 180 days after they become effective at the state level. Since the CBSC became effective at the state level on July 1, 2016, they are scheduled to become effective at the local level on January 1, 2017. The CBSC updates typically occur every 3 years, and last occurred in 2013. The amendments to the CBSC this year are not significant, and most design professionals and developers are already aware of these changes.

Pursuant to Sections 50022.2 *et seq.* of the California Government Code, which authorizes the City to adopt the CBSC and other uniform and model codes, the City intends to adopt with amendments the CBSC, and other uniform and model codes. More specific, the intended CBSC and uniform and model codes to be adopted as amended are detailed below:

- 1) The 2016 California Fire Code
- 2) The 2016 California Building Code
- 3) The 2016 California Residential Code
- 4) The 2016 California Electrical Code
- 5) The 2006 International Code Council Electrical Code Administrative Provisions
- 6) The 2016 California Plumbing Code
- 7) The 2016 California Mechanical Code
- 8) The 2016 California Existing Building Code
- 9) The 2015 International Existing Building Code published by the International Code Council, as the minimum seismic retrofit requirements for buildings of tilt-up and concrete frame construction types for those property owners who voluntarily propose to retrofit their buildings.
- 10) The 2016 California Green Building Standards Code
- 11) The 2016 California Energy Code

The Uniform Code for Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, 1997 Edition, published by the International Conference of Building Officials which code was previously adopted in Ordinance No. 1073, remains unchanged, and shall be the standard for the repair of structures damaged during a disaster event.

California Health and Safety Code Sections 17958, 17958.5, 17958.7 and 18941.5 allow a local agency to amend the adopted CBSC provided that such modifications or changes to building standards are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological or topographical conditions. The establishment of administrative standards does not require justification pursuant to the California Health & Safety Code. City staff has reviewed the listed CBSC, uniform and model codes and, in addition to the recommended amendments made by the Los Angeles Regional Uniform Code Program, City staff have proposed a number of local amendments for adoption within the Vernon Municipal Code with the proper justifications to be submitted to the California Building Standards Commission.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City by adopting and approving the 2016 CBSC and other uniforms and model codes with amendments.

Attachments

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STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC WORKS WATER AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

DATE: November 10, 2016

TO: Honorable Members of the Vernon Business and Industry Commission

FROM: Derek Wieske, Director of Public Works, Water and Development Services Department
Originator: Felix Velasco, Assistant Engineer *FV*

RE: Letter of Support for the Southern California Association of Governments – Sustainability Planning Grant Application

Background

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is now accepting applications for the 2016 Sustainability Planning Grants Program. Since 2005, the Sustainability Planning Grants Program (formerly known as Compass Blueprint) has strengthened partnerships with cities and local municipalities by providing consultant services as well as financial and technical resources to selected projects, free of charge. This program recognizes sustainable solutions to local growth challenges, and has resulted in local plans that promote sustainability through the integration of transportation and land use. The previous call for proposals in 2013 resulted in over 70 funded projects, ranging from Bicycle Master Plans to Urban Forestry Initiatives. The Public Works, Water and Development Services Department staff recommends pursuing this grant funding opportunity by applying for a project that will study the feasibility of operating a Local Bus Transit System in the City of Vernon, primarily to benefit the over 50,000 employees that work in Vernon.

The City-wide Local Bus Transit Project will study the City's main arterials and collectors for potential ridership, safety, and feasibility to operate a local bus transit in the City of Vernon. The City of Commerce and Huntington Park currently operate their own bus transit system. The study will also analyze the feasibility of extending those neighboring bus transit routes to cover the City of Vernon.

General Plan Support

The Circulation and Infrastructure Element of the City's General Plan addresses the movement of goods and people along roadways and railways in the City. The City of Vernon's General Plan has established goals and policies that were designed strategically to support the needs of existing businesses in Vernon and to attract new enterprises consistent with the City's vision to remain an industrial City. Goal CI-1 of the City of Vernon's General Plan was established as a

vision to provide a balanced transportation system for the safe and efficient movement of people, goods, and emergency services throughout the City. In addition, Policy CI-1.7 of the City of Vernon's General Plan was designed to encourage the use of ride sharing and public transit for persons employed in the City, to reduce traffic congestion, and to address the need for off-street parking in the City. The feasibility study to operate a local bus transit system in the City of Vernon is in line with the goals and policies established in the Circulation and Infrastructure Element of the City of Vernon's General Plan.

The City of Vernon hopes to garner support from the Business and Industry Commission in the pursuit of this opportunity to further advance in the City's efforts to encourage ride sharing and public transit for those persons employed in the City of Vernon. In the effort to ensure that a competitive grant application is submitted, staff requests that you consider signing the attached letter to convey support for this initiative.

Fiscal Impact

The Sustainability Planning Grant requires no local match from the local agency. The maximum amount of funding an agency can receive is \$200,000.

Attachment(s)

1. Draft Letter of Support



4305 Santa Fe Avenue, Vernon, California 90058
Telephone (323) 583-8811

November 10, 2016

Southern California Association of Governments
Attn: Marco Anderson, Senior Regional Planner
818 W. 7th Street, Suite, 1200
Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Letter of Support – SCAG Sustainability Planning Grant Application

Dear Mr. Anderson,

In 2006, the State of California passed into law the Global Warming Solutions Act, also known as AB 32. This new law established the State of California as a leader in climate change policy initiatives. A primary component of AB 32 is the State's goal to reduce greenhouse emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020, and to further reduce greenhouse emissions by 2050 to bring the State 80% below the 1990 levels. This project would also be a step forward in the efforts of supporting the measures of AB 32, which include reducing statewide greenhouse emissions.

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the City of Vernon's efforts to secure funding under the SCAG – Sustainability Planning Grant Program. The proposed project is intended to provide a sustainable active mode of transportation in the City of Vernon that will, in turn, promote further use of public transit for persons employed within the City.

As a supporter of the project, we plan to engage appropriately as the City progresses into the implementation of the funded project. We respectfully request that you give favorable consideration to this funding application which will allow the City of Vernon to work toward the goals of achieving a balanced transportation system for the safe and efficient movement of the people employed in the City.

Sincerely,

Vernon Business and Industry Commission Chairperson

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