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Agenda
City of Vernon
Regular Vernon Business and Industry Commission Meeting
Thursday, August 08, 2019, 09:00 AM
City Hall, Council Chamber
4305 Santa Fe Avenue
Vernon, California
Jack Cline, Chairperson
Jimmy Andreoli II, Vice Chairperson
Duncan Sachdeva, Commission Member
Robert Wendoll, Commission Member
William Davis, Commission Member
John Baca, Commission Member
Justin Faust, 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.

MINUTES

1. City Clerk
   Minutes of the Regular Business and Industry Commission Meeting Held on May 9, 2019

   Recommendation:
   A. Receive and File
DISCUSSION ITEMS AND POSSIBLE DIRECTIVES TO STAFF

2. Public Works
   Update on the Vernon Los Angeles River Active Transportation Access Plan

Recommendation:
A. Find that the actions recommended in this staff report do not constitute a "project" pursuant to Section 45378(b)(2) of the Guidelines to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because such recommendations constitute an administrative activity; and even if the proposed actions do 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. Receive and file a presentation updating the Commission on the Vernon Los Angeles River Active Transportation Access Plan; and

C. Hold a discussion and provide feedback and direction to staff on the City’s Los Angeles River Active Transportation Plan.

ORAL REPORTS

Brief reports, announcements, or directives to staff from the Commissioners and Commission Officers.

Next regular meeting: November 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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 1st day of August, 2019.

By: ________________________________
   Deborah A. Harrington, Interim City Clerk
CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Members Present: Jack Cline, Jim Andreoli II, Robert Wendoll, William Davis, Duncan Sachdeva
Members Absent: John Baca, Justin Faust

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairperson Jack Cline, Commissioner William Davis led the flag salute.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment provided.

PRESENTATION

1. VPU Presentation Update on Wireless Telecommunications Advancement

   Recommendation: No action is required by the Business and Industry Commission. This presentation is for information only.

City Clerk Maria Ayala announced the presentation.

Angela Kimmey, Utilities Compliance Administrator of Public Utilities, conducted the presentation.

A discussion ensued between Commission and staff regarding the type of equipment to be considered for the project, the project esthetic improvements, the project streamline process to minimize the need of additional resources, the timeline for the completion of the project, the number of telecommunication companies participating in the project, and information about the pole replacement program.
2. Water Division Cost of Service Water Rate Study Presentation
   **Recommendation:** No action required by the Commission. This is a presentation only.

City Clerk Ayala announced the presentation.

Todd Dusenberry, Assistant General Manager of Public Utilities, conducted the presentation.

A discussion ensued between Commission and staff regarding the number of operating wells, water distribution sources, water storage, water demand, well rehabilitation, cost of service and water rate, and customer impact.

**MINUTES**

3. Minutes of the Regular Business and Industry Commission Meeting held on January 24, 2019
   **Recommendation:** A. Receive and File

It was moved by Robert Wendoll and seconded by Jim Andreoli II to approve the Minutes of the Regular Business and Industry Commission Meeting held on January 24, 2019.

Motion carried, 5 - 0.

Yes: Jack Cline, Jim Andreoli II, Robert Wendoll, William Davis, Duncan Sachdeva
No: None

**ORAL REPORTS**

There were no oral reports provided.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Cline adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

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Jack Cline
Chair

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Maria E. Ayala
City Clerk
SUBJECT
Update on the Vernon Los Angeles River Active Transportation Access Plan

Recommendation:
A. Find that the actions recommended in this staff report do not constitute a "project" pursuant to Section 45378(b)(2) of the Guidelines to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") because such recommendations constitute an administrative activity; and even if the proposed actions do 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. Receive and file a presentation updating the Commission on the Vernon Los Angeles River Active Transportation Access Plan; and

C. Hold a discussion and provide feedback and direction to staff on the City’s Los Angeles River Active Transportation Plan.

Background:
The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“Metro”) has identified $365 million for the design and construction of the Los Angeles River Path Gap Closure project from Elysian Valley to the City of Vernon. When it is complete, the path will provide a 32-mile long corridor from the San Fernando Valley, through downtown Los Angeles and the City of Vernon, and to Long Beach. Metro has identified 28 projects to be completed in time for the 2028 Summer Olympics of which the Los Angeles River Path Gap Closure is one.

The City is currently working on the Vernon Los Angeles River Active Transportation Access Plan. The goal of the Plan is to identify how the newly completed gap closure can best benefit the City.

The Plan currently identifies four access points along the path where visitors to Vernon can access the City. These access points are located where the following streets cross the Los Angeles River: 26th Street, 37th Street/Bandini Boulevard, Downey Road, and Atlantic Boulevard.

The Plan also identifies three on-street bikeways connecting to the Los Angeles River Path. These bikeways are 37th Street from Santa Fe Avenue to Soto Street, Vernon Avenue from Santa Fe Avenue to Downey Road, and Leonis Boulevard/District Boulevard from Pacific Boulevard to Atlantic Boulevard.

The Plan will build off of previous transportation and land use studies and plans done for the City of Vernon. These studies and plans include the Vernon Bicycle Master Plan, the LA River Path Feasibility Study, and the Vernon Vision Plan.
Since first presenting to the Commission on January 24, 2019, the City has conducted two outreach meetings and has met with representatives from Los Angeles Junction Railway, United Parcel Services, and Baker Commodities. The City has taken traffic counts at eleven intersections throughout the City and has conducted Level of Service (LOS) analysis at these locations. The City has created a thorough inventory of existing conditions along the three aforementioned corridors. In addition, the City has identified several opportunities and constraints along its corridors as well as the four access points.

**Fiscal Impact:**
There is no fiscal impact in receiving a presentation and holding a discussion on the Vernon Los Angeles River Active Transportation Access Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

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